

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on April 6, 2011 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

WORK SESSION: 6:30 p.m.

Clark Crook, Salem City Power Superintendant, presented the following to the Mayor and City Council: Spanish Fork City has changed their electrical meters to go with a different type of meter. They have a lot of their old meters that are still in really good condition and have offered some of them to Salem City and some of the other power entities, along with some of the equipment to go along with the meters. Currently many of our electrical meters are out dated (use number dials) and others are just older, but they all have to be manually read. The meter reader will go up to the meter, input the read into the device, and then go to the next meter. It is time consuming, there is the opportunity for error, and we have some meters we cannot get to because of locked gates, dogs, etc.

The meters that Spanish Fork has offered us are radio read. Meaning, a person can walk or drive by the meter to get a read. The read is transferred from the meter to the hand held device. It is accurate and not time consuming. The read is then taken from the hand held device and transferred to the billing system. This is going to save a lot of time and money for the city. Note, we will still have to have the water meters read in the summer months, but as the meter reader is reading the water, the electric reads will automatically transmit when the meter reader walks by. In the winter months, we could have someone drive around the city and get the reads from their car. Some of these details still need to be worked out with the meter readers.

Some of the equipment that we would get from Spanish Fork is; extra wands for water meter reads and the equipment to transmit to the new hand held devices. We will need them because the water meters are made by a different company than the electric. A couple of things to note, we will not be switching out commercial demand meters. They are a different type and you have to reset the demand each month. Also this will take a little bit of time to get everything switched over.

We would need about 1700 meters. Spanish Fork has 1220, and SESD might be able to sell us about 500. We still need to work with SESD on the possibility of purchasing some from them.

Spanish Fork is quoting us a price of \$23 per meter; they are regularly around \$75 for a new one. Also some of the equipment we are getting at a good price also. We would need to get new software for the hand held readers (transfer the information from the hand held's to our utility billing software). The cost for it is \$2,750, then after a year, a yearly fee of \$1,104 for support (with our current program, we are currently paying a little bit more). The total price for the equipment Spanish Fork is offering is \$28,990, the software \$2,750 and estimated SESD (500 @ \$23) \$11,500. Total estimated cost is \$43,240. Councilperson Lynn Durrant stated that there is money in the power department for this purchase.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Jonathan F. Cope

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan F. Cope
Councilperson Lynn Durrant
Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin
Councilperson Todd R. Gordon
Councilperson Sterling Rees

STAFF PRESENT:

Heather Brindley
Junior Baker, City Attorney
David Johnson, Building Dept.

Excused:

Councilperson Sidney Jorgensen, Jeffrey Nielson, Bruce Ward, and Chief Brad James

OTHERS PRESENT

Rebecca Brindley, Cheryl Mckay Bell, Cealia Bell, Rachel Fitzgerald, Paige Davis, Andrea De Paz, Adam Dinkins, Micahel Deveraux, Troy Kunz, Cameron Marziale, Kaden Kunz, Haden Henrie, Jason Henrie, Shad Christensen, Lucy Cornaby, J. Reed Cornaby, Raquel Beacham, Thomas Whitlock, Cary Hanks

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Cope asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Reed Cornaby stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cope invited those who wish to participate, to stand and say the pledge of allegiance with him. Hayden Henrie then led the pledge of allegiance for those who wanted to participate.

3. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Raquel Beecham and Thomas Whitlock reported on the youth council activities. In March they went to the Parkway Health Center a nursing home in Payson. They shared a musical program and spent time visiting with the residents, it was a lot of fun. They will be helping with the Easter Egg hunt by filling eggs on the 21st and they will also be helping the day of the Easter Egg Hunt. The book delivery has not started yet

due to the fact that nobody has signed up. Members of the Youth Council will be helping at the library during the summer with crafts & reading. Mayor Cope expressed his appreciation for all that the Youth Council does for the Community.

4. APPROVE RESOLUTION AMENDING PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF TERMINATION OF UTILITY SERVICES

A few months ago the council passed a resolution changing the fee charged for past due accounts that had a certified letter sent. The certified letter is no longer sent, but instead a door hanger is left at the residents for an account that is passed due. It was noticed that the resolution was for accounts 60 days past due, and our city codes states if an account is 30 days old. The amendment tonight is to change the date in the resolution from 60 to 30 days past due.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the resolution 40611 amending procedures in the event of termination of utility services.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

5. APPROVE PURCHASE OF RADIO READ ELECTRIC METERS

Clark Crook presented to the council in work session the opportunity to purchase radio read electric meters.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the purchase of radio read electric meters.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2011

MOTION BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon to approve the minutes of March 16, 2011.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to approve bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

8. PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Cope asked if anyone from the public had anything for the council.

Cary Hanks from the Chamber of Commerce reported they would like someone from the council or a business to be on a committee that will educate the community about what UVU has to offer.

The 19th Annual Rotary/Chamber ProAm Golf Tournament will be held April 28 at 9 a.m. at the Spanish Oaks Golf Course. The tournament is sponsored by local businesses, the Spanish Fork Rotary Club and the Spanish Fork Salem Area Chamber of Commerce. The tournament is a scholarship fundraiser

Chamber would like to help with the Easter egg hunt and has eggs available. They will have someone come and help stuff Easter eggs with the Youth Council.

Reed Cornaby wanted to thank Cary and the Chamber for the best farmers market in the State of Utah.

COUNCIL REPORTS

9. MAYOR JONATHAN F. COPE

10. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

11. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

12. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

13. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

14. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON

Saturday- Household Hazardous Waste drop off at the Orem Public Works Facility.

Easter Egg Hunt 23rd at 9:00 a.m., the age limit is 0-10 at the Mt. Loafer Recreation Complex. Put on by the Salem City Fire Department and Youth Council.

15. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

16. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

17. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:22 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder