

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on January 2, 2008 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

**MEETING CONVENED AT:** 7:00 p.m.

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor J. Lane Henderson

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor J. Lane Henderson  
Councilperson Lynn Durrant  
Councilperson Brent V. Hanks  
Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin  
Councilperson Stanley W. Green

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder  
Bruce Ward, City Engineer  
David Johnson, Public Works  
Junior Baker, City Attorney

Excused:

Councilperson Jeff D. Higginson

Chief Brad James, Police Chief

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lana Creer Harris  
Mark Zaritsky  
Dustin Johnson  
Maryah Love  
Joseph Richardsen  
Mark Emmich

Alyson Jenkins  
Jordan Hall  
Mallory Denning  
Amber Merrill  
Chris Emmich  
Mallory Byrnes

Wes Jenkins  
Jesse Talbot  
Jayden Griffiths  
Sam Egbert  
Reed Cornaby

**1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

Mayor Henderson asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Councilperson Stanley Green stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

**2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Henderson invited those who would 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.

### **3. ALYSON JENKINS – UTILITY BILL LATE FEES**

Alyson Jenkins explained that she has a renter who used to live in Salem, they moved away, and then recently came back. They did not know that the late fee date had changed from the 25 to the 20 of the month. They paid their utility bill on the 21, thinking that the bill was not late. It was stated to Alyson that an anonymous person paid the late fee for them. Alyson thanked who ever paid the late fee, but would like to have it given back because the late fee had already been paid.

Councilperson Durrant explained that it states on the utility bill the dates that it is due.

Mark Zaritsky (the renter) stated that the intention should be considered, and if it is an honest mistake, he feels that the council should consider it.

Mayor Henderson stated that he understands it is an honest mistake, but the problem is we can not start precedence on it.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Brent Hanks to deny the late fee request.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

### **4. MEL LAFONTAINE – ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY AT 8660 S. WOODLAND HILLS DR.**

Mayor Henderson asked if Mel Lafontaine was present; he was not. Dave Johnson showed on the map where his property that he wants to annex is located. It was explained that he originally wanted to be annexed with the Gleed Annexation but, because of some circumstances, could not. The property does boarder the Gleed Annexation that was recently approved. The property does fall in the general plan. Mel is only asking for further study of the annexation, so he can start the annexation process.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Stanley Green to approve for further study the Mel Lafontaine annexation.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

**VOTE:** Councilperson Brent Hanks; Nay, Councilperson Lynn Durrant; Aye, Councilperson Stanley Green; Aye, Councilperson Terry Ficklin; Aye. (Vote, 3 Ayes, 1 Nay).

### **5. PEHP AGREEMENT**

Jeffrey Nielson explained that PEHP (Public Employee Health Plan) and ULGT (Utah Local Government Trust) had a contract together, where ULGT would administrate the PEHP health insurance to the cities. This last year the contract was not renewed, so ULGT would not be administrating PEHP health insurance. ULGT wanted the ability to

administrate other health insurance to the cities, and not just PEHP, which the contract stated they had to. Because Salem City uses PEHP for the health insurance for the employees, a new agreement needed to be created, and eliminate ULGT from the agreement.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the PEHP Agreement.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Brent Hanks.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

## **6. ORDINANCE ON UTILITY ACCESSIBILITY**

Attorney Baker stated that we are having some situations where our meter readers can not get access to the meters to read. Residents are putting up fences, landscaping, and having dogs that prohibit the meter from being accessible. This ordinance gives us the ability that if we can not get to the meter, we can terminate services, and or remedy the problem.

Councilperson Ficklin was wondering if, during the building permit process, we tell people that the meter has to be accessible. It was stated that we do, but people put up the obstacles after they are moved in.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Stanley Green to approve Ordinance 10208 on Utility Accessibility.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Terry Ficklin.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

## **7. APPROVE AUDIT FOR 2006/2007 FISCAL YEAR**

Mayor Henderson explained that we had Ed Stewart, our auditor, go over the audit report for fiscal year 2006/2007. Jeffrey Nielson stated that, from the audit report, the city is doing well financially, and that the audit report is available for public review.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Brent Hanks to approve the audit report for 2006/2007 fiscal year as it is written.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Terry Ficklin.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

## **8. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2007**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the minutes as written.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Brent Hanks.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

## **9. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Brent Hanks to approve the bills for payment.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

## **10. PUBLIC SAFETY**

## **11. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mayor asked if there were any questions from the public.

Lana Creer-Harris asked why the council agenda did not state that the audit report would be reviewed during work session. Jeffrey Nielson stated that it was an honest mistake, and that it should have been put on.

Reed Cornaby was wondering about putting a reflector tape on top of the garbage cans. With the time of year, when it is dark in the mornings, and with the snow, people are putting cans further out in the road and it is hard to see them sometimes. The council felt it was a good idea, and would look into it.

Reed also thanked the current council for the great work that they have done.

The question was asked why we don't have the light parade and the lighting of Pond Town Christmas the same night. It was stated that Spanish Fork also has their light parade the same night, and feel that it would not work having both parade the same night.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **12. MAYOR J. LANE HENDERSON**

Mayor Henderson stated that Deanne Ainge, city treasurer, had given her two week notice. Jane Topham, who currently works in the city office, would be taking Deanne's place. We have opened Jane's position up for hiring and will be going through the hiring process.

He would like to meet with each of the council regarding their assignments currently and the possibility of some changes.

The Spanish Fork Chamber will be meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January for the annual dinner. It will be held at the Community Center, and the Christmas Lights on the pond will be turned back on.

He thanked Councilman Hanks for the great job on the light parade. Felt that it was a good turnout.

There was a discussion about an ice skating rink. Dave Johnson mentioned that he has found a way to make a small rink, by just putting plastic down, putting an edge on it, and then having it freeze with the weather. The cost is about \$2,000 for all of the material. The council felt that they would like to see it work out, and asked Dave to proceed. Dave is looking at putting it up at the Loafer View Recreation Complex, on the soccer field.

### **13. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT**

Councilperson Durrant explained that the UMPA (Utah Municipal Power Association) will be having their annual meeting in St. George. Each of the council should have received an invitation. Mayor Henderson stated that this conference is very beneficial, and you learn a lot about how the power works.

Councilperson Durrant also explained that she would be going back to Washington DC again, to represent UMPA.

It was mentioned that the plans for the city office and library additions will be ready on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January for contractors. Any bids that will be submitted will be opened the last week of January.

### **14. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN**

### **15. COUNCILPERSON STANLEY W. GREEN**

### **16. COUNCILPERSON BRENT V. HANKS**

Councilperson Brent Hanks thanked the power department and the parks crew for the great job they did with Pond Town Christmas lights, and making sure they were on each night.

### **17. COUNCILPERSON JEFF D. HIGGINSON**

**18. DAVE JOHNSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Dave Johnson reported that he had talked with Bartell Mortensen, of Salem Canal/Irrigation Company, about piping the canal. There is a section to the west part of town which is still uncovered and needs to be done. In the past the city has paid for the piping, and the canal company has installed it. Mayor Henderson stated he feels we have money in the budget to do it, and would like to participate again with the Canal Company. It was stated that a portion of that section will be piped by the new subdivision going in.

**19. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER**

**20. 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:** 7:30 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder