

MINUTES
ENOCH CITY COUNCIL
May 5, 2021 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-Zoom
Ashley Horton, Treas.
J. Wayment, City Atty.-absent
Hayden White, PW Dir.
Robert Dotson, City Mgr.
Jackson Ames, PD Chief

PUBLIC PRESENT: Heidi Baxley on Zoom, Cindy Rose, Sarah & Elorah Dobrinski and Richard Jensen

1. **CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING-** By Mayor Chesnut at 6:00 pm.
 - a. **Pledge of Allegiance-**Led by Council Member West Harris
 - b. **Invocation-**Audience invited to participate-Given by Council Member Lee
 - c. **Inspirational thought-**Given by Mayor Chesnut
 - d. **Approval of Agenda for May 5, 2021-Council Member David Harris made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Council Member West Harris and all voted in favor.**
 - e. **Approval of Minutes for April 21, 2021-Council Member David Harris made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Council Member Stoor and all voted in favor.**
 - f. **Ratification of Expenditures-** Council Member Lee asked about the \$3,400 for a traffic study for Cedar City. Ashley said is not a true grant but we went together with Cedar City on this project and this is our part of it partial payment. There will be one other payment coming. **Council Member David Harris made a motion to approve the expenditures. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ross and all voted in favor.**
 - g. **Conflict of Interest Declaration for this agenda-**none stated

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS-Mayor Chesnut invited comments.**

Sarah & Elorah Dobrinski and Cindy Rose told the Council about 4-H volunteer group for Middle and High School kids and that they need volunteers from within Enoch City for projects. Mayor Chesnut said we can get projects to do in Enoch if we can get the kids. They are reaching out all over and they asked the City Council to help with getting projects for kids and getting Enoch kids involved. They said they met with City Manager Dotson about this earlier today. Council Member David Harris cited the 4th celebration and that they could have a table there and get kids to sign up. They gave examples of the different things they do as volunteers. They have monthly meetings and gave more details. Mayor Chesnut thanked them saying we could try to assist with the website and Facebook and things like that.

Richard Jensen told the Council about him and his wife teaching Jiu Jitsu to people so they can learn to defend themselves. They are doing a free after hours classes to teach the young women and he is trying to get cities to endorse this. Mayor Chesnut suggested he talk to Chief Ames and

partner with the PD to promote the project. If the PD sponsors it that helps all and that is part of their program of building relationships with the public because we are all about anti-violence.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05-05-A A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SMOKE FREE/VAPE-FREE PARKS IN ENOCH CITY

Mayor Chesnut said we talked about this at the last meeting and decided to support it. We said we would do a resolution and let the group place signs in the Enoch parks to promote smoke free/vape free areas. City Manager Dotson said Heidi Baxley, who is over this group or teens, is on Zoom. She thanked the City Council for their supports saying the kids are glad for the opportunity. Council Member David Harris said signs are great and they encourage the public to do this. Mayor Chesnut asked for a motion.

Council Member Lee made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-05-05-A, a resolution supporting smoke free/vape free parks in Enoch City. The motion was seconded by Council Member David Harris and a roll call vote was held as follows:

Council Member David Harris-Yes	Council Member Stoor-Yes
Council Member Ross-Yes	Council Member West Harris-Yes
Council Member Lee-Yes	Motion passed unanimously

4. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05-05-B A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING ODD AND EVEN ADDRESS OUTDOOR IRRIGATION DAYS

Mayor Chesnut said this is why we have an amended the agenda tonight. He said he wanted to get this in place as soon as possible due to the critical water issues we have discussed in previous meetings. The past two years we have had to issue stop watering orders due to everyone watering at the same time and running the water tanks down too low. This year we want to get in front of it to avoid past problems so will go to odd/even address watering days with everyone taking Sunday off so the tanks can refill. He gave more details. This is a way to help this work and it may come back as an ordinance because we need to be proactive as we live in a desert. By starting with a resolution we can get people used to the idea and in the habit. It was noted this would not apply to those who do not have sprinkler systems and have to pull a hose around. We do encourage them to water as early in the day as possible or after 6:00 pm. Council Member Stoor asked if we would have penalties when this is an ordinance. Mayor Chesnut said yes, we need to be better stewards so it is a resolution now but will be more penalty based for violations later. We need to work on educating the public about water issues and get the mindset changed before we use more force to keep the change in place. Education is the starter. The watering hours are already in the Code. This will be added. All agreed it makes sense. City Manager Dotson gave more reasons and clarified that it is after midnight so then technically, it is already the next day but we didn't need to complicate it by detailing that much. We are setting a standard for the future. Council Member Stoor asked if the State has something in their Code. City Manager Dotson said the Governor did a proclamation for State facilities for watering lawns but there is nothing else for municipalities or others.

