

MINUTES
ENOCH CITY COUNCIL
June 1, 2016 at 6:00pm
City Council Chambers
City Offices, 900 E. Midvalley Road

Members present:

Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut
Council Member David Harris
Council Member Steve Johnson
Council Member Jolene Lee
Council Member Dave Owens
Council Member Shawn Stoor

Staff present:

Julie Watson, Recorder
Dan Jessen, Treasurer
G. Kuhlmann, City Attorney
Robert Dotson, City Manager
Jackson Ames, PD Chief
Earl Gibson, Public Works

Public present: Michelle Pritchard, Kay Ayers, Marci Moody, David Lawrence, Lynne Brown, Chris Johnson, Miriam Bowen, Dilworth Armstrong, Diane Gil, Carolyn & Ken Bauer, Bree Burkitt, Bruce & Gail Gookin, Andrew Seegrist and Peter Seegrist

1. **CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING-**By Mayor Chesnut at 6:00pm. He welcomed the audience.
 - a. **Pledge of Allegiance-**Led by Council Member Lee
 - b. **Invocation-**Audience invited to participate-Given by Council Member Johnson
 - c. **Inspirational thought-**Given by Council Member Harris
 - d. **Approval of Agenda for June 1, 2016-**Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Harris. Motion seconded by Council Member Stoor and all voted in favor.
 - e. **Approval of Minutes for May 18, 2016-**Motion to approve minutes by Council Member Harris. Motion seconded by Council Member Owens and all voted in favor.
 - f. **Conflict of Interest Declaration for this agenda-**none stated

2. **DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON PARTNERSHIP WITH GATEWAY PREPARATORY ACADEMY FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

David Lawrence came up to tell the Council about the after school and summer programs hosted at Gateway Academy. This is a safe location for kids while parents work and helps those who cannot afford daycare. It is continuing education for kids and an introduction for those who have not been to school yet. There are a lot of mainstream students and kids with special needs. Social behavior issues can also be helped. This is run by volunteers, parents, special education teachers and there is also computer training for those who don't have opportunities at home. They also offer snacks during after school programs. They have field trips and CORE curriculum is taught along with fun things also. They are reaching out to those who need help in the community and have about 100 kids in the program right now. They hope to partner with Enoch City in the form of a letter of support for the program. The basic idea behind partnership is not money. They need a letter that says we support you. He gave more details about the things offered and the program grants available to them noting this is available to all kids no matter which school they attend. Council Member Johnson said this sounds worthwhile and wondered if the City Council should see the letter before it is signed. Mayor Chesnut asked for a motion to instruct staff to the write the letter and bring it to the next meeting for review. **Council Member Harris made a motion to instruct staff to prepare the letter in support of the partnership with Gateway Preparatory Academy for the after school program for City Council review. Motion was seconded by Council Member Stoor and all voted in favor.**

3. DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON DOG PARK PROPOSAL

Mayor Chesnut said this proposal was presented at the last meeting. They need a letter confirming that Enoch City will allocate property located on Minersville Highway adjacent to new animal shelter. He asked if there were more questions. Council Member Johnson asked what “allocate” means. Mayor Chesnut confirmed we own the land and let them use it for the dog park with our oversight and control. Volunteers will do most of the work to build the park. Lynne Brown, VP of Festival Country Canines said they will write the grant as a 501-(c)3. They are in competition with 12 other sites in the country. In order to apply they need the form letter on Enoch letterhead stating they have the land dedicated. They are very hopeful. The question was asked what they would do if they do not get the grant. Lynne said they have other options with other grants and have a certified professional grant writer to help them. Also there will be fund raising. City Manager Dotson said we will decide where to locate the park in relation to the proposed new shelter building. The first thing will be to fence it using grant money and then the other things will be developed like trees, water, gravel areas and the like. Mayor Chesnut asked for a motion to authorize the administration to sign the letter and provide it to the Festival Country Canines for the land. **Council Member Harris made a motion to authorize the preparation of the letter for Festival Country Canines. Motion was seconded by Council Member Owens and all voted in favor.**

4. DISCUSS VACATING AN EASEMENT LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 186 & 187 IN TRAILS WEST SUBDIVISION, PHASE 11 AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 15, 2016

Mayor Chesnut asked City Manager Dotson about this. City Manager Dotson said the developer that created this subdivision had the intent to run Santa Fe Drive from Homestead to the property to the south and they put a 5 foot walkway easement there. In the meantime Iron Mountain Subdivision, lots 18 & 19 went in and they blocked it off so there is no planned use for that 5 foot strip anymore. The property owner on Homestead has petitioned to have the 5 foot walkway abandoned by the City so that strip of land would revert to the property owners who split it and fence it off so people are not walking between their lots.

