

MINUTES
ENOCH CITY COUNCIL
October 15, 2014 at 6:00pm
City Council Chambers
City Offices, 900 E. Midvalley Road

Members present:

Mayor Robert Rasmussen
Council Member Destry Griffiths-phone
Council Member Steve Johnson
Council Member Kirk Lovell-phone
Council Member Mike Olenslager
Council Member Gary Wilcken

Staff present:

Julie Watson, Recorder
Dan Jessen, Treasurer
Gary Kuhlmann, City Atty.-absent
Robert Dotson, City Mgr.
Earl Gibson, Pub.Works
Jackson Ames, PD Chief

Public present: Doug Jones, Dan Axness, Cathy Wentz, Dale Brinkerhoff, Dave Miller, Tim Watson, Carolyn Olenslager, Lane Smith, Shelly Boebert, Cassie Easley, Tim Daniels, Lyle Goulding and Jeremy Dunn

1. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING-By Mayor Rasmussen at 6:00pm. He welcomed the audience saying Council Member Griffiths and Council Member Lovell would participate by phone tonight.

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance-**Led by Julie Watson
- b. **Invocation-**Audience invited to participate-Given by Dan Jessen
- c. **Approval of Agenda for October 15, 2014-**Motion to approve agenda by Council Member Wilcken. Motion was seconded by Council Member Olenslager and all voted in favor.
- d. **Approval of Minutes for October 1, 2014-**Motion to approve minutes by Council Member Olenslager. Motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson and all voted in favor.
- e. **Conflict of Interest Declaration for this agenda-**none stated

2. "GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY OF ENOCH CITY / NRCS EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROJECT"

Mayor Rasmussen asked City Manager Dotson to give the history of the NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) project and introduce some of the folks who were instrumental in implementing the project adding this is a big day for us. City Manager Dotson told about the rain caused flood in August of 2012 that affected over 100 homes saying staff worked very hard to try to find a way to help residents. Because there was no total loss of homes or infrastructure FEMA could not get involved but did come to do an aerial inspection but things were mostly cleaned up by the time they got here. We knew where the water came from and found help from the NRCS who offered a million dollar grant with a match of 33% in labor or other resources. He introduced Lance Smith who is the local area representative for NRCS. He added Bronson Smart and Tony Beals were also instrumental in helping to get the funding. They hired McMillen Engineering out of Idaho to engineer this project. They worked diligently to create the plans and each Monday we have had a phone conference with them for the last ten months. The actual damage assessment was for a larger project but we did not have the funds for that. He described more of the flood control measures referencing Cedar City's drainage projects as examples but a larger plan was too expensive. Due to delays mostly in getting the prairie dog clearance we have had to file extensions to keep this funding. The program is nationwide so when floods occur elsewhere if the money is not in use they will take that money for other needs. They do grant

extensions which we applied for however the hurdle with the prairie dogs could have stopped the project. We contacted our County Commissioners who had conversations with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service putting pressure on them to grant permission which we received about two weeks ago. Because winter is coming on we felt the urgency to get the project done quicker so we hired a project manager. We approached Precision Pipeline and the timing was right for them. They have said they can get the job done in about 40 working days. Our crew is locating utilities and going behind doing compacting as well as keeping up with their other duties in the City. Scott Jensen, a local contractor, is doing some of the work and the pipe bid went to Southwest Plumbing whose owner is an Enoch resident. We have started digging so this is not a real ground breaking tonight but is the official one. He said we have hard hats and shovels for the Mayor and Council and we would like to walk down the street to the project now.

City Manager Dotson added this is a great thing for Enoch City. Channel 2 did a story which was shown on last night's news and he recapped what he said for that. The flooding incident was severe for those who were hurt and have felt fearful every time we get a storm. Now we can fix that. This will solve the problems and cover us for a "500-year" event in that section of Enoch as well as protect our infrastructure. The Mayor, Council and guests left the building.

The Mayor and Council returned at 6:43pm and Mayor Rasmussen called the meeting back to order. Mayor Rasmussen asked City Manager Dotson about asphalt on this project and he said on Midvalley it will be done right away temperatures allowing. We will cold patch the other disturbed areas until spring when we can get asphalt again and will do a more complete job then.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS-Mayor Rasmussen invited public comments. Carolyn Olenslager thanked the Council for not letting the drainage project stop despite obstacles.

4. CORRESPONDENCE-none

5. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS

Council Member Johnson said it looks like the test well is producing water and will be a good water source for us. The Water Board met last week and will be having a discussion of ways to allow for City owned water to be used by businesses that may come into Enoch and need water to develop. This allows us to take rights we own, use them and have the fees for purchase of more rights in the future. The Water Board will develop a policy and bring it to the Council for approval at a later date as they are still researching it.

City Manager Dotson reported on the well development log he received today and he explained the process to test pump. He reported they are observing very good results and the initial thoughts are this is a great source of water. He gave more details and some options. Mayor Rasmussen reported the ICCC held an emergency meeting to talk about the ambulance service. The County has no conclusions yet but they are looking at options to make the service profitable and will take comments. They have hired a consultant to make a recommendation also. City Manager Dotson told the audience ICCC is not an elected board and they have no voting rights or legislative ability but are now involved in the discussion. More details were discussed such as state mandates and many other things involved in requirements for ambulance services. The ICCC will meet again in about a month. There were no other comments.

6. ADJOURN- Motion to adjourn by Council Member Wilcken. Motion seconded by Council Member Johnson and all voted in favor. The meeting ended at 7:13pm.

Julie Watson, Recorder **Date**