It was noted we moved the major users off the culinary water system and onto secondary irrigation. People ask why we are still building homes. This is part of the public education program that it is the agricultural users that drain the aquifer, not new homes. Homes use far less water than farmers do. That is a wrong-headed notion and we need to educate the public on this. The water consumption problem is the agricultural use. People just don't understand the reality. There was more discussion and talk about the campaign the Conservancy District is doing for educating with articles in the Iron County Today. We need to get the message out and help people understand the issues and the where the usage comes from and what we are doing to stave off watering problems. Fear tactics don't work but real facts do. The impact is on the farmers; not the residential users. Education works and we need to keep at it. The goal is to make this normal not

the exception. Mayor Chesnut noted this is a resolution now but will have more teeth when we get through the education phase. There was more discussion of the types of sprinklers and changes farmers are making to large scale irrigation all of which will help.

Council Member David Harris made motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-05-05-B, a resolution designating odd and even address outdoor irrigation days. The motion was seconded by Council Member West Harris and a roll call vote was held as follows:

**Council Member David Harris-Yes Council Member Stoor-Yes
Council Member Ross-Yes Council Member West Harris-Yes
Council Member Lee-Yes Motion passed unanimously**

5. CONSIDER THE TENTATIVE 2021-2022 BUDGET AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 19, 2021-Treasurer Ashley Horton will present the tentative budget information for consideration.

Mayor Chesnut asked Ashley to tell them about this. She said emailed the tentative budget. Not a lot was changed and the budget is in balance. Ashley noted a few minor changes as follows:

- added in the 3% COLA to salaries and wages
- added in the funds to pay for a part-time Deputy Recorder position
- added in the final payment for the transportation study with Cedar City and Iron County noting it is a pass through item
- asked if the Council wanted to earmark parks funding of \$68,000 we have carried over and they did not so that change was not made

There was brief discussion of parks and projects planned. Council Member Stoor, who is over parks and recreation, said he would prefer to put funds towards projects as they come up and are clarified with the scope of work needed. He told the Council about things in the plans like the Iron Works Trail. Council Member Stoor said the budget looks fine as shown and there is no need to earmark for specific parks. We can talk more about that as it comes up. There was brief discussion of the 501C3 funds for the Rec Complex and noted the money raised for the pavilion is not sufficient to do the job at approximately \$20,000. The Public Works crew is doing things at Iron Mountain Park for the retention basin. We will allocate for specific things as the Tree and Rec Committees come up with recommendations. Ashley confirmed we will leave it as is for now adding this is all she changed from the last budget discussion. We took some of the overages from savings but not huge amounts. She mentioned the \$3,500 at \$10 per hour for the temporary workers in Public Works which she adjusted for. We will have them start at the end of May and in the current budget year. We can make it work when we open the current budget and move a little money. We have always been at the high end of savings for things that come up that we have to deal with. Ashley noted a few other small items and asked for questions. Mayor Chesnut brought up the 4th fireworks saying we set aside \$10,000 for fireworks and \$5,000 for everything else. There was more discussion of the 4th in 2019 and how well it went with the hope we can do that again. Council Member David Harris said he would be out of town for it but will sponsor prizes and arrange for them. Mayor Chesnut asked for a motion.

Council Member David Harris made a motion to set a public hearing for 5-19-2021 for the 2021-2022 tentative budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ross and all voted in favor.

6. SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ROBERTS ANNEXATION PARCEL #D-0626-0000-0000 AND # D-0626-0002-0000 FOR MAY 19, 2021-The Council will set the public hearing.

Mayor Chesnut noted this is the next step for this annexation for the Roberts /Lindsay property.

Council Member David Harris made a motion to set a public hearing for 5-19-21. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ross and all voted in favor.

7. PRESENT CERTIFICATION OF PETITION FOR ANNEXATION FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY EARL AND JOY GIBSON PARCEL #D-0181-0000-0000-The City Recorder will present the Certification of the Petition for Annexation for the noticing period to begin.

The City Recorder explained this Petition for Annexation for Earl & Joy Gibson meets all requirements so the Petition is being officially certified to begin the process. No action was needed.

8. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS

Hayden White said they are as busy as ever. Lots of water leaks. Regarding the State approval on the pipelines for the Grimshaw well, we have modifications to make before we can continue. He reported they had their auction and got \$23,000 rather than the \$5,000 expected for the auction items. He hopes to take that money to compensate for the employees and a sewer camera that we really need. He gave details of the issues with the current camera line being too short. They can't get between manholes. Cedar City helped us with their camera. He said he wanted to bring that up for the current budget money. He said they installed the gate signs at the Yard and dumping has slowed down. People are asking lots of questions and complaining but we are explaining and will experiment until we solve the issue. We can change the new policy if we find something else will work better. The sign says Enoch City Residents Only. He reported they hope to get the road patching done before the budget closes for using the road money. He noted people have mentioned seeing water running and overflowing by the Mobile Home Park. He said that is not us. It is irrigation water from farmer's using their Coal Creek irrigation allotments. Mayor Chesnut thanked him.

City Manager Dotson spoke for Chief Ames saying the PD has been interviewing candidates for the Animal Shelter tech. They have talked to eight candidates. He noted Chief Ames thinks we should sponsor events when the schools need things and come to ask us. That is for building good community relationships with kids.

Ashley Horton said we have been talking about next year's budget. In our next meeting, we need to open the current budget year for adjustments.

Mayor Chesnut said he looked at the proposed zoning districts the Planning Commission is looking at. He commented some things should come out. City Manager Dotson said they have discussed and recommended some changes that have been made already. Mayor Chesnut said he attended the ICCC meeting today and there is a lot going on in the County. City Manager Dotson gave some brief details of pending issues that are not right in the Enoch boundaries but are nearby. There are some issues with landowners just outside of Enoch. He could not give more information but will keep the Council advised as things develop. Mayor Chesnut told about pending events where food boxes will be given out and help is needed to distribute them if anyone can pitch in. He told where that would be held on two different dates. We'll put it on Facebook, the website etc. The Drug Task Force was talked about at the ICCC meeting and they need help from any PD officers who can pitch in. We are short-handed currently but will help if able. The issue is the officer has to be away from the office and work there to do that. This is another unfunded mandate from Legislature. City Manager Dotson gave more details about what is needed. It made the discussion hard to know what to do. Chief Adams thanked us and what we bring to the conversation. The State Legislature doesn't fund things to match the talk although we agree in principle. It is a good program and comes with more mental health help instead of incarceration.

Council Member Ross PC talking about the Planning Commission discussions and public hearings pending like RV park changes and curb, gutter and sidewalk standards amendments. People spoke for and against things informally as it was not a public hearing last meeting. Regarding RV's, there will be more discussion before the public hearing is set. There is a need for changes. City Manager Dotson said he is in contact with the Pre-Treatment Coordinator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and there are no regulations for RV's dumping into private property sewer clean-outs which we always believed were in place. Dump stations for RVs are different and they are regulated however private property is not. We were certain the EPA or someone regulated that but it is not so on private property.

Council Member West Harris reported the EDC sent out a questionnaire about the commercial need for space for offices for those who sometimes need it but work from home mostly. City Manager Dotson explained the grant for building office space for short term uses for small home-based businesses. They are meeting tomorrow night.

Council Member David Harris commented that water misinformation is huge and the Conservancy District is working hard on public education.

Council Member Lee reported she and City Manager Dotson went on field trip to look at historical points in Enoch City. The Roundabout Committee is meeting and Andy Funderburk got together with someone about working on the panels with the theme for the roundabout for Enoch history and it is coming together. UDOT is frustrated about getting things done in a timely manner. City Manager Dotson said Sunroc is the contractor and six UDOT employees are just watching and checking things as they work. They are moving dirt.

Council Member Stoor spoke about the parks projects. They will have another meeting this month. He said he had a call from RDI and reached out to them for help in Enoch. He noted our systems are not working top notch and need tweaking. He said he installed some in his yard to test it and they are going to help as much as possible. There was discussion of the issues with the RDI system at the Dog Park and what needs to be done to salvage the project. City Manager Dotson said we plan to remove some sod from the City Office grounds and maybe it could be used there if we could coordinate. The Dog Park will be hooked to secondary irrigation.

11. ADJOURN-Council Member David Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ross and all voted in favor. The meeting ended at 7:50 pm.

Meeting ID: 850 7635 4897

Julie Watson, Recorder **Date**

Topic: Enoch City Council meeting

Time: May 5, 2021 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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