

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on January 5, 2011 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

6:30 p.m. WORK SESSION: Brent Warren, owner of Salem Hills Pharmacy, came to talk to the council as a resident and as a business owner, about the closing of Crisp's Grocery Store. Brent is wondering if the city can do anything to help bring another grocery store into the building. Crisp's have told Brent that they still own the building and that they have had a couple of interested parties come and talk to them. Brent is waiting to see if someone else will purchase the building soon, if not then he will have to move out. He still wants to have his pharmacy in Salem.

Mayor Cope reported that he has met with Crisp's to try and find out who they are working with and to see if the city can help out in anyway. Crisp's would not mention any names of the businesses they are working with. He does have a meeting set up for Friday to meet with Associated Foods.

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 Sid Jorgensen
Councilperson Sterling Rees

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Clyde Bradford, Eva Bradford, Karen Taylor, Brandon Taylor, Dallas Anderson, Nathan McNanghton, Katie Ryan, Aaron Eliason, Zac Ence, Trevor Adams, Tiffani Currie, Madi Higginson, Christina Larsen, Janice Williams, Kylie Williams, Whitney Robison, Lauren Barlow, Bethany Green, Tracen Fitzpatrick, Jennie Houtz, Aubrie Grass, Kaylyn Sly, Mikalyn Orton, Brian Miller, Sydnie Eppley, Celsie Long, Rod Christensen, Chenee Bohling, Tannon Bradley, Austin Ith, Rhett Anderson, Eliza Berrett, Spencer Berrett, Skyler Hughes, Bayden T. Brown, Sione Mahe Wolfgramm, Coco Hansen.

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Cope asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Councilperson Terry Ficklin 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. He then led the pledge of allegiance for those who wanted to participate.

3. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Chelsea Connelly introduced herself as the new Mayor for the Youth Council.

Raquel Beachman reported what the Youth Council did during the month of December. They did the 12 days of Christmas for a family in Salem. They also did Sub for Santa. They were able to help three different families with the money that was donated, which amounted to approximately \$1,300. On Christmas Eve they helped with the set up and lighting of the luminaries at the cemetery. The next upcoming event is the Senior Sweet Heart dinner in February.

4. CLYDE BRADFORD – CARRIAGE RIDES

Clyde Bradford expressed his appreciation for what the city did to help promote the carriage rides this year. The roads department and parks department kept the roads and parking lot clear of snow. There was an article in the Daily Herald about the carriage rides which really helped out this year. Clyde reported that many of the people who called for reservations this year didn't even know where Salem City was, and they were very impressed by the lights on the pond. Everything went well this year, with the exception of the sound system which had some problems. Clyde then presented the council with a check for the city's portion of this year's proceeds. This is in accordance with his agreement with the city. Clyde also stated that there were three wedding proposals this year during the rides.

5. APPOINT NEW PLANNING & ZONING MEMBER

Mayor Cope presented Rod Christensen to be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Rod will be replacing Neldon Jensen.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the mayor's appointment of Rod Christensen to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

6. APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2010 MAG PRE-DISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL DISASTER MITIGATION AND COST REDUCTION ACT OF 2000

Attorney Baker presented the resolution regarding the Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. MAG (Mountain Land Association of Government) has prepared the document for the member cities. The Federal Government requires that each city has a plan in place in order to qualify for federal funding during a disaster. This plan has been updated from the plan that the city adopted in 2004. We are required to update the plan every five years.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to Approve Resolution 10511A Adopting the 2010 MAG Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan as Required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act of 2000.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

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

Attorney Baker presented the resolution. Until just recently, the city would send out a certified letter to inform citizens of their past due utility account and notify them of the City's intent to terminate their service if the account was not brought current by a specified date. The city would add a \$10 fee to their utility account to cover this cost. That process has changed and the city now leaves the notice at the customer's place of service. If such a notice is placed, then a \$10 fee will be added to the customer's account to cover the delivery cost of that notice.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve Resolution 10511B Amending Procedures in the Event of Termination of Utility Services.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

8. APPROVE ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY INTERCONNECTION

9. APPROVE NET METERING LICENSE AGREEMENT TEMPLATE

Mayor Cope reported that items 8 and 9 still need a little more work, and will be put back on the agenda when those documents are ready.

Mayor Cope turned the time over to Celsie Long, the current Miss Salem. She informed the council of the upcoming concerts she has scheduled for January 27 and February 17 at the Civic Center. Both of these events will start at 6:30 p.m. She reported that she has begun compiling a list of music teachers in Salem, which she will print and have available at the city office. She also reported that she is preparing for the Miss Utah Pageant, which is in June.

Mayor Cope asked if anyone from the public had anything for the council. No one had any comments or questions.

10. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2010

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the minutes of December 8, 2010 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

11. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

12. PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Chief James reported that the public safety has been busy. The second council meeting in February will be reporting the public safety yearend report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

13. MAYOR JONATHAN F. COPE

Mayor Cope reported that Councilperson Ficklin was recently hired as the manager of the South Utah Valley Solid Waste District. Currently Councilperson Ficklin's council assignment is to be on the solid waste board and with his new position at the district his Council assignments will need to change.

Mayor Cope then read the new assignments to the council:

Mayor Cope: Public Safety, Finances/Budget, New City Improvements, Development Review Committee (DRC), Chair Mayor & Council Advisory Board, Chair Public Safety Committee, Chair Economic Development Board, City Employees, City Website, Salem Days, and Salem Wetlands coordinator.

Sterling Rees: Sewer, Motor Pool, Water / Pressurized Irrigation, SUVMWA, and Chair Pond Town Christmas.

Lynn Durrant: Electrical, UMPA Representative, Library Board, Mayor Pro-Tem, Co-Chair Mayor Council Advisory Board, Emergency Preparedness Committee, Co-Chair Utility Board, and Miss Salem Pageant.

Sid Jorgensen: Roads / Sidewalks, Recreation, Co-Chair Economic Development Board, SUVMWA Alternate, Parks, and City Shops.

Todd Gordon: Solid Waste, Solid Waste Board, City Office, Cemetery / Luminaries Program, Easter Egg Hunt, Youth Council, City Float.

Terry Ficklin: Community Center, Chamber of Commerce Representative, Dispatch Representative, Chair Utility Board, and Sound Technician.

Mayor Cope encouraged the council members to meet with the staff and crew that they oversee.

14. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

15. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

16. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Rees thanked the city crew and everyone else who was involved with Pond Town Christmas. It looked great this year.

17. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

Councilperson Jorgensen thanked the city crew for the snow removal on the roads. There have been some large storms with a lot of snow.

18. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON

Councilperson Gordon thanked the Youth Council and Elementary Schools for helping with luminaries at the cemetery on Christmas Eve.

19. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

20. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

21. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Attorney Baker stated that next council meeting, there is a work session meeting scheduled at 5:00 p.m. with the Council and Planning and Zoning to discuss zoning codes. With the general plan completed, we now need to work on the zoning ordinances that will go along with the new plan. He would like to have the council give direction to the Planning and Zoning Commission on what direction they would like the city to go. The city now has a full commission and most of the members are new. They are all excited to go to work. He would like the council to take a serious look at the general plan, and to look at codes that will address the commercial, high density, residential, mixed use, etc. You are determining the future of Salem.

The Council will need to give Planning and Zoning that direction. After Planning and Zoning have studied the plan and worked on the zones, they will give the Council their recommendations. It will then be up to the Council to act upon those recommendations, and either accept them or change them. Attorney Baker feels that it will be about a year in process.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:40 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder