

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on February 1, 2012 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

WORKSESSION: 6:30 p.m.

Bruce Ward, public works director, showed the council the year scheduling diagram and the weekly work sheets that each department of the public works have been doing to help each department with scheduling projects and also to help work with each other department.

Attorney Baker talked to the council about open meeting act. He went over a handout that he gave to each of the council members and mayor regarding open meeting laws. The council needs to be very cautious when attending city meetings where there will be three or more of the council there and the meeting has not been posted.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford
Councilperson Janie Christensen
Councilperson Sid Jorgensen
Councilperson Sterling Rees

Excused:

Councilperson Craig Warren
Councilperson Aaron Cloward

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
Junior Baker, City Attorney
David Johnson, Building Dept.
Bruce Ward, Public Works/Engineer

Chief Brad James, Police Chief

OTHERS PRESENT

Cary Hanks, Mike Mendenhall, Cary Robarge, LaVera James, Kerry Burnham, Shirley VanLeuven, Venice LeVevre, Karen Taylor, Joelle Vance, Hannah Vance, Raylene Long, Raychel Long, Lauren Barney, Audrey Barney, Jessica Cramer, Ryan Butler, Jaide Butler, Jacob F., David Mathews, Michael Mathews, Joshua Kitchen, Mitch Seipel, Chris Taylor, Dallin Hancock, Bret MacCabe, Andrea Hutton, Justin Browning, Logan Bennett, Maryn Turley, McKay Bennett, Chelsea Connelly, Alex Minson, Molly Cannon, Chandler George, Thomas Whitlock, Yolanda Moser, Eldon Moser

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Councilperson Sid Jorgensen stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jacob Frazier invited those who wish to participate, to stand and say the pledge of allegiance with him. He then led the pledge of allegiance for those who wanted to participate.

Mayor Brailsford wanted to excuse Councilmember's Cloward and Warren, they are out of town, and Police Chief Brad James is teaching a class to the fire department.

3. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Chandler George and Tom Whitlock reported that the youth council decorated cookies and gave them to the police department as a thank you; they are also getting ready for the Senior Citizen Sweet Heart Dinner.

4. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE STATE COURT CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any questions regarding the Amendment to the State Court Contract Agreement. Salem City is a branch of the 4th district court, because of that; the state will reimburse the city for expenses accrued with the court. The amendment is for the additional costs of the online payment option for traffic violations.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the amendment to the State Court contract.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

5. POND TOWN DEVELOPMENT UTILITY AGREEMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any questions with the Pond Town Development Utility Agreement. There were no questions.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen to approve the utility agreement with Pond Town Development.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2012

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sidney Jorgensen to approve the minutes of January 18, 2012 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Brailsford stated that the amount of bills being approved tonight is \$442,830.46.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sidney Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

8. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone had anything for open discussion. Cary Hanks from the chamber talked about the silent auction on February 15 at the high school to help raise money for scholarships for seniors. Mayor thanked Cary and the chamber for their work with the businesses.

COUNCIL REPORTS

9. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford reported the city crew's have been busy around the city cleaning up, mostly along the highway and trimming trees around the pond. We will be testing the lights at Veteran Park, to make sure the park will be ready to be used in the spring.

He stated that there is a concern on 400 North and Main Street intersection and then going east on 400 North to SR 198. There is a lot of traffic on 400 North, especially with the High School, and then when the Junior High that will be finished this fall, it is a big concern for safety. 400 North is narrow and there is no sidewalk. Mayor met with Steve Carter from Nebo School District to talk about the concern. He asked Steve to see if Nebo could help out with the situation. Steve was going to see what Nebo could do and would let the mayor know.

Mayor reported on the first economic development meeting, there were 14 people that attended. He stated that Michelle Caldwell spoke to the group about economic growth for the city. The group liked the "Making Life Better" theme. They would like to add to the theme of "Shop Salem". The group will be meeting once a month. He is also

working with the governor's economic development and would like to have them come and talk to the group and the chamber about low interest loans for businesses.

Mayor also stated that he is meeting with representatives from the county to talk about the Elk Ridge Drive extension road. He would like to see a way to bring traffic to our main road for the businesses. He also met with Dave Anderson from Spanish Fork City and talked about ideas for the I-15 corridor. Would like to work with Spanish Fork and have both sides of the road to look the same and be able to have something unique in the area. We might be a few years away, but would like to get something in place before any development starts.

10. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Rees reported that the UMPA will be having their annual meeting in St. George on March 22 to 24. The council is invited to the meeting. Also if the council has any ideas for Eagle Scout projects to let him know.

He also reported that the Mayor Advisory Board met last night, the mayor talked to the group and what he would like them to do, he expressed communication. The group will be meeting on a quarterly basis. They are excited to work and give the mayor advice and help out.

11. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Christensen wanted to welcome the new library board members. We have five new members on the board. The board met on the 19th where they had a representative from the State Library come and train the group.

Bruce Ward reported that the one of the grinders at the sewer plant head works has failed. It is a specialty item only made by one company. To purchase a rebuilt one, it would cost around \$11,000 and a new one is around \$17,000, both would have a one year warranty. Mayor Brailsford stated that both grinders were installed at the same time; it is likely the other one will fail soon too. This will be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Councilperson Christensen turned the time over to Miss Salem, Rachel Fitzgerald. Rachel reported to the council what she has done over the past year. She asked the council if they have any ideas for service, to let her know. She would like to thank the city for all of the support. Councilperson Christensen thanked Rachel for all of her work as Miss Salem; she has done a lot for the city.

Mayor Brailsford asked Kerry Loveless, the city librarian, about the opportunity for computer classes at the library. He would like to see something where the seniors of the city can go and learn a little bit about computers and the internet.

12. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

13. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

Councilperson Jorgensen reported on SUVMWA meeting and how they will vote in new board members during their next meeting. Also the Youth Council met and the new youth council mayor was sworn in. He stated that he is very impressed with the youth in the council.

Councilperson Jorgensen also talked about the Smart Yard program that is available to the residents of the city. It is a great system to help with your watering needs and help conserve water.

14. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

15. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES

16. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

17. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Bruce Ward reported that the SUVMWA meeting on the 16th of February will be an informational meeting. He stated that the council is invited to attend. He also reported that he has a Smart Yard system and how he has used 42% less water on his home from the prior years, which was owned by someone else at the time.

18. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Mayor Brailsford wanted to inform the council on the 21st of February, the city will be doing the flag of honor at the city office. We will be flying a flag for each of the residents of Salem who have been called to active duty. On the 21st we will have two flags placed and have their families present.

Councilperson Christensen reported that the Miss Salem applications are being accepted. The pageant will be on May 26th. Raylene Long reported that she will be holding a Miss Salem informational meeting on February 4th.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sidney Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:50 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder