MINUTES
ENOCH CITY COUNCIL
March 5, 2014 at 6:00pm
City Council Chambers
City Offices, 900 E. Midvalley Road

Members present: 
Mayor Robert Rasmussen
Council Member Destry Griffiths
Council Member Steve Johnson
Council Member Kirk Lovell
Council Member Mike Olenslager
Council Member Gary Wilcken

Staff present: 
Julie Watson, Recorder
Dan Jessen, Treasurer
Gary Kuhlmann, City Attorney-absent
Robert Dotson, City Manager
Earl Gibson, Dir. Public Works
Jackson Ames, Police Chief

Public present: David Benkert, Dilworth Armstrong, Nicole Johnson, Michelle & Donna Pritchard, Weslie Graham, Jay Callaway, Carol Rohrer, Officer Mike Berg, Shelly Boebert, Mike O’Rourke, Cameron Dix, Kip Lewis, Curtis Chamberlain, Tim Watson, Christine Spencer, Susan & Jeff Lewis, Carolyn Olenslager, and Sam Raddatz

1. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING-By Mayor Rasmussen at 6:00pm. He welcomed the audience.
   a. Pledge of Allegiance-Led by Dan Jessen
   b. Invocation-Audience invited to participate-Given by City Manager Dotson
   c. Approval of Agenda for March 5, 2014-Motion by Council Member Olenslager. Motion seconded by Council Member Johnson and all voted in favor.
   d. Approval of Minutes for February 19, 2014-Motion by Council Member Wilcken. Motion seconded by Council Member Lovell and all voted in favor.
   e. Conflict of Interest Declaration for this agenda-none stated

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-03-05 A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 26, 2014 AS ARBOR DAY
   Mayor Rasmussen asked for questions or discussion. Council Member Wilcken said he met with Tree Committee and Arbor Day is actually on Friday but we do our activity on Saturday so we declare that day to be Arbor Day. Council Member Olenslager made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-03-05. A resolution proclaiming April 26th 2014 as Arbor Day. Motion was seconded by Council Member Wilcken and a roll call vote was held as follows:
   Council Member Griffiths-absent Council Member Olenslager-yes
   Council Member Johnson-yes Council Member Wilcken-yes
   Council Member Lovell-yes Motion passed unanimously

   Council Member Wilcken added the Tree Committee has no budget for Arbor Day and they are looking at other options like private donations. They plan to have a service project at a park and will meet tomorrow night to make further plans.

3. DISCUSSION OF TWO ORDINANCES IN THE ENOCH CODE OF REVISED ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 9-579 REGARDING SECURITY CAMERAS IN COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES AND REGULATION OF INSTALLERS OF SECURITY SYSTEMS
Mayor Rasmussen said Council Member Johnson brought this to our attention and invited him to comment. He said he is reading thru the Code of Revised Ordinances and there are things that could be cleaned up. Some things don’t apply or we don’t enforce them and they should be removed from the Code. There was brief discussion of experiences with owning a business and talking to local business owners. All agreed while security cameras are a good idea they add extra cost to starting a business and should not be compulsory. In regard to installers of security systems most agreed it is good to license them and know who they are as they go into resident’s homes as well as businesses. The false alarm penalties are also acceptable as they can distract the PD from more serious incidents. There was more discussion of how this type of item could be something the building inspector advises on and also the PD can consult with business owners who seek advice about security systems. It could be helpful if systems are reviewed for effectiveness and that they do not inadvertently violate the privacy of neighbors.

Mayor Rasmussen said he is hearing the Council would like to do away with this section in the Code that requires security cameras however businesses could choose to have security systems that could be reviewed by the building department and PD if so desired. Mayor Rasmussen asked Chief Ames his feelings and he agreed it does not need to be compulsory but he would be glad to consult if asked. He likes a review for a new business and it could be part of our checklist. It was noted this has not been enforced for home businesses. Council Member Wilcken clarified this is for discussion tonight and we will take action at the next meeting. Staff was assigned to bring an ordinance to change the code for the next meeting. Council Member Wilcken thanked Council Member Johnson for finding this and bringing it forward.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Mike O’Rourke said he does consulting work and is out of town a lot. He asked if he was required to have a security camera for his home computer equipment for his business. He was told “no” he is not required to do that. He added in this environment it is not necessary.
David Benkert said in 2012 we had a big rainstorm and he asked how many on the Council toured the homes damaged. All who were on the Council at that time did see the damaged homes and acknowledged that by a show of hands. He said his son’s house was damaged and the $5000 they received only covered cleaning up the basement. The church people he helped to refurbish the basement adding the City should have done more. He thanked the Council, City Manager and staff saying they have a hard job to do.

5. CORRESPONDENCE-
Mayor Rasmussen had two items to go over. One is an Eagle Scout project Jaden Thomas is doing. He is collecting items for lock down kits for Enoch Elementary and has printed up a flyer of items he needs to collect for the kits. We would like to help him by making the information known so it will be posted online and on Facebook. Mayor Rasmussen said the other item of correspondence is from the Iron County Sheriff Mark Gower. He read the letter which said the Sheriff declined to give a bid to provide police service to Enoch City and gave his reasons for that decision adding they could not provide the current level of service based on what we now have and would most likely exceed our budget. Mayor Rasmussen said we just received that letter so as we go forward with budget talks that is where the issue stands.

6. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS
Council Member Griffiths said in talking to City Manager Dotson we have $60,000 in the drainage budget and also the NRCS grant and we are trying to decide if we take $55,000 out of savings to work on other projects. It was discussed that the public works crew will be very involved with the NRCS project and although we have had the engineering done for three other drainage projects we may not be able to spare the manpower for those until the NRCS project is
completed. Perhaps it would be better to leave the smaller projects unfunded in this budget year as time does not allow for them to be done. City Manager Dotson said we got another extension from NRCS and should concentrate on that project for now as it is huge in magnitude. City Manager Dotson clarified there is still $5000 for small drainage items and Earl is coming up with more projects we can do with our own manpower to save money.

Council Member Wilcken reported the Tree Committee will meet tomorrow night at 6:00pm to continue planning Arbor Day.

Council Member Olenslager said he went to the UPDRIP winter meeting on prairie dogs and it is the same old thing. Iron County is doing an excellent job with their recovery plan and they found we have to maintain 1000 dogs. So far we have 846 being maintained. We can delist in Iron County before the total amount is reached by the entire HCP area if we can maintain our total for five years. He also wanted to report our PD has been busy last week with 116 calls and 37 reports filed. There has been a fraudulent phone call going around where they say you have an arrest warrant and you can pay money to get it dealt with. He cautioned to never give out any personal information over the phone and to be wary of scams like this one. Also there have been some vehicle burglaries so lock your cars and homes.

Council Member Lovell said the Economic Development Committee will meet tomorrow at 6:00pm. Also they are putting on a Business Fair on April 26th at Enoch Elementary from 10:00am to 2:00pm where business owners can promote their businesses by having a booth. They can email Jay Callaway to sign up. A flyer about that was sent to business owners with the utility bills.

Council Member Johnson said he is looking forward to the Water Board meeting next Thursday adding the drought in CA is causing farmers to turn to dowsers to find water. They are getting results where hydrologists are not. We have had good results with dowsing for our new well site. City Manager Dotson said we got the approval from BLM for a short term right of way to drill our test wells. It took 3 or 4 months instead of years to get it. Council Member Wilcken asked if we get a permit for a test well does that lend itself to getting the actual well permit for the site. City Manager Dotson said it does. We actually receive a “grant” to use the property from BLM for 20 or 30 years for $40 a year. We are putting together a request for proposal for the test drilling. We can go onto the land after May 15th and until October 15th due to it being mule deer habitat and having some restrictions for that. He reported the water tanks were “camera’ed” a couple of weeks ago. The company is called “Gobibot” and uses small submarines to inspect the tanks. They are in good shape except for some sediment in one tank. After we assess our budget from the cost of replacing a burned out well pump we will clean the tank if our funds allow. We have great water in Enoch. City Manager Dotson reported he has received the site plan for the Family Dollar store coming in next to the LDS Church on the corner of Midvalley Road and Minersville Highway. They have met the conditions and are almost ready for their building permit. We are meeting with the NRCS next week for more design review and are almost done with that part. We have gotten an estimate for product which will be about $600,000. The corner of Enoch Road and Highway 91 is being cleared now. That area will serve as a pond to collect runoff in a heavy storm. The draft preliminary design is available if they want to see it. He reminded the Council that “Cedar City Unplugged” needs to know what our project will be for the one membership the County is paying for. Staff could not think of anything except picking up trash on the road sides. Council Member Wilcken suggested maybe the kids could visit the monuments like Iron Works and Johnson Fort. Council Member Olenslager asked if they could help at the shelter. Chris Johnson said there are issues with kids doing that unless they have parental supervision. Shelly suggested they could weed the Community Orchard but that would need to be supervised too. The details of the program were recapped. They also need to know if other personal sponsors will participate as was discussed in the last Council meeting. City Manager Dotson thanked Council Member Johnson for completing one of the NIMS training
modules and turning in his certificate. This FEMA training is mandatory for elected officials and staff.

Earl Gibson said they got the corner of Enoch Road, Hwy. 91 and Sagebrush Drive cleared off today and will haul away the weedy debris after it dries a bit.

Chief Ames said he wanted to mention that on Saturday March 22nd they will hold a dog license and shot clinic. All dog licenses expire on March 31st so that is an opportunity to get the vaccinations and license at the same time and the shots are at a reduced price.

Mayor Rasmussen said he was in a meeting today and they got a report on the drought conditions in Southern Utah. We need to promote conservation to our residents as this is the third year it has been very dry. Run off will be early and there will be less of it. Our drinking water from underground wells is more stable but farmers will be affected sooner than normal for irrigation.

There were no other comments.

7. ADJOURN-Motion to adjourn by Council Member Lovell. Motion seconded by Council Member Olenslager and all voted in favor. The meeting ended at 6:52pm.

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Julie Watson, Recorder       Date