

MINUTES
ENOCH CITY COUNCIL
September 19, 2018 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 Dave Owens
Council Member Katherine Ross
Council Member Shawn Stoor

Staff present:

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

Public present: Dilworth Armstrong, Ken Stevens, Tom & Trudy Hansen, Franklin Tilley, Glen & Celesta Lyman

1. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING-By Mayor Chesnut at 6:00pm.

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance-Led by Ashley Horton**
- b. **Invocation-Audience invited to participate-Given by Franklin Tilley**
- c. **Inspirational thought-Given by Council Member Owens**
- d. **Approval of Agenda for September 19, 2018- Council Member Harris made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Council Member Owens and all voted in favor.**
- e. **Approval of Minutes for September 5, 2018-Council Member 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. DISCUSS DRAINAGE PROJECTS TO START ON NOW

Council Member Lee said she requested a discussion about short term drainage projects that we could start on right away. She asked Ashley to get the numbers on the funds available to begin projects. Mayor Chesnut said they talked about it this morning and discussed some projects we could start now. City Manager Dotson said he got a bid from Precision Pipeline for three projects. He has the proposal here and will talk about funding. Ashley said we have \$50,000 in impact fees and \$49,000 in savings in the general fund. The money is in the budget that was not spent so it carried over. Impact fees can be used if it is for projects included in the study. The first project is Midvalley Road and Quickdraw Lane. Council Member Lee interjected a question asking Ashley if these are funds from the storm drainage fee we added a couple of years ago. Ashley confirmed that is part of the funds available. Ashley said there are also expenses in drainage like some payroll and depreciation. This is generated by the \$2 fee we added which brings in about \$46,000 per year. Ashley said some of that was spent during the year for buying some pipe and storm drainage drop boxes for Iron Mountain Park. The \$49,000 in savings can go to whatever we want. Impact fees are specific to the projects that were included in the Storm Drainage Impact Fee Facilities Plan.

City Manager Dotson went back to the three bids. Midvalley Road and Quickdraw Lane is a problem because of the shape of the road and the way it was built in the 1990s was not conducive to moving water like it should. There are other utilities there also so it will take some effort to do that. There was more discussion of how the water flows and what would be needed to

correct the issues. That project will cost about \$22,000 and Precision Pipeline could start this next week.

The second project is Sunset Road and Veterans Memorial Drive and he explained how that water flows into an underground culvert. It goes north all the way to Jones Lane. Surface water in heavy storms cannot all fit into the pipe when the pipe is full so it causes flooding. We need to take the surface water across Veterans Memorial and go west in front of some homes. When it gets to Tomahawk we have options to choose from but don't have bids for that. He gave more details adding there are lots of utilities there and that is an issue. If we go north on Tomahawk we can do cross gutters but that was not quoted. For this area, to install improvements would be about \$23,300 and this would relieve the excess water coming down from higher subdivisions. It would keep water going west on Sunset. We would clean out ditches and maybe install a culvert under Sunrise.

Sunset Road and Enoch Road is the other project. We would replace cross gutters there and do some curbing because excess water jumps the gutter. That would cost about \$8,734 for a total of \$58,185.29 for those three projects. Those are the ones we have engineered now because they have caused the most problems. Watson Engineering did the engineering.

Council Member Lee asked if these are the highest priority. City Manager Dotson said it is not just one single issue. Multiple things are needed and we take a piece at a time and fix that. He gave some details of other problems. Rocky Mountain Power is very concerned about placing barriers along 5250 North by their power poles. We can reduce the water in the ditches by moving it somewhere else. Council Member Lee said her interest in this was having the money to begin with and what we have on hand so we could chip away at some challenging spots in the City and she suggests that we do that. We created the fund for that and the City Council agreed. This solves the problems in specific areas and we will do more next year. Council Member Harris said let's move forward. City Manager Dotson said we need to open the budget and go through the public hearing process. We can finish that in a couple of meetings.

Council Member Lee asked, if we say let's go with this who does the work on that labor wise? City Manager Dotson said this bid is for the whole job including labor. We don't have the manpower. There was more discussion of details that need to be worked out on each project. City Manager Dotson said the changes to the cross gutter on Tomahawk is part of it. We have to talk to property owners on Tomahawk because we will be sending water by them. That is why these things take time to work through. Our crew can do things like cleaning out the ditches and reshaping them as time allows with their other work. Council Member Harris since these projects are engineered let's do those first.

