

MINUTES
ENOCH CITY COUNCIL
November 20, 2024 at 6:00pm
City Council Chambers
City Offices, 900 E. Midvalley Road

Members present:

Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut
Council Member Katherine Ross
Council Member David Harris
Council Member Shawn Stoor- Excused
Council Member Bob Tingey
Council Member Debra Ley

Staff present:

Robert Dotson, City Manager
Ashley Horton, Treasurer
Justin Wayment, City Attorney
Hayden White, Public Works Director
Lindsay Hildebrand, City Recorder
Jackson Ames, Police Chief

Public Present: Bryce Poulson, Jonathan Wilson, and Delaine Finlay

1. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance-** Led by Council Member Ross
- b. **Invocation (2 min.)-Audience invited to participate-** Given by City Manager Dotson
- c. **Inspirational thought- Given by Council Member Ross.** Council Member Harris will have the thought at the next meeting.
- d. **Approval of Agenda for November 20, 2024 – Council Member Tingey made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Ross seconded and all voted in favor.**
- e. **Approval of Minutes for November 6, 2024- Council Member Ross made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Ley seconded and all voted in favor.**
- f. **Ratification of Expenditures- Council Member Ross made a motion to ratify the October 2024 expenditures. Council Member Ley seconded and all voted in favor.**
- g. **Conflict of Interest Declaration for this agenda-** None Stated

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. OPEN THE 2024-2025 BUDGET – Council Member Ross made a motion to open the 2024-2025 Budget. Council Member Tingey seconded and all voted in favor.

4. CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11-20 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ENOCH CITY FEE SCHEDULE REGARDING BUILDING PERMITS -PLAN REVIEWS

City Manager Dotson stated that a plan had been received and approved, which was relatively identical to previous ones. The proposal was a 50% reduction, explaining that the state code defined "substantially," and legislation would further clarify it. Harris expressed approval for not charging people in certain cases. Council Member Ross inquired if this applied to cookie-cutter homes with similar designs. City Manager Dotson clarified that reviews did not

typically include colors or minor details, and the plans were for homes with similar layouts and square footage.

Council Member Tingey asked about building fees, and City Manager Dotson explained they were based on the type of building and its square footage. Lynn noted his software automatically entered the livable square footage, using national building data to calculate evaluations. He added that their fee schedule took a percentage of that evaluation and cited Settlers Square as an example. By streamlining the process for identical layouts, he was saving time and avoiding unnecessary charges. Council Member Ley questioned whether the list was complete, noting discrepancies with special inspections. City Manager Dotson responded that Ley had been referencing an outdated version.

Council Member Ross made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-11-20, a Resolution to amend the Enoch City Fee Schedule Regarding Building Permits – Plan Reviews. Council Member Tingey seconded and a roll call vote was held as follows:

Council Member Ross: Yes

Council Member Stoor: Absent

Council Member Harris: Yes

Council Member Tingey: Yes

Council Member Ley: Yes

5. REVIEW RESULTS FROM THE 2024 ENOCH CITY AUDIT

Ashley Horton reported that she had sent the council a copy of the digital file regarding the audit. Most council members were already informed about the audit results. She reviewed the auditor's findings, noting a deficit in the drainage fund amounting to \$152,887.00. The auditor recommended that the city address this deficit in the following fiscal year. Enoch City's response indicated they would retire the deficit and were exploring options to increase user fees, which have already been addressed. This was the sole finding from the audit, with everything else reported as satisfactory.

Council Member Harris inquired whether the increase in user fees would cover the deficit. Ashley clarified that it depended on expenses within that fund and mentioned the potential use of impact fees, expressing optimism about covering the deficit. She planned to assess the fee revenue in January.

Financial highlights were also discussed; assets exceeded liabilities by \$28,828,702, with \$4,543,888 being unrestricted for ongoing governmental obligations. Approximately 49% of \$2,793,225.00 was available for discretionary spending. Council Member Tingey queried whether there were funds they wished to spend but couldn't. Ashley responded affirmatively, citing examples from the road department that faced time constraints, staffing issues, or contractor availability.

She explained that while all funds except for the general fund were retained, they were considered restricted. Restricted funds could only be spent on designated items, while unrestricted funds in the general fund allowed retention of up to 40% of revenue. City Manager Dotson provided an example regarding the environmental assessment on the East Bench Watershed Project, which remained budgeted without expenditure and, thus available for the next fiscal year.

Council Member Harris asked about revenue shortfalls, to which Ashley replied that the audit did not specify the shortfalls, noting it was a general issue. Council Member Harris then questioned the need to budget lower in the future.

Council Member Tingey expressed gratitude for the opportunity to review the information, and Council Member Harris inquired about the auditor contract. Ashley confirmed that it was an open contract, allowing them to terminate whenever desired.

6. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

Hayden White

- The Iron County Road Department is working out on 5200. They will be building that road out as per the agreement for the CJC property. We might have a decrease in our drainage fund. He met with them today and our drainage ditches need to be moved and the storm drain pipe needs to be laid.
- Next week they will be crack-sealing all the roads that we plan on chip-sealing in the next budget year.
- They have been out pothole patching
- They put a new roof on the Old Enoch Park bathroom. they found out that kids have been up there filling the vents full of rocks. It took three days to get the rocks out.

Chief Ames

- We have had some meetings with Precision Development to get into the details of the new PD building. They are hopeful that they can start building in January.
- We have our new trucks and getting them outfitted. They are working with a company in St. George.
- Dancing with the Community Stars was last night. It was a really good time. Normally they bring in anywhere from \$90,000 to \$100,000 for the CJC.
- They got a small tip months ago when there was damage to the park to figure out who had been vandalizing the parks.

Lynn Neilson

- They will be turning the vent pipe upside down to prevent rocks from being put in the pipe.

Ashley Horton

- She has been working on the budget changes.
- Our Christmas party will be on Dec. 18th.

City Manager Dotson

- Sam Grimshaw is UDOT's project manager for the Old Highway 91 project.
- The Enoch/Cedar feasibility study is getting going with CIB contributing 50%.
- They have been attending a lot of planning meetings with UDOT. Today was the UTAH trail network. The legislature has 45 million a year to create a trail network that goes through the state of Utah. They met and talked about connections to Parowan and maybe moving the trail off of the main street. The idea is to connect communities.

Council Member Harris

- The Iron County Water Conservancy District has a new home. We will have one more meeting at the Cedar City offices and then they will be on Westview Dr.

Council Member Tingey


- He attended the Iron County School Board meeting. Canyon View High School won state in cross country and volleyball.
- They talked for a long time about the meeting schedule for next year. They talked about whether they should move them to 3:30 or should they do it at 5:30.
- They talked about the personal use of electronics by employees.
- There were a lot of statistics presented by the school board. He gave the council members a sheet with statistics.

Council Member Ley

- The Wreaths Across America meeting was yesterday. The elementary school will have students singing. They are looking for funding for next year. The cost of a wreath is \$17.

- She has had citizens ask her how they can complain about Old Highway 91. They think it needs to be resurfaced. City Manager Dotson said we are resurfacing our portion this spring. So they should call the County.
- There are citizens concerned about 4200 N.

9. **ADJOURN – Council Member Ross made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Ley seconded and all voted in favor.**

 12/5/2024

Lindsay Hildebrand, Recorder Date