

MINUTES
ENOCH CITY COUNCIL
August 1, 2018 at 6:00pm
City Council Chambers
City Offices, 900 E. Midvalley Road

Members present:

Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut
Council Member David Harris
Council Member Jolene Lee
Council Member Dave Owens
Council Member Katherine Ross
Council Member Shawn Stoor-absent

Staff present:

Julie Watson, Recorder
Ashley Horton, Treasurer
Justin Wayment, Atty.
Robert Dotson, City Mgr
Jackson Ames, PD Chief
Earl Gibson, PW Dir.-absent

Public present: Dilworth Armstrong, Celesta Lyman, Franklin Tilley, Sarah Broderick, Artimesia & Justin Chappell, Angela Post-Funai, Clarke Arnold, Yvonne Simonds, Clint Kelly, Andy & Jenny Losee, David & Diane Grandbois

1. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING-By Mayor Chesnut at 6:00pm.

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance-Led by Council Member Ross**
- b. **Invocation-Audience invited to participate-Given by Celesta Lyman**
- c. **Inspirational thought-Given by Council Member Lee**
- d. **Approval of Agenda for August 1, 2018-Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Council Member Owens and all voted in favor.**
- e. **Approval of Minutes for July 18, 2018-Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Council Member Owens and all voted in favor.**
- f. **Conflict of Interest Declaration for this agenda-none stated**

2. ENOCH RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT-Celesta Lyman

Celesta came forward to say she is the representative for the Recreation Association and is here to announce the dissolution of the Recreation Association because the City Council has been so supportive of parks they feel they can pass this onto others. She wanted to say thanks to Shelly Boebert and the Public Works staff because it is a beautiful field and well taken care of and they appreciate that maintenance. It is a great place for people to meet and it represents the City well. She thanked the Council for the allocation of money for the pavilion adding it will be wonderful with the vision shown in the design made by Shelly Boebert. She recognized that Spencer Jones donated the plans and Les Whitmore did the structural details. The Lions Club has also donated funds. She noted the kiosk has been vandalized so the Recreation Association donated some plexiglass panels and will clean that up and the panels will be placed as their last donation. She also had a check for \$557 in contributions from the 501(c)3 for use in the parks. She thanked Council Member Stoor for his support of the park development. She said Council Member Harris was one of the original founders of the Recreation Association. They wanted to give special recognition to Jolene Lee who had a passion for beautifying the City. She has a great vision and she has been the Treasurer for the Recreation Association. Celesta presented Jolene with a gift for years of service. There was applause and picture taking. She publically thanked

Bob Tingey and Spencer Jones saying they volunteered to be on the committee for 13 years. They have contributed time and goods for the park. She thanked the City Council again for their support. It makes Enoch a community and promotes health and green spaces. She added she hopes they will continue to support that and to go forward with the pavilion. She wants them to know they wish they could do more but hope what they have done is enough to keep things going. She will be happy to donate the placards from Eagle Scouts and have that be her responsibility to keep the kiosk up. Mayor Chesnut thanked her for her service.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS-Mayor Chesnut invited public comments and asked they state name and address for the record.

Clarke Arnold and he would like to discuss the tax increase for the two new officers. He said he owns a business and understands investments. He knows he has to invest in his business and we have to invest in the community or it deteriorates. Property values go down with more crime. This is a bedroom community and he understands fixed incomes but if we don't invest we pay later as property deteriorates when we can't get PD help. No one likes taxes but he understands long term investment and that is what this is. Enoch does a great job controlling costs. He said he would like more information about the other options such as service by the Sheriff.

Mayor Chesnut interjected Sheriff Gower sent a letter saying that at that point Iron County could not provide service without much greater cost. He said the newly elected Sheriff Carpenter and he spoke at length and his position is they couldn't do that for lower cost either. The costs are very high for vehicles, equipment, etc. and manpower hours are the only disparity. We would pay for a full time officer on duty and slower service. He gave an example of a dispute in Beryl where all their officers had to go out there and no one was left for coverage here. If we want them we would pay more.

Clarke asked about our retention rate. *Chief Ames said one to two years. We train them and then they go where they can make more money.* Clarke said he hopes we get this through.

Sarah Broderick said she is a volunteer and is a widow and is triple disabled. She would like to make this the cleanest little town in the area. She showed her service dog and told about her bike. She said she picks up trash all over the place and she would like to get it all cleaned up. She wants to continue to volunteer and she has the time to do that as long as she lives. She wants to plant flowers and told about Lady Bird Johnson planting the bluebells along the highways in Texas. They come up every year and she wants to do that on our road. That is her dream. *Mayor Chesnut said he does not see why not.* She said she loves what she does and asked if it is possible. What does she do now to make it happen? *Council Member Lee said she could work with the Tree Committee who works on beautification projects.*

Celesta Lyman said speaking as a resident, they were one of the homes that got flooded a few years ago and she has seen the plans to fix the intersection. She appreciates the drainage fee and they want to be first on the list to get that fixed. We don't want another 100 year flood to happen to make this work get done. Now with the drainage fee we have the money and she asked the Council to consider starting work on several places that are prone to flooding

Yvonne Simonds who lives on Oregon Trail said they moved here six years ago from CA. She was watching the Mayor's video so she wanted to come to speak and to say there is nothing more important than human life and protection is needed and essential. Also personal and real property need protection too. Some people can handle that but most need the PD and we need to grow the PD here. With the increase in population there are good people moving in but with that crime comes too. We need to pay taxes for this cause for law enforcement. That is main reason they left CA was due to rampant crime.

