City Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2026, 6:00 PM

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1. Call to Order of Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Rushton called the Enoch City Council meeting to order at approximately 6:01 PM on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 900 East Mid Valley Road, Enoch, Utah.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

A member of the audience led the Council and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Invocation

Council Member Shawn Stoor offered the invocation, during which he asked for a special blessing upon Hayden Hildebrand and his family.

c. Inspirational Thought

Mayor Rushton noted that he had intended to assign an inspirational thought but had not done so. He asked that someone take responsibility for the assignment going forward, and Council Member Trower indicated she would help ensure it was remembered for future meetings.

d. Approval of Agenda for October 7th, 2026

Mayor Rushton asked whether all members had had a chance to review the agenda and called for a motion to approve it.

> A motion to approve the agenda for October 7th, 2026, was made by Council Member Jacob Miner and seconded by Council Member Shawn Stoor. The motion carried unanimously.

e. Approval of Minutes for September 16, 2026

Mayor Rushton called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2026 meeting. Prior to the vote, Council Member Deborah Ley noted that there were some name corrections needed in the minutes, specifically regarding the mayor's name on item 1(d) and some spelling adjustments. It was agreed that any remaining corrections would be submitted and incorporated accordingly.

> A motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held September 16, 2026, with the correction to the name on item 1(d), was made by Council Member David Harris and seconded by Council Member Miner. The motion carried unanimously.

f. Conflict of Interest Declaration for this Agenda

Mayor Rushton asked whether any member needed to disclose a conflict of interest on any item on tonight's agenda. Seeing none, he moved on.

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2. Public Comments

Mayor Rushton opened the floor for public comments, noting that several public hearings were scheduled for the evening and requesting that any comments related to those specific items be held until the appropriate public hearing. He invited members of the public to approach the microphone and state their name before speaking.

Ray Alvey — United States Postal Service, Iron County Growth Manager

Ray Alvey came forward representing the United States Post Office and stated that he was there to address concerns regarding the proposed name change of Minersville Highway. He explained that he had already met with the city manager and engineers to voice those concerns privately but wished to bring them before the full Council.

Mr. Alvey stated that the Post Office currently delivers to 71 homes and 7 businesses with addresses on Minersville Highway, in the range from 3000 North to 6400 North. He informed the Council that the Post Office's primary mail forwarding system, located at an out-of-state facility, had been shut down for remodeling and was expected to be

offline for approximately six months to a year. As a result, if a name change were approved during that period, the automated forwarding system would take approximately one month to become active with no guarantee of accuracy.

He further explained the AMS — Automated Mail Sorting System — and noted that once the name change was recorded in county and state records, the Post Office could input the new name into AMS so that mail addressed to "Minersville" could theoretically be routed to the new Enoch address. However, he cautioned that this system did not always function perfectly. He also pointed out that the existing "Enoch Road" already has addresses ranging from 4540 to 4645, many of which overlap with addresses on Minersville Highway, creating duplication issues that commonly result in misdeliveries and returned mail.

Mr. Alvey distributed a handout listing the range of items that homeowners and businesses would need to update should the name change proceed, including Utah driver's licenses ($23), vehicle registration ($4), vehicle titles ($6), business letterheads, business cards, invoices, order forms, advertising, signage, house number plaques, return address labels, personal checks ($10–$30), and other personal and business stationery. He noted that businesses such as Ladybug Nursery, which have the street name on their physical signage, would face additional costs to replace those signs.

On behalf of the Post Office, Mr. Alvey stated that the agency was formally opposed to the name change due to the complications it would create for accurate and timely mail delivery. He acknowledged that the Post Office would make every effort to deliver correctly but could not guarantee 100 percent accuracy during the transition period, particularly given that all addresses in Enoch carry the same ZIP code, 84721. He added that mail misaddressed with only "Enoch" and no correct street extension would likely be returned to the sender.

Mayor Rushton asked about the timeline for the remodeling of the forwarding facility. Mr. Alvey confirmed it was estimated at six months to a year. Mayor Rushton also asked whether Enoch ever received its own post office, whether it would get a new ZIP code. Mr. Alvey said it would not change the current ZIP code of 84721, though he noted that any future new city development in the area could eventually result in a separate ZIP code.

Council Member Ley confirmed the number of affected addresses — 71 homes and 7 businesses — and Mr. Alvey affirmed that figure.

Delaine Finlay — Resident

Delaine Finlay came forward and raised a concern about the use of QR codes in the city newsletter. She stated that the most recent newsletter had included a QR code directing residents to a video explaining roundabout rules, and she expressed that this method of communication would be inaccessible to a significant portion of residents, particularly older residents. She suggested that key information be written out in the newsletter itself rather than relying solely on QR codes.

City Manager Ryan Lyman acknowledged the feedback and explained that QR codes were used primarily to keep the newsletter concise and reduce printing costs, as the full written content would significantly increase page count and expense. He and others agreed that going forward, a website URL could be included alongside the QR code as an alternative. Council Member Trower noted that the primary rule people failed to follow at the roundabout was failing to signal, and general agreement was expressed around the table.

Byron Black — General Manager, LS Electric Utah

Byron Black, General Manager at LS Electric Utah, located at 741 East Mid Valley Road, addressed the Council regarding outstanding permit fees and water connection obligations that his company had yet to remit to the city. He indicated that the ownership of LS Electric could be interested in satisfying those obligations in kind by offering water rights rather than cash payment. He stated that water rights were purchased with the property dating back to 1930 and that there were approximately 66 water rights in total, with roughly half of them dating to 1930.

Mr. Black clarified that he was not formally requesting an exchange at that moment but wanted to make the Council aware of the opportunity, as the ownership was primarily interested in simply getting the fees paid and moving forward. He stated that if the water rights were of value to the city given the scarcity of the asset, the option was on the table.

City Attorney Lynn Lyman (referred to throughout as "Lynn") responded by noting that the city did have a contract in progress with LS Electric's counsel — attorney Jeffrey Chestnut — and that the city was willing to accept the water but that acceptance was contingent upon passing a title policy. He explained that the city had a prior experience in which land had been conveyed in a way that created unforeseen problems with associated water rights, and that resolving the issue had taken approximately one year. He stated the city wanted to avoid a repeat of that situation by requiring a title policy on any incoming water.

Lynn noted that there was only one title agent in the entire state of Utah he was aware of who issued water title policies — Brad Dobson with First American Title — and that he had recently become aware of a possible second agent in Park City named Naysia. He acknowledged that title policies carried some cost but stressed that the risk of accepting water with a defective title was too great, citing a legal principle he described as "passing by pertinence," whereby water rights can automatically transfer with land conveyances even without being explicitly mentioned, potentially creating ownership ambiguities decades later.

City Manager Lyman confirmed that Justin had been working with LS Electric's attorney on the transaction and agreed that the city would need to factor in additional time and cost when dealing with incoming water rights going forward.

Mayor Rushton thanked Mr. Black for bringing the opportunity to the Council's attention and indicated they would continue to discuss the matter.

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3. Presentation by Senator Evan Vickers — Utah State Senate

Mayor Rushton welcomed Senator Evan Vickers and thanked him for attending the meeting. Senator Vickers presented a wide-ranging legislative update covering several topics anticipated for the upcoming January 2027 session.

Senator Vickers began by noting that there would be notable turnover in the legislature following the election cycle — approximately six new senators, with an expected composition of five Republicans and one Democrat, and the typical fifteen to twenty new members in the House. He noted that after fourteen years in the legislature, looking at the picture in his office from when he left the House, only three of the seventy-five members from that time would remain in the House after this election cycle, and only five of the twenty-nine senators from when he first arrived in the Senate would remain.

Rural Health Funding Senator Vickers described two tranches of federal funding coming to the state specifically earmarked for rural health. The first was $100 million per year for five years, and the second was approximately $97 million per year for five years. He noted that "rural Utah" for purposes of this funding effectively meant everything outside of the four Wasatch Front counties. He cautioned that the money carried significant stipulations — it could not be used for ongoing programs, could not be used for projects the state would have funded anyway, and could not be deposited into a trust fund. The first year's allocation had to be appropriated by the end of October and spent by the end of September of the following year. He acknowledged that the first year would be a learning experience for the state and for CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services).