Council Member Lee asked why we haven't moved on this until now. City Manager Dotson said it is related to the budget. When we approved our budget we did not put this in and we have to do that now. When we do the budget next March lets plan on budgeting for these types of things. That way we are committed to do things and we following through with it. Earl said we did the fund for storm drainage so we could save money for pipe. Council Member Lee said she does not think the storm drain fee is big enough but she is glad we have some funds now. Maybe we are a bit more "eyes open" now. City Manager Dotson said we do have other projects in the Impact Fees Facilities Plan and impact fees have to go to that. Earl's point is if we spend it now then we don't have savings for later. We have the drainage fees to do smaller projects and we take impact fees when we have more money and leverage that with grant money. Bigger amounts with big projects help us to get grants.

3. DISCUSS BUDGET ISSUES-Ashley Horton

Mayor Chesnut said we have budget issues to discuss. Ashley said one issue is with trash cans that we did not foresee. Many are wearing out and we have been replacing lots of cans and Earl needs more. One idea was the equipment payment that the Refuse Dept. was going to pay to

the General Fund was \$66,000 this year and if they pay \$50,000 this year we could use the rest for the trash cans. The quote for 300 new cans was \$16,312.50. Mayor Chesnut said money was allocated and in the budget for this and when we open the budget we will transfer some money. Earl said he needs to place the order now due to the long lead time for cans. If the City Council thinks this ok we will go with it and order the cans. Council Member Ross asked if he needs that many. Earl said shipping is less if we buy more cans and we do need them. Mayor Chesnut said there is if no opposition we will plan on that. Mayor Chesnut said the other budget issue is we had our auditors come and they found some issues in the budget. We got more sales revenue from the State than we anticipated. Also because our staff is really frugal not every line item proposed was expended. Because of that we have more money on hand than we are allowed to have. We have \$427,000 more that we can put in savings or do other things with. Frugality and more revenue caused this. It is a lot of small things here and there that add up to this amount because we did not spend it so now we need to do that.

Council Member Stoor asked if we reallocate that. City Manager Dotson said it is general fund money and we talked to Earl and Chief Ames about one time purchases they need like equipment or vehicle replacement. We suggest a few one-time purchases and we can transfer the rest to a capital project. Costs are up on the shelter construction and we will need more money for that. Once we have that built we could allocate funds elsewhere and then if not spent we move it. Water is at the top of the priority list. That would be for well improvements and well acquisition. That is the most crucial issue. We have old equipment that needs to be replaced. City Manager Dotson said this is general fund money but can be spent on other things if needed. The tools we have to do our projects with are the most important part. Vehicle replacement is also on the doorstep. We don't need to go into the list right now. We don't have quotes on some things yet. Council Member Harris said he would like to see 50-60% go to capital projects. City Manager Dotson said another issue in capital projects is that it is good to have money saved to leverage for getting grants. That is how he prefers to do things and that takes time. You can leave money sitting in capital projects. That allows time to figure out what we can leverage for grants. We will get the shelter done first and then see where we are. These funds would be good for one time projects. Mayor Chesnut said this is a one-time surplus due to several factors. Sales revenue was key and made a perfect storm to create an excess. Budgeting is at best an educated guess with the information we have. We try not to overestimate. We use conservative numbers and now is the time of year to address issues. Mayor Chesnut said he has to leave now for another meeting and will turn the remainder of the meeting over to Mayor ProTem Stoor to conduct.

Council Member Stoor asked if there was more to add and Ashley said no. We do not have the official report but may have it for the next meeting. Council Member Harris asked for a list for next time and we will open the budget and set a public hearing for the changes.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Franklin Tilley said he has an update on the CERT program. On the 10th of June he was at the Iron County Preparedness Fair in the CERT booth and talked to many people. 18-20 were from the Enoch area and they said it was too far to go for training so only 31 signed up to take the classes. When they verified those before the training 29 had other commitments so they only had two people. The CERT for the County phased out the class that was to start this weekend. We have equipment bought and don't have the people to take the class. He can do the presentation if they could use this building and that would be more convenient for local people. He needs to find a place to hold the class and get approval to use the equipment.

5. COUNCIL/STAFF REPORT

Chief Ames said this Friday is the CJC charity golf tournament. We will be there for that. The Dancing with the Stars is a big hit and so Mayor Chesnut was asked if he would do that for a

fundraiser for the Children's Justice Center. He gave details of what the CJC has done with the funds raised. They have therapy for kids and other good things there to help victims. He said the PD is always staying busy. We got several applicants and will be testing them next week to create a roster and move on hiring. Most are not certified but two are. The soonest we can send anyone to POST is January. Because of that he has not been in a huge hurry to move on due to most being not certified and hoping for more certified applicants to apply.

Earl Gibson reported the floor at the shelter was poured by Phaze Concrete as a donation and will start the block on Monday. They have been out mowing the roadsides. They are digging the Iron Mountain drainage pond and it is a big hole. They are moving a lot of dirt out of there.

Justin Wayment said we need a closed session for discussion of personnel matters.

City Manager Dotson said he had two things. The Fire chief is deciding on an open burn most likely for Oct. 15th to Nov. 15th. He makes that decision. Also we usually hold a fall City clean up and open the dumpsters on Friday and Saturday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. He asked if there was a preference for dates. City Manager Dotson asked Earl if they can manage to staff the dumpster from 8:00am to 5:00pm with employees taking turns. The dates of the 19th and 20th were decided on and will be advertised. We will not announce an open burn until it is for sure. He told about going out with a gentleman named Mark Burr who owns a company in NY that does water exploration and development. Normally gas and oil companies use this type of service. He uses equipment that does passive seismic readings and we have the data. He went to our new well and Ravine and Iron Works wells and another well we are negotiating to purchase and other areas. He has the data and what it shows. It is like a heat map and he gave more details. He was able to look about 1000 feet down. He did Quichipa for Cedar City and some work for the Conservancy District. We could see one of our wells that was pumping and we could see it producing water. We saw some spots where he locates where hard rock is or softer rock and where fault lines are. Those can be indicators of water. He found locations by Iron Works well and Ravine well that look good. We could go in with an air rig and drill a 4" bore hole and test it. He can tell us if the rock is more porous where water can go through. The well we want to purchase is one point where that soft area is located and everything around it is hard. It is an amazing well with lots of water. He gave more details of the process and technology that is really advanced. It would cost \$10,000 to \$50,000 to map all of Enoch. Do we want to do that or seek water outside of Enoch which would require miles of pipe when water could be here in Enoch. Dilworth dowsed along with him and he would find water pretty close. He is working with St. George too. Council Member Lee asked why now? Is it new technology? We spent much money on studying the Lake Powell pipeline and you'd think they would have done that before now. There needs to be more discussion before we spend money Council Member Lee said. City Manager Dotson said the theory about the earth being made of magma and another theory that it is water and ice are competing theories. Mark Burr who came here has scientifically shown that water is coming up from underground. Oil and gas guys do this all the time and they are finding water. Council Member Lee said we need to ask more questions before we spend on these theories and she wonders why now? This is how innovation grows and creates but we need to be skeptical. City Manager Dotson disagreed and is in favor of what we saw. We are looking at the aquifer. The Universal Model is not of concern. Council Member Ross asked if he told others what he found out here. City Manager Dotson said does not know. We asked that he not talk about the well we are negotiating. City Manager Dotson added we were approved for a grant for storage for the fire truck.

Council Member Ross said there was no Water Board meeting but there is a meeting in Cedar City about water reuse feasibility tomorrow from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. This is about treated reuse water. City Manager Dotson said we need to push to get that water here.

Council Member Stoor said the normal Rec Committee meeting will be next Wednesday at 7:00pm. On Monday at noon there is a water meeting with some folks with a new and better drip

irrigation system that will save a lot of water. He said plants only take what they need and most people and farmers over water. This system can save up to 80% of water consumption. The meeting is here at City office at noon.

Council Member Harris said the Planning Commission is working on roads to add some for the City to keep up with development and traffic flows. We will add east/west roads and north/south roads and update the map. It will come to the City Council soon.

Council Member Owens said the EDC met and discussed business possibilities. Until we see dirt move it is a rumor but we welcome business. They will work on social media education.

6. CLOSED MEETING REQUESTED TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS, IMMEDIATE LITIGATION OR REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-(Requires a roll call vote w 2/3 majority)

Council Member Harris made a motion end the regular meeting and go into a closed session. Motion was seconded by Council Member Owens and a roll call vote was held as follows:

Council Member Harris-yes

Council Member Stoor-yes

Council Member Ross-Yes

Council Member Owens-yes

Council Member Lee-Yes

Motion passed

7. ACTION FROM CLOSED MEETING-None

8. ADJOURN-The regular meeting ended at 7:15.


Julie Watson, Recorder

10-3-18
Date