Council Member Lee asked if this could be a trail into the park in Iron Mountain that is planned for future development. She is over trails and her goal would be to bring the community together by tying that into our trail system. City Manager Dotson said there also is a public utility easement where a trail could be on east side of the corner lot on the west end of Homestead. It is 15 feet wide and would go to the park as an alternative plan. Council Member Lee said she would like to consider the option of keeping the five foot easement until she can talk with property owners to explore the possibilities of a trail going through there. City Manager Dotson said that has not been considered before and the property owners are just concerned about people wandering between their yards at this time. He added we would have to make sure these two property owners did not fence it on either side of this pathway to create a blind alley which invites crime. Dark areas where kids can get hurt are one thing we try to avoid. City Manager Dotson said this is a public walkway on their property but they can't build a fence on that area. Council Member Lee said when you have a dedicated easement you can put a fence up however if needed the easement can still be used and the fence torn down. Mayor Chesnut said if the Council is leaning toward not taking action tonight to see if there are other possibilities then we can look at tabling this. Council Member Lee said she would like a pathway there and would have no problem checking with other owners for feasibility. Council Member Harris said this would go directly through lot 18 and he is skeptical this would be a practical way of making this work although more trails are nice. Mayor Chesnut asked for a motion to table this action to give Council Member Lee the option to approach the owners regarding a trail.

Council Member Harris made a motion to table item #4 vacating the easement until July 6th, 2016. Council Member Owens seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

5. DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON DRAFT EPA-USGS TECHNICAL REPORT: PROTECTING AQUATIC LIFE FROM EFFECTS OF HYDROLOGICAL ALTERATION

Council Member Harris said the Homebuilders Association is adamantly opposed to this. It is written into this report that it would give the EPA power over pumping of underground water and use of our water rights. Council Member Lee said she talked to a water professor about this and we should tell the Conservancy District we support them to oppose this and uphold the State water rights to govern State owned water.

Mayor Chesnut asked City Manager Dotson for the options. He said the Conservancy District and water users have met and discussed what steps can be taken. The comment period is going where comments can be posted on the Federal Register. There have only been 14 comments so far by those who love it. No one is commenting on the complexity this policy would make to our structure which is all underground. They are working to develop resolutions that are not just comments and also send that to our representatives in Washington. The Conservancy District is proposing that he bring this to the Council for their support. They can comment individually too. Mayor Chesnut said he has talked with the attorney for the Conservancy District and they are constructing a resolution. Council Member Harris asked if we need to take any action now. Mayor Chesnut said when he gets the resolution he will put it on the next available agenda. There was no action taken.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Chesnut invited public comments saying come up to the podium and state name and address for the record and please be brief.

Gail Gookin of 1470 Highland Trails asked if we are instituting summer watering hours yet. *Mayor Chesnut said that is in place now.*

Kay Ayers of 4511 Marshal Trail said it is awesome to have the dog park. She read comments in today's paper that the dog pound dogs would be able to interact with the other dogs and she asked if the City would inoculate the pound dogs before they mix with the other dogs coming to the park. Also she stated concerns about the maintenance of the park saying it should not be at taxpayer's expense. If you use it, you pay for it. She also was concerned about the liability.

7. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

Earl Gibson had no comments. Council Member Lee asked him how Memorial Day went at the cemetery. Earl said it was good and the flags looked great.

Chief Ames said it is business as normal for the PD. More kids are out late at night so they are trying to rein that in. ATV'ers are out more so they are trying to educate them on the ATV laws. We have two cadets at POST and they graduated the first half of the academy and are starting the second block. They will graduate in August.

City Manager Dotson said he was contacted by someone who wants to build multifamily residential with two 12-plexes for retired people. The place he wants to do it is on the outside edge of Enoch in more of a commercial area. We have no zoning for that type of housing and he wants to talk about annexing and creating another zone. We don't allow that type of building in our ordinances now.

Mayor Chesnut said he got a letter from a citizen who wanted to thank the staff for the great job they did for Memorial Day at the cemetery. He had concerns about his aunt's grave and it was all completed with sod and a flag and they were very pleased. The cemetery looked great so kudos to staff. Another item relating to Earl is one of his trusted men has put in two week notice so we

need a Utility Maintenance Worker 4, Utility Maintenance Worker 2 and a part time seasonal person. Richard Wilcox has accepted the position of building inspector. He has learned and improved himself and he has been promoted from within. The offer has been made and he would like City Council approval for that hire. He needs approval to do the other hires too.

Council Member Lee said she is over building inspection she was involved in the hiring process and would like to say she feels pleased with Richard Wilcox as our new building inspector. We had good applicants. Mayor Chesnut asked for a consensus vote on the new hire. Council Member Johnson said he would rather have talked to Richard and was told they grilled him pretty thoroughly. Any one of the applicants would have been good but Richard was the first choice for the hiring committee. He understands Enoch and he is eager and that is important. City Council did not express opposition. Mayor Chesnut said we will go ahead with the other hires.

Council Member Johnson had no comments but said he would be gone on vacation for the next two meetings.

Council Member Stoor reported the Tree Committee met last week and picked two “yards of the month” instead of one. One is for water wise landscaping and the other is for beautification. They also talked about Cottonwood Park to work to improve it.

Council Member Harris reported the Planning Commission is going to be working on some rezoning of commercial areas and will make a recommendation to the City Council in the near future.

Council Member Lee said there will be a meeting about trails on June 7th at 6pm at the City Office. She has talked to community members to set up a fact finding group to bring ideas on how they would like about the trail system to be.

Council Member Owens said the EDC met last month with the two new members and they are looking forward to being on the committee to benefit Enoch. They will also meet tomorrow night.

10. ADJOURN-Motion to adjourn by Council Member Harris. Motion was seconded by Council Member Owens and all voted in favor. The meeting ended at 7:10pm.

Julie Watson, Recorder

Date