

**MINUTES**  
**ENOCH CITY COUNCIL**  
**January 2, 2019 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-absent  
Council Member Katherine Ross-absent  
Council Member Shawn Stoor

**Staff present:**

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

**Public present:** none

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

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance-**Led by Mayor Chesnut
- b. **Invocation-Audience invited to participate-**Given by Council Member Harris
- c. **Inspirational thought-**Given by Council Member Lee
- d. **Approval of Agenda for January 2, 2019-Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Council Member Stoor and all voted in favor.**
- e. **Approval of Minutes for December 19, 2018-Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and all voted in favor.**
- f. **Conflict of Interest Declaration for this agenda-**none stated

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS-**none

**3. RECOGNIZE DILWORTH ARMSTRONG FOR SERVICE ON THE WATER BOARD**

**Council Member Harris made a motion to table this item until 1-16-19 because Dilworth Armstrong was not present. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and all voted in favor.**

**4. APPOINT NEW MEMBER TO THE WATER BOARD**

Mayor Chesnut asked City Manager Dotson who is being nominated for the position. City Manager Dotson said Alan Miller was interviewed and he has vast water experience. He has worked for the National Rural Water Association and has years of experience helping small towns establish water systems. He has worked out of town for a number of years but is retired now and has moved back to his home in Enoch that he has owned for many years. He is a water specialist. Administration submits his name for approval to a five-year term on the Water Board. **Council Member Harris made a motion to approve Alan Miller for a five-year term on the Water Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and all voted in favor.**

**5. OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETINGS TRAINING**

Mayor Chesnut turned the time to City Manager Dotson for the training. City Manager Dotson said this training is required for each public body of the City every year. He gave a

presentation starting with an article in the newspaper about Utah political leaders breaking the law. He referred to an article regarding the Inland Port Authority Board. No members were empaneled and they were not following the law on open meetings. Even in the most well planned meetings with the highest authority it can still go contrary to the law. We need to be careful that all actions and deliberations are done in public. We gain our authority under the State of Utah and all actions and debates need to be made in open and public meetings except for certain things listed in the law. He went through the Code. He stresses that the proper word for “emergency” meeting should be “special” meeting unless it is a true emergency. A majority of the public body has to approve that. City Manager Dotson asked for questions. There were none and Mayor Chesnut thanked him for the presentation.

## **6. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS**

Earl Gibson reported that the roads did not get plowed really well. It was not supposed to snow but we got dumped on. Monday we had two public works crew on duty and one was sick. They had to plow the whole City. We used a lot of salt and they will get more tomorrow. When it warms up we will get back to regular projects and are still working on the animal shelter with progress being made.

City Manager Dotson reported Chief Ames wanted him to update them. 17,000 cars passed the speed sign when it was on Midvalley Road. The top speed was 57 mph but the average was 35 mph. Council Member Lee said she was surprised by the volume. It was moved to Minersville Hwy. north of Midvalley Road and the average speed was 55 mph. We will move it around and put it in some neighborhoods and on straight roads. Cameron Leach passed his special functions training at POST and is starting the next coursework. There were not a lot of problems over the holidays.

Ashley Horton reported she is working on end of year reporting.

Julie Watson reported 2019 is an election year for three City Council seats.

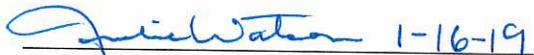
Mayor Chesnut said this legislative cycle there are bills impactful for local government. We are in a situation where there are legislators that don't think government close to the people is the best government. The Iron County Coordinating Council (ICCC) wants to have reps in SLC during the Legislative sessions whenever possible, taking turns. If any City Council Members would like to go they can go along. He said he does not intend to go to “Local Officials Day” but rather on a day when a bill that is relevant to us is having hearings so they can meet with Legislators then. He and City Manager Dotson have been discussing when to go and settled on Mondays when there are hearing dates and we can meet with Senator Vickers and other reps. They hope to hold regular meetings regarding municipal interests. City Manager Dotson said there are quite a few bills this year that have the intent of usurping local control. Mayor Wilson-Edwards of Cedar City is on the Utah League of Cities and Towns Board. She needs our support. Senator Vickers is the new Majority Leader in the Senate so that is of some influence for rural areas. Everyone can view the League website for bills on the docket and track them. Rural areas have not been active enough in working with the Legislature. Council Member Lee asked for a heads up on what to follow. The League is watching bills and working with the Leagues Legislature on things impactful for local government. City Manager Dotson said he is on the Legislative Policy Committee and they meet online every Monday at noon to discuss the bills that are important. They take a vote on what to oppose or work with. He invited the City Council Members to that online meeting anytime. They will give us basic information of when to go for committee hearings. The Legislature begins on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Stoor reported he needs to contact committee members to see if they will continue to serve or find replacements and he will bring that for approval soon.

Council Member Harris had no report since the last Planning Commission meeting was canceled because it fell on Christmas Day.

Council Member Lee said tomorrow night there is a meeting concerning the belt route and it is a public hearing. She can't go but asked if anyone else would, adding City Manager Dotson will be there. Council Member Harris said he would go too. It is at 5:30 at Festival Hall. Our presence as Enoch City has been taken note of. We need to be there. They may decide on a location for the belt route in a month or so and we have been in on it.

9. **ADJOURN-Motion to adjourn by Council Member Harris. Motion seconded by Council Member Stoor and all voted in favor.** The meeting ended at 6:52 pm.

  
Julie Watson, Recorder                      1-16-19  
Date