

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on January 7, 2009 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

**Work Session:** All council and mayor present: Closed work session discussion pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Council had a discussion on the sign ordinance. It was stated that it was discussed in DRC today, and will be going before Planning and Zoning. The question with the ordinance is allowing commercial business to have a sign that is on a pole.

Council also discussed strip malls and how it would be possible to allow a tenant to own the building that they are using instead of renting it. It was stated that it is possible, that it would need to be approved as a commercial subdivision or condo in order for them to own the building rather than renting it.

**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  
Councilperson Todd R. Gordon

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lana Crer-Harris  
Keird Cook  
Ashley Christensen  
Zack Beck  
Janelle Davis  
Regan Ripple  
Tyson Robertson  
Matt Lundell  
Veda Kaiser  
Clyde Bradford  
Ryan Hyatt  
Alexis Marble  
Heather Rowley

Skyler Hankcock  
Sarah Clark  
Jess Mathews  
Clarysa Julian  
Jeff Compton  
Mckenna Oss  
Lyndsey Robertson  
Cydnie Dinkins  
Katelyn Unsworth  
Eva Bradford  
Brenda Findlay  
Sheii Preece  
Sarah Alanis

Ashley Tingler  
Jeff Christensen  
Schyler Ellsworth  
Kylie Stiles  
Phillip Lundell  
James Jairl  
Danielle Jones  
Jessica Hoffman  
Jessica Allman  
Reed Cornaby  
Delite Orton  
Kaila Poulson

## **1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

Mayor Henderson asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Reid Cornaby 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. Clyde Bradford – Carriage Ride**

Clyde Bradford stated that this is his fifth year doing the carriage rides. About 80% of the people that rode the carriage were repeats from prior years. He also has a lot of people who are from out of state who are here visiting friends and family. This year was a little slower than prior years. He presented the city a check for the cities portion of his earnings to help pay for the electrical cost of Pond Town Christmas. He stated that his contract is good for another year.

Councilperson Hanks mentioned that Chief James placed the traffic trailer for a week at the pond to track how many people went to visit Pond Town Christmas. The average per night was 270 cars and the average speed was 17 MPH.

## **4. Resolution Authorizing a Grant of Funds to the Salem City Redevelopment Agency**

Mayor Henderson explained that this resolution is authorizing Salem City to grant money to the RDA, so that it then helps with the improvements for the grocery store.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve Resolution 10709 Authorizing a grant of funds to the Salem City RDA.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Brent Hanks.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0)

## **5. Adjourn to RDA Meeting**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Brent Hanks to adjourn to RDA meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Terry Ficklin.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0)

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**6. Settlement Agreement & Mutual Release with Neways**

Mayor Henderson stated that this agreement has been in the works for a while. He stated that Councilperson Green, Bruce Ward, Attorney Baker and he have been working with Neways on this agreement.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Brent Hanks to approve the settlement agreement and mutual release with Neways.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Stanley Green.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0)

**7. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2008**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the minutes of December 10, 2008 as written.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Stanley Green.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0)

**8. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Stanley Green to approve the bills for payment.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Terry Ficklin.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0)

**9. PUBLIC SAFETY**

**10. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mayor Henderson asked if there were any questions from the public.

CJ asked about snow plowing for the city. Councilperson Brent Hanks explained the process, and how the city has a policy that is on the web page. He stated that we have six trucks that do the snow plowing, two large trucks and then four smaller ones. Mayor Henderson stated that it takes a lot of the budget to keep the snow plows running.

Another question was asked about Pond Town Christmas. Councilperson Hanks explained how it came about and how a lot of people donated money to get it started.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **11. MAYOR J. LANE HENDERSON**

### **12. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT**

Councilperson Durrant explained that the recreation department is doing very well. Matt Marzille has a lot of new programs going for the youth in the city.

### **13. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN**

### **14. COUNCILPERSON STANLEY W. GREEN**

Councilperson Green stated that there were some water line breaks on the east side of town that kept the guys working late on Christmas Eve. They were able to repair them.

### **15. COUNCILPERSON BRENT V. HANKS**

Councilperson Hanks thanked everyone that participated in the light parade, and the fireworks. Felt that they both went very well. He also thanked the snow plow crews for their work; they have worked a lot of hours.

### **16. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON**

Councilperson Gordon thanked everyone that participated in the candle light vigil on Christmas Eve at the cemetery, it went very well, and the Youth Council did a great job helping out with it.

The new dispatch center will be getting their director soon.

Mayor Henderson introduced Morris Crisp, who is the owner of the new grocery store that is being built in town. Everyone is excited for the opening.

**17. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS**

Dave Johnson stated that we received our ISO report and for the building department portion, we went from a four to a three, which is very good. The better rating we have as a city, it helps with the home owner insurance for the residents. This number is very good for a city our size.

**18. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

**19. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.**

**ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Stanley Green to adjourn city council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Brent hanks.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0)

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 7:35 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder