

**MINUTES**  
**ENOCH CITY COUNCIL**  
**June 3, 2020 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 West Harris  
Council Member Katherine Ross  
Council Member Shawn Stoor

**Staff present:**

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

**Public present:** None

1. **CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**-By Mayor Chesnut at 6:00 pm on Zoom and live in the Council room.
  - a. **Pledge of Allegiance**-Led by Julie Watson
  - b. **Invocation**-Audience invited to participate-Given by Council Member David Harris
  - c. **Inspirational thought**-Given by Mayor Chesnut
  - d. **Approval of Agenda for June 3, 2020**-Council Member David 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 May 20, 2020**-Council Member David Harris made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ross and all voted in favor.
  - f. **Conflict of Interest Declaration for this agenda**-none stated
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**-none
3. **DISCUSS 2019-2020 REVISED BUDGET AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 17, 2020**

Mayor Chesnut said the current budget is open for revisions. He asked Ashley if she had anything to add we have not talked about yet. She said there are a few line items that need to have funds moved within them. It is a matter of adjusting revenue and expense lines. There is no new money required. It is moving money already in the budget to make it balance. She gave a few examples of things that needed adjusting. In the PD the actual funds used and what was budgeted in the benefits line item are lower than projected because one officer does not take our insurance although we budgeted for him. That leaves an overage that Chief Ames would like to use for equipment purchases. She would like to move the funds from the benefits line to the equipment line. There are no adjustments that amount to any major amounts of money. It is all minor things. She explained a few other items adding again this does not involve any additional funds. We are just adjusting within departments to make the budget balance. City Manager Dotson said at the end of year after the next meeting we will pass a resolution that authorizes Ashley to make minor adjustments to close out the fiscal year. She asked if the City Council Members were good with the adjustments needed and they indicated they were. She said she

would send out the adjusted budget when she gets it done and they can let her know if they have questions.

**Council Member David Harris made a motion to set a public hearing on the 2019-2020 budget for June 17, 2020. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ross and all voted in favor.**

**4. DISCUSS 2020-2021 BUDGET AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 17, 2020**

Mayor Chesnut asked Ashley to tell them if there were changes since the last discussion. Mayor Chesnut said Representative Evan Vickers was in a recent meeting he attended and they talked about revenue shortfalls. We have not received any update on their projections yet. City Manager Dotson said income tax and Class C road funds are the two that will take a heavy hit in the State. Sales tax will be less also but Enoch does not take the big hits larger cities do. Mostly education will be affected in a big way. Council Member Lee clarified we are creating a budget which is an educated guess so we left it the same because we don't know. Our impact will be different than others because most of our income comes from sales tax and property tax from our citizens. Mayor Chesnut said given what we do know we can discuss it and plan to be nimble with the budget next year as we see how it is going. City Manager Dotson gave some more data from a recent presentation on the issues resulting from the pandemic. Jobless claims are high and job growth or lack of is hitting some businesses more than others. He gave many more details and comparisons to other years and months within this year. In sales tax we are not seeing a huge change right now. Class C road funds are tied to fuel sales so that will be hurt.

Council Member David Harris said we will be careful with spending but passing the budget as it is, is all we can do for now. We will adjust as we get numbers. City Manager Dotson said he would like to give some Covid information although we don't know much right now. The "Cares Act" funds are allocated for cities to use for the effects of the pandemic but it is very vague on what the funds can be spent on. If not spent within their parameters we could end up having to pay it back. Money will come to us and sit in a fund and then go away if not used. We still don't know a whole lot about it. City Manager Dotson said the "Cares Act" provides funding allocation funneled through the State based on population. States decide how to allocate the funding. We will get funds three times over a six month period adding there are many limits on what it can be used for. It will be in a PTIF account and we can use it to pay for expenses that are a result of the pandemic and costs to mitigate for safety as one example. We are looking at fortifying the front office with plexiglas to protect our employees. If you spend it on things not for this exact purpose you will be penalized and have to give the money back. Ashley said we will watch and see. The first allotment may come this week. She will set up lines in the budget to cover it. It can't be spent for anything already in the budget but we don't know exactly what it can be spent on. Council Member David Harris confirmed we can't use it to replace funds we won't get like Class C road funds. There was more discussion about what we know and don't know. It was noted it has to be spent in this calendar year or it goes back to the feds. We are looking at this pandemic maybe getting worse as people go out and move around more. We may need to invest in electronic devices for having Zoom meetings full time. It has to be spent directly on things needed because of Covid. As we get more information we will update the City Council.

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**5. DISCUSS WATER BOARD RECOMMENDATION REGARDING  
WILLOWSTICK SERVICES**

Council Member David Harris said this is a company that maps underground water sources to determine the best places to drill wells. They have had much success all over the world. The Conservancy District is hiring them to look at one area. We would like to have the whole area mapped out. The Water Board also sent a favorable recommendation on this. City Manager Dotson gave some details of their presentation saying they look at underground formations in fracture zones where water is often found. They add their technology and do 3 D maps. He gave more details from their presentation. He said he met with them this week and they gave us some prices to map out some areas which he showed the City Council on the map. They want to do four areas that are promising mostly around Enoch Road where the old springs used to be. They want to study lines north of us. One challenge is if we find a promising water source it needs to be close enough that we can afford to get it to Enoch. There is no point in searching too far out due to the cost of running water lines. They have proposed \$50,000 for whole study for the area chosen for searching.

The question for the City Council is would they consider budgeting \$50,000 for the study. The funds could come from the Water Dept. savings account. There was more brief discussion of their methods and technology. It is up to the City Council to budget for this. Council Member West Harris asked if we are drilling wells in the future and City Manager Dotson said yes we are. We need more sources of water for future residents. We are also looking at leasing and/or purchasing existing wells. He gave some details about talks ongoing with well owners. We have better locations north of us that are less costly than some of the wells we are discussing now. The issue is we need solid scientific data to help us make the best choices. Council Member David Harris said we need more sources of water now and getting this data would help us make the best choices and limit our risk of spending money where we would not get good results. He added the Conservancy District is looking at working with Willowstick also.

Council Member David Harris said we would love to have the data but the question is can we spend the money this year with all the financial unknowns going on. Mayor Chesnut said it comes down to a budget issue so we brought it here to the Council to decide. They can have it done in 14 days when they get a contract. This would come from the 2020-2021 budget. We have about \$500,000 in water savings which could cover this. Council Member Lee added the recommendation from the Water Board was favorable. She said she likes to trust their recommendations because they are experts on water. Council Member David Harris agreed. The Water Board did not have any information on the costs when they made the recommendation. Council Member David Harris said we have the money and this would be good information to have for finding more water sources now. This would help us make better choices on where to drill.

There was a question about if the data gathered would be owned by the City as proprietary information or would be public record. Could anyone get the information and use it to their advantage over ours. We would have to look at the legalities of keeping the information proprietary. Council Member David Harris said he is in favor of using funds from the Water Dept. savings, however if we can't safeguard the information for our own use we will find other ways. Council Member Stoor agreed. There is urgency for more water sources that we had before we got the bad financial news due to the pandemic. The saving we have in the Water Dept. is for things like this and is a good use of the money. Mayor Chesnut asked Earl what he thought and he said he likes it. We are not hurting in the water savings account and we need to get moving on this ASAP. This gives greater assurance when we decide to drill that we are in a productive place. Mayor Chesnut asked for a motion on instructions to administration.

**Council Member David Harris made a motion to direct City Manager Dotson to adjust the budget to reflect the addition of \$50,000 from the Water Dept. savings account**

for water engineering from Willowstick. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stoor and all voted in favor.

**6. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT**

Earl Gibson reported the crew is doing maintenance and cleaning up. They are getting as much thistle as they can on public property. They dug a pond on the end of Enoch Road to hold the water runoff. Council Member Ross asked about how they are protecting employees from Covid. Earl said he gives assignments and sends them out one person to a truck. They are never in the maintenance building at the same time to aid with social distancing.

Chief Ames reported on the protests in SLC and the destruction of police and public property. There was a planned protest in Cedar City and they were nervous about it so officers from all agencies went in to help out with a PD presence. It went well and was peaceful. The protestors were complimentary to the PD and that was positive. Also they posted on Facebook about the damaged mailboxes throughout community. They identified the offenders and are charging them criminally although they are juveniles. About 40 boxes were knocked over causing about \$5000 in damage. This is a federal offence and they will be charged with criminal mischief which is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony.

Mayor Chesnut said Earl is retiring and we posted his job and started the process to hire a replacement. There are five applicants now. A hiring committee was formed with Council Member Stoor, Council Member Ross, City Manager Dotson, Earl Gibson and himself. We need to hire someone to start on July 1st.

Council Member Lee reported on the Transportation Master Plan. Three companies gave RFPs. The hiring committee chose a company called Avenue Consultants out of SLC. City Manager Dotson said the process is started and a contract is being produced. There will be public input opportunities and a steering committee. Cedar City, Enoch and Iron County are in on this together. It is a big deal and Council Member Lee said she appreciates City Manager Dotson's hard work on this. She reported the roundabout committee met and had a good meeting that produced some good rough numbers.

Council Member Stoor reported the RDI system at Jones Memorial Park is in the ground and working. The dog park installation is being worked on. The process is time consuming with lots of fittings so it is labor intensive. He gave more details.

**7. ADJOURN-Motion to adjourn by Council Member David Harris. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ross and all voted in favor. The meeting ended at 7:20pm.**

  
Julie Watson, Recorder                      6-17-20  
Date