Meta Social Media Settlement Senator Vickers reported that a Meta social media settlement would bring approximately $250 to $300 million into the state of Utah over ten years. He stated that a significant portion of those funds were being considered for a trust fund, with the primary purpose of addressing harm to youth from social media, though some funding could also be directed to adults.

Government Operations & Business and Labor Committees Senator Vickers noted that in the committees he chairs — Government Operations Appropriations and Business and Labor — a number of issues were being discussed. The Office of Professional Licensure Review (OPLAR) was conducting annual deep dives into specific licensure areas; this year the focus was on medical licenses, and next year (for the 2028 session) the focus would be on construction trades and construction licensing. He suggested that the goal of OPLAR's reviews was generally to deregulate and create easier pathways to licensure.

Other issues under discussion included so-called "junk fees" — such as undisclosed resort fees and ticket service fees — and problems with rental housing agreements, including a recent example in which renters were being charged a "rental insurance fee" that actually covered the property owner rather than the renter.

Budget and Medicaid Shortfall Senator Vickers reported a projected Medicaid shortfall of approximately $300 million, but noted that the state had a robust rainy day fund system with over $1 billion in reserves across general fund and education fund accounts, as well as a dedicated Medicaid rainy day fund. He stated that a plan was in place to address the shortfall, at least in the near term, and that similar situations had occurred previously — including the prior year, when a change in the federal standard deduction reduced Utah's income tax collections by approximately $350 million.

Housing Issues Senator Vickers noted that discussions were underway about using AI to assist with plan review and inspections, including a possible pilot program with grant funding that cities could apply for. He also noted ongoing discussions through the League of Cities and Towns about coordination between counties and municipalities on annexations, and continuing conversations about small lot efficiencies in housing.

He flagged a conflict between building codes: the state updated the International Building Code (IBC) to the 2024 version but kept the International Residential Code (IRC) at the 2021 version. This had led to inconsistency among communities, with some applying the 2024 IBC engineering standards to residential projects and others applying the 2021 IRC. He noted the intent appeared clear — IBC for commercial, IRC for residential — but that engineers were encountering conflicts in the field, and the legislature intended to clarify this during the upcoming session.

Behavioral Health Commission Senator Vickers spoke at length about the Behavioral Health Commission, which the state had established to bring coordination to the estimated forty-five siloed organizations working in mental health — ranging from government public health entities to private and nonprofit organizations. He noted that the commission was composed entirely of volunteers, some with professional expertise and others with lived experience. The current challenge, he said, was that the commission had no governing authority, and the legislature was now working to determine where to house it — possibilities included integrating it into the Office of

Substance Abuse within the Department of Health and Human Services, or creating a special adviser to the governor's office similar to the approach taken with homelessness and housing.

Rural Issues and Fire Prevention Senator Vickers expressed personal concern about the Beaver Mountain fire, noting his own family's history with the affected land. He explained that fire suppression costs were primarily covered by a state suppression fund with federal reimbursement, and that individual property owners were not generally billed for suppression of wildfires on their property. He noted that fire prevention funding — approximately $1 to $1.5 million per year — was insufficient and that the state needed to invest more in prevention and post-fire mitigation such as seeding, as well as disaster recovery for affected residents and businesses.

Senator Vickers stated that projects combining state Forest Service and federal funding — known as shared stewardship projects — had proven effective. He cited the example of a project completed two years before the Brian Head fire, which the Public Works Director of Brian Head credited with saving the town itself. He advocated for restoring forests to healthier tree densities, noting that overly dense conifer forests prevent snowpack from reaching the ground and reduce water recharge in springs and lakes, whereas aspen — which lose their leaves in fall — allow snow to reach the ground as it should.

Council Member Trower, attending remotely, asked Senator Vickers about Beaver County residents potentially being billed for fire suppression. Senator Vickers clarified this was not the standard practice. She also raised concerns about Cedar Mountain, noting that it appeared to be a high fire risk, and asked about legislative efforts for fire prevention there. Senator Vickers said he was not aware of specific Cedar Mountain projects but was supportive of the efforts and noted that newly appointed DNR Director Jamie Barnes — previously head of State Forestry, Fire, and State Lands — was well positioned to work with the legislature on WUI (Wildland-Urban Interface) code changes.

City Attorney Lynn Lyman asked whether the WUI code would be significantly amended in light of recent fires. Senator Vickers confirmed that it would receive serious scrutiny and that a bill he had sponsored in the prior session to give counties input on

designated high-risk areas and allow property owners to petition for removal from high-risk status was a step in the right direction, but further reform was anticipated.

Lynn also referenced the "Save Our Forests Act" being considered at the federal level and cited research indicating that optimal forest density is approximately 300 trees per acre, while some areas of the state had as many as 3,000 trees per acre. He noted the common refrain that 95 percent of fire-related spending goes to suppression when it should be the reverse. Senator Vickers agreed and commended the state's progress on prevention, citing the shared stewardship model as a positive example.

Council Member Trower asked what the legislature was focusing on with respect to water, given that it was a top concern among Iron County residents as reflected in the Ken Gardner survey. Senator Vickers reported that he had met that same day with the four major water districts and that discussions were underway about conservation information campaigns, as well as state partnerships with Iron County and the Water Conservancy District on groundwater recharge and reuse projects. He stated that some funds were already earmarked for reuse projects and that he hoped to secure additional funding for recharge as well.

Council Member Trower thanked Senator Vickers for attending. Senator Vickers encouraged the Council to reach out to him directly with any specific concerns, noting that his contact information was available on the state website and that most members already had his phone number.

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4. Public Hearing: Pidding Annexation

> A motion to close the regular meeting and open a public hearing for the Pidding Annexation was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Miner. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council convened the public hearing. Tyler Bellang, representing Pidding LLC, addressed the Council. He explained that the annexation encompassed all private property generally north of the ice rink and extending eastward to the BLM land. He stated that the applicant was grateful for the public hearing and was still working to

finalize the development agreement, particularly with respect to traffic corridors and master road planning. He noted that a productive meeting had taken place with Tim Watson the prior week, and that the finalized development agreement would be submitted shortly, with the expectation of returning to the Council during the first week of November.

> A motion to close the public hearing regarding the Pidding Annexation and return to the regular city council meeting was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Miner. The motion carried unanimously.

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5. Set a Public Hearing for October 21st, to Amend Enoch City Engineering Standards 3.2.4A Street Access

> A motion to set a public hearing for October 21st to amend Enoch City Engineering Standards 3.2.4A Street Access was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Miner. The motion carried unanimously.

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6. Set a Public Hearing for October 21st, 2026 to Amend Enoch City Fee Schedule Chapter 6 Impact Fees for Transportation Impact Fees

> A motion to set a public hearing for October 21st, 2026, to amend the Enoch City Fee Schedule Chapter 6 Impact Fees for Transportation Impact Fees was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Stoor. The motion carried unanimously.

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7. Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2026-10-7-A to Consider Amending the Enoch City Fee Schedule – Adding 8" & 12" Meter Fee

> A motion to close the regular meeting and open a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2026-10-7-A, to consider amending the Enoch City Fee Schedule by adding 8-inch and 12-inch meter fees, was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Miner. On a roll call vote: Council Member Miner — Aye; Council Member Trower — Aye; Council Member Ley — Aye; Council Member Harris — Aye; Council Member Stoor — Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council convened the public hearing. City Manager Lyman provided brief background, noting that the Council had previously passed engineering standards for 8-inch and 12-inch water meters, and that this ordinance simply established the fee structure for the meters themselves, which are contractor-installed. No public comments were received.

> A motion to close the public hearing and return to the regular city council meeting was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Miner. The motion carried unanimously.

Note: The Council inadvertently moved past a separate vote on Ordinance No. 2026-10-7-A at this stage. The formal vote on adoption of the ordinance was taken later in the meeting, as documented under the corrected sequence below.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-10-7-A *(voted upon following Item 9)*

City Manager Lyman acknowledged that the Council had held the public hearing but had not yet voted on adoption of the ordinance. He clarified that going forward, the public hearing and the adoption vote would be listed as separate agenda items. The Council then proceeded to vote.

> A motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-10-7-A, amending the Enoch City Fee Schedule by adding 8-inch and 12-inch meter fees, was made by Council Member

> Harris and seconded by Council Member Stoor. On a roll call vote: Council Member Stoor — Aye; Council Member Harris — Aye; Council Member Trower — Aye; Council Member Miner — Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

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8. Public Hearing: To Consider Ordinance No. 2026-10-7-B Amending Enoch City Ordinances, Section 14.100.180 – Cross Connection

> A motion to close the regular meeting and open a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2026-10-7-B, amending Enoch City Ordinances Section 14.100.180 – Cross Connection, was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Miner. On a roll call vote: Council Member Miner — Aye; Council Member Trower — Aye; Council Member Harris — Aye; Council Member Stoor — Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

The Council convened the public hearing. No public comments were received.

> A motion to close the public hearing and return to the regular city council meeting was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Miner. The motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-10-7-B *(voted upon following Item 9)*

Consistent with the procedural correction noted under Item 7, the Council also proceeded to vote on adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-10-7-B.

> A motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-10-7-B, amending Enoch City Ordinances Section 14.100.180 – Cross Connection, was made by Mayor Rushton and seconded by Council Member Stoor. On a roll call vote: Council Member Stoor — Aye; Council Member Harris — Aye; Council Member Trower — Aye; Council Member Miner — Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

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9. Ordinance No. 2026-10-7-C Consider Amending Enoch City Code 14.100.113 Application for Water Connection, 12.2400.2413 Water Rights, to Allow the City to Allow Water Rights from Basin 71

Council Member Harris provided background on this item. He explained that Basin 71 is located to the north and northwest of Enoch and that the Iron County Water Conservancy District now has a well in that basin capable of pumping water into its distribution system. This development creates the potential for Enoch City to accept water rights from Basin 71 as a means of satisfying water connection requirements for new development.

Council Member Harris explained that the Water Board had reviewed and supported this change, subject to specific conditions. First, Basin 71 has its own groundwater management plan, and the city would only accept water rights that would not be subject to future curtailment. Second, transferring water between basins involves a reduction — commonly called a "haircut" — meaning the city could only provide to customers the discounted volume of water it was actually authorized to pump, not the full face value of the rights transferred in.

City Manager Lyman added an important clarification from the Water Board's review: the senior water rights in Basin 73 are those established prior to 1934, whereas in Basin 71, the senior water rights threshold is 1944. He requested that the motion include language limiting accepted Basin 71 water rights to those senior to 1944. He noted this had been reviewed by both the Water Board and the Planning Commission.

Council Member Trower, speaking from the road, expressed strong support for the measure. She stated that she had spoken personally with Paul Monroe, the District Manager, who described it as "a no-brainer." She noted that Phoenix City was already connected to the system and prepared to begin drawing Basin 71 water rights as soon as the new well was operational, and that casing was being set and gravel packing was beginning that very week.

City Attorney Lynn Lyman then brought forward an additional consideration raised by Tyler: Basin 71 actually has three sub-areas — north, middle, and south — and that accepting water from the northern portion would be problematic given that it falls within Millard County's jurisdiction. Accordingly, the motion was amended to specify that only Basin 71 South water rights would be accepted.