Mayor Chesnut said he appreciates them coming out and expected to be put on a pike tonight. He hopes that those who have seen the social media video will understand the issue and he is really passionate about this. When a tax increase came up before a few years ago it was too

broad. We have plugged a lot of holes but this is an essential need. We have absorbed a lot of the cost. But this costs more than we have or could get in many years. The need is now and is urgent. He wanted to talk about some sincere questions on social media and how the breakdown of cost works out. Those are great questions and he is glad to talk about that. He wants to talk about the numbers. Up until recently our wages were substantially lower than other communities. We had one more officer than now and when he left we did not replace him so we could be competitive in our wages. We are competitive now although we are a little lower. We have the equipment and are good there. When we need the Sheriff they come at no cost and we reciprocate when needed by other agencies. Newly elected Chief Carpenter says that relationship will continue. We would not get more service for the cost of going with the Sheriff. Sheriff Elect Carpenter said when Enoch put in a PD they got a lot of grants and at that time the cost to start the department was largely defrayed by grants. That would be a huge cost to unwind that decision to have our own PD. He gave the numbers and what we pay in detail. We require 48 hours of work from our officers. There is a mandate regarding retirement and medical expenses. He gave numbers adding there is Workers Comp and payroll taxes. That is total benefits of \$44,845.50 for a total package of \$102,384.74 and that does not include equipment. We have been frugal and smart. We lease vehicles because maintenance is built in. He appreciates those who have come out in support. He reviewed the property tax numbers on the board for Enoch's taxes not the total tax bill. Growth does not cover it. Even the larger more expensive homes do not cover it. He told about two events and that the PD requires 40 hours of training per year for officers. Chief Ames pays for two events out of the training budget. The guys pay for the other things they attend. We also have sponsors who contribute to the shooting competitions.

Diane Grandbois said they used to live here and are moving back soon. They are in support of having two new officers. She is now disabled and if she is alone she needs help quick. The growth of Enoch has shown we need more PD to help protect the community.

Mayor Chesnut said we do a lot with a little. We do not hide the ball. We get audited by outside firms. We don't have many problems. Staff does a great job and we have a good work culture. The City Council and City Manager do an outstanding job too. City Manager Dotson manages 25 employees and five for profit of businesses. Even with the step we did lately to make our wages more competitive he is still the lowest paid City Manager in the State. The City Council has said that they are happy to take questions and are all in support of this. Help your friends understand this. We have to deal with this issue now. We can't keep heaping neglect on the PD. He encouraged all to come to the next meeting saying that is the official public hearing for this. Let's make this happen. The tax increase is only for this one purpose.

Artemesia Chappell said she appreciated knowing what this is for exactly.

4. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

Chief Ames reported they are down to three officers because Jeremy is still on administrative leave related to the Parowan incident. We hope to clear that soon. They are doing OK but busy. Jeremy is helping around the office and doing administrative stuff.

Dilworth Armstrong of the Water Board had no comments but Clarke Arnold asked about water and Mayor Chesnut explained the water right requirement for each home that comes into Enoch. City Manager Dotson said we are waiting for the operating permit for the new well and we will have 105 % capacity with that online. We will upgrade some other wells. The water tables are holding although farmers are pumping right now. Enoch has room for growth and we participate in the Groundwater Management Plan to address the valley wide issues.

City Manager Dotson said we did purchase two AF of water rights from a person. The drainage grant that we applied for was completed by NRCS and they put their local guys on it to fix some things in the paperwork. It was sent to the NRCS federal office for review for five million dollars.

We do have engineered plans for the intersection in front of Celesta's house and other places and we are compiling money slowly and trying to decide where to go first. The plans are four years old so costs will have changed. The drainage fees will pay for those projects.

Julie Watson reported the first Truth in Taxation ad was run in the Iron County Today newspaper today. It was the joint ad run by County Auditor Dan Jessen. Then next ad which is our own ad will run on the 8th. The public hearing will be held on the 15th and we will have a resolution to approve the budget.

Mayor Chesnut had no comments but said we need a closed session for discussion of property purchase negotiations.

Council Member Harris said the last Planning Commission meeting was canceled due to the 24th holiday.

Council Member Lee said looking ahead she has scheduled a meeting with Steve Platt the County Surveyor to talk about roads.

5. CLOSED MEETING REQUESTED TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS, IMMINENT LITIGATION OR REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-(Requires a roll call vote w 2/3 majority)

Council Member Harris made a motion to close the regular meeting and go into a closed meeting to discuss real estate transactions. The motion was seconded by Council Member Owens and a roll vote was held as follows:

Council Member Harris-Yes	Council Member Stoor-absent
Council Member Ross-Yes	Council Member Owens-yes
Council Member Lee-Yes	Motion passed

6. ACTION FROM CLOSED MEETING-The City Manager was instructed to continue negotiations and make the purchase if agreement is reached.

7. ADJOURN- The regular meeting ended at 6:52 pm.

Julie Watson, Recorder **Date**