

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

Work Session: 5:00 p.m.

Jeff Nielson went over some items that have been requested to be placed back in the budget and also items that have been changed with the insurance broker change and other items in the budget.

Changes in budget were: change of the Life, LTD, AD&D insurance which decreased the overall budget by \$1,407 (General Fund decreased \$665.86). Other items that could change the budget because of insurance options are: Health Savings Account, optional to employees. The city pays into the health savings plan \$200 per month. The overall savings is \$1,000 per employee who signs up. The savings is because the premium is lower for a Health Savings Account, but the deductible is higher. Another item is waving health insurance (Optional and employee has to provide proof of insurance), if an employee would like to use their spouses insurance instead, the city would pay the employee ½ of their premium. This would be about a \$7,000 savings for each employee that opted to wave.

These other items were recommendations to the budget and will be placed in the budget for approval on August 17, 2011 when we adopt the budget if the council is okay with the changes. Holding off upgrading Caselle (computer software program) until January 2012 resulting in a \$1,000 decrease in the budget. Removing the Miss Salem Roll Over Fund, a decrease of \$1,000. Changing cemetery rates (will be discussed next council meeting in the approval of the fee schedule, could increase revenue by \$3,000 - \$4,000. In the water fund adding an additional \$2,500 in fire hydrant repair and an additional \$2,000 in water service repair. In the sewer fund adding \$5,000 for sewer maintenance/repair for rental of equipment to do the repairs. In the recreation fund adding \$9,000 for a maintenance building at Mt. Loafer View Recreational Complex. In the electrical fund adding \$9,500 for equipment purchased to add three trailers needed in the power department for transporting material and tools.

Councilpersons Rees