> A motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-10-7-C, amending Enoch City Code 14.100.113 Application for Water Connection and 12.2400.2413 Water Rights, to allow the city to accept water rights from Basin 71 South only, limited to senior water rights established prior to 1944, and only to the extent that the city can provide water after application of the inter-basin transfer discount, was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Miner. On a roll call vote: Council Member Stoor — Aye; Council Member Harris — Aye; Council Member Trower — Aye; Council Member Miner — Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

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10. Ordinance No. 2026-10-7-D Amending Enoch City Code 12.1700.1702 Permitted Uses in the MXR-18 Zone

City Manager Lyman provided background, crediting Building Official Lynn Lyman for catching the inconsistency that prompted this amendment. He explained that the current code listed "single family mobile homes on individual lots" as a permitted use in the MXR-18 zone. However, another section of the code requires that any manufactured home be at least 20 feet wide at its narrowest point, which effectively prohibits the type of mobile home contemplated under that permitted use. Rather than creating confusion by leaving a contradictory permitted use in the code, staff recommended removing item "n" — the mobile home provision — from the list of permitted uses in the zone entirely.

> A motion to approve Ordinance No. 2026-10-7-D, amending Enoch City Code 12.1700.1702 Permitted Uses in the MXR-18 Zone by removing item (n), was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Mayor Rushton. On a roll call

> vote: Council Member Miner — Aye; Council Member Trower — Aye; Council Member Harris — Aye; Council Member Stoor — Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

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11. Mayoral Proclamation October 22nd "Enoch Lights On Afterschool" Day — Iron Kids After School Proclamation

Mayor Rushton stated that he had been approached about issuing a proclamation in support of the Iron Kids After School Program, which provides structured after-school programming for children and gives families who are working a safe place for their children to be. He noted that October 22nd would be designated "Enoch Lights On Afterschool Day."

Council Member Trower elaborated that she had spoken with the program director and expressed support for the cause. She noted that Enoch Elementary was the only school in the Iron County School District that did not currently have an after-school program, though she indicated that was being addressed. She also mentioned that with the change to the school schedule next year making Fridays a non-school day, there were discussions about potentially expanding the program to Fridays as well.

Council Member Ley raised the question of whether federal and state funding was available for the program. City Manager Lyman indicated that in conversations with the program director, it appeared the necessary funding was largely in place, and that the district had funding available for all schools including Enoch Elementary, though there were other behind-the-scenes factors at play in that specific school's participation.

> A motion to approve the Mayoral Proclamation making October 22nd "Enoch Lights On Afterschool Day" was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Miner. The motion carried unanimously.

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12. Proposed Amendment to the Enoch City Personnel Policies and Procedures

City Manager Lyman introduced two proposed changes to the city's Personnel Policies and Procedures.

Sick Leave Donation Policy The first and primary change was the creation of a sick leave donation program. Lyman explained that the city had encountered a situation in which a staff member faced an extended absence due to a family member's serious illness. The proposed policy would allow city employees to voluntarily donate up to 30 hours of their personal accrued sick leave to a designated bank, provided they retained at least 40 hours in their own account. A qualifying employee could receive up to 120 hours from the bank at one time — equivalent to approximately three weeks for a full-time employee — and could return for additional hours if necessary. Lyman emphasized that the bar for receiving donated sick leave would be high, requiring approval from the employee's direct supervisor and the City Manager. He clarified this was not intended for general sick leave shortfalls but for genuine, significant family or personal medical hardship. He noted that similar programs exist in other municipalities and that the city's HR committee had worked extensively to develop the plan.

Probationary Period The second change involved the employee probationary period. The current policy established a 90-day probation period, with the option for a supervisor to extend it by another 90 days. The amendment would replace this structure with a single, standard 6-month probationary period, eliminating the need for what Lyman described as the "awkward conversation" of extending the initial probation.

> A motion to approve the changes to the Enoch City Personnel Policies and Procedures regarding sick leave donations and the probationary period was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Mayor Rushton. On a roll call vote: Council Member Miner — Aye; Council Member Trower — Aye; Council Member Harris — Aye; Council Member Stoor — Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

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13. Council/Staff Report

Public Works Director (Hayden):

- Work had begun pulling the pump out of the Anderson Well and was expected to be completed that week, with a new pump to be ordered upon removal so that test pumping could continue.
- Cemetery drainage improvements were being finalized, including ditch work and a remaining section of asphalt, in response to drainage needs created by recent paving in the cemetery.
- Paving of approximately half a mile of Mid Valley Road at the intersection with Highway 91 was scheduled for Friday, weather permitting.
- Subdivision inspections were being completed to allow construction to commence on several new developments.
- Staff noted that hunting season was causing personnel rotation in and out of the office.
- In response to a Council question, Hayden indicated he had not received any further communication from the Hale family regarding the proposed cemetery memorial since their initial meeting, and speculated that the recent news coverage may have been aimed at supporting fundraising efforts.

Police Chief:

- The Police Department was focused on increased patrol presence in response to a noticeable uptick in traffic volume as the city's population has grown, as well as a slow increase in traffic accidents.
- Several officers and the Chief participated in a cold plunge fundraiser at Main Street Park the prior weekend, benefiting the Stigma Coalition for mental health awareness and also supporting the Hildebrand family memorial fund being planned for the cemetery.
- The Chief encouraged all residents to drive safely given increased traffic on city roads.

Building Department (Lynn Lyman):

- Lynn's grocery store was open and operating, with the parking lot observed to be approximately 90 percent full following opening.
- Color Country Physical Therapy was open.
- The Hub and Golden Hour Coffee were expected to be completed within approximately one month.
- MCM was anticipated to begin tilt-wall construction within approximately two weeks, with all walls poured and curing; MCM had already inquired about an expansion.
- Iron Elks had resolved its contractor dispute and set a tentative opening date of October 23rd, with mechanical contractors actively on site.
- AB Packaging, a UPS-style shipping and mailbox store, had received a permit and was working on a space in the building adjacent to Iron Elks.
- Building permit volume was tracking approximately even with the prior year.
- Mindy had passed both her Building Inspector certification and her Plans Examiner test (the latter noted as the more difficult of the two), enabling her to conduct inspections independently and sign off on projects.
- Construction activity in the Caronel area continued with one to two inspections per day, two to three times per week.

City Manager (Ryan Lyman):

- City Manager Lyman attended a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) grant workshop with the Five County Association of Governments to place the city on the eligible project list for 2027. He noted that generators for the city water system and park equipment for the city's anticipated new park were both identified as fundable project types. He reconnected with a former schoolmate who is now the state CDBG director, who confirmed that generator funding would be a strong candidate. Lyman suggested that the Council consider a future work session or shared document to compile a wish list of projects for grant pursuit.
- The city was developing a city podcast to be published the day after City Council meetings, offering a recap of council business in a question-and-answer format. Council Members Trower and Ley, as well as Mayor Rushton, were noted as interested participants. Additional episodes could cover city projects or topics of

interest to council members. The effort was being coordinated with the city's new social media intern.

- The city was posting a job opening for a part-time administrative assistant at 15 to 20 hours per week at $16 to $20 per hour, intended to support the front desk as Mindy transitions more to inspection work and while Lindsay Hildebrand remains on extended leave. Lyman noted flexibility on scheduling and encouraged council members to refer interested candidates.
- An update on the Minersville Highway renaming project was provided. The city met with Iron County officials, who were generally supportive of the name change and indicated a preference that if the change is made, it begin at the Cedar City overpass — where Cedar Main Street ends — and continue northward. The county suggested the name could go all the way to the county line. Cedar City had also expressed support. The Post Office remained the primary opposing voice. Lyman noted that one consideration being explored was whether, since Minersville Highway is technically an alias for State Route 130, aliases could be added in the future to minimize the impact on existing addresses.
- Senator Vickers was noted as a likely candidate for President of the Utah Senate and was thanked for taking the time to attend.
- Columbus Day (October 12th) would result in city office closure; this would be communicated on social media.

Finance (Ashley):

- Ashley reported that the Police Department's individual officer Visa cards, each currently limited to $500, were proving insufficient for out-of-town training expenses — for example, a hotel stay alone would max out a card, leaving officers to use personal cards for meals and other costs. She proposed increasing the per-officer limit to $1,000 and asked whether the mayor or city manager could sign off on that increase without returning it to the full Council. The Council indicated consensus that, as it remained within budget, the mayor or city manager could authorize the increase without a formal vote.
- Ashley announced a benefit dinner and raffle for the Hildebrand family, to be held at the elementary school on Tuesday, October 13th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, featuring

donated items including firearms and other goods.

- Council Member Trower noted the overlap with the Planning Commission meeting, scheduled for 5:30 PM that same evening, and asked whether the Planning Commission meeting time could be moved up to 5:00 PM to allow members to attend the benefit afterward. City Manager Lyman indicated he would look into the noticing requirements needed to change the time, but noted that several public hearings were already scheduled for that meeting, which would make postponing items procedurally complex. It was tentatively suggested that the Planning Commission meeting could be moved to 5:00 PM if permissible under noticing rules.

Council Member Shawn Stoor: Council Member Stoor noted that there had not been a Planning Commission meeting for a while and that upcoming discussions would include matters related to Ironworks and Iron Mountain, among other items. He noted that water board matters had also been addressed during the evening.

Council Member David Harris: Council Member Harris reported attending an affordable housing meeting that morning, noting that some solutions presented were more practical than others, and indicated there would be more to discuss at a future meeting.

Council Member Deborah Ley: Council Member Ley highlighted the "Once Upon a Gala" domestic violence fundraiser held at Heather Hill Farm in Enoch, calling it a wonderful event for the community. She also reminded those present that the Enoch Historical Society would be meeting the following evening — Thursday, October 8th — with the board convening at 6:30 PM and the general meeting open to the public at 7:00 PM.

Council Member Kimberlee Trower (remote): Council Member Trower reported returning from a cybersecurity conference and announced that a cybersecurity expert, Rick Gardner from the state, would be presenting at the upcoming regional water meeting on October 21st at noon. She invited Mayor Rushton, City Manager Lyman, and Hayden to attend, noting that RSVPs were needed for anyone additional. She expressed concern that many municipal water systems, including potentially Enoch's,

had cybersecurity vulnerabilities that had not been addressed, and indicated she would like to arrange for the state expert to evaluate Enoch's systems as well, at no cost.

Council Member Trower also reiterated that both Basin 71 wells were nearing completion — one had undergone gamma ray analysis and the other was receiving casing — and expressed excitement about the water supply implications.

Council Member Trower raised concern about pedestrian safety along Minersville Highway between Foster's and the roundabout, noting that since the opening of Lynn's grocery store the volume of foot traffic had increased significantly. She stated she regularly observed two to three people walking along the highway with no safe walkway, only weeds, and urged the city to formally request that UDOT prioritize a pedestrian pathway in that corridor, potentially moving it from Phase 2 to Phase 1 on UDOT's priority list. She also noted the recent closure of a pharmacy in Phoenix City and asked whether anyone knew what had happened to the salon near the car wash in that area, noting it appeared to be closed as well. Members confirmed the salon had closed due to inability to turn a profit, and noted that Slurp had also vacated the building some months ago.

Council Member Jacob Miner: Council Member Miner echoed Council Member Ley's positive remarks about the Once Upon a Gala event. He announced that Iron County Care and Share would be holding a groundbreaking ceremony on October 22nd at 11:00 AM for the planned tiny homes project on property behind and around the Care and Share facility.

14. Closed Session to Discuss One or More of the Following: The Character, Professional Competence or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual; Collective Bargaining; Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation; The Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property, Including Any Form of Water Rights or Water Shares; Deployment of Security Personnel, Devices or Systems; Investigative Proceedings Regarding Allegations of Criminal Misconduct

> A motion to close the regular meeting and convene in closed session for purposes including the sale or trade of real property, personal matters, or imminent litigation was made by Council Member Harris and seconded by Council Member Miner. On a roll call vote: Council Member Stoor — Aye; Council Member Harris — Aye; Council Member Trower — *[remote, acknowledged]*; Council Member Miner — Aye. The motion carried, and the Council entered closed session.

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15. Action from Closed Meeting

No action from closed session was recorded in the public portion of the meeting transcript.

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16. Adjourn

The Council adjourned into closed session at the conclusion of the public meeting. No formal adjournment vote of the open session was separately recorded beyond the

transition to closed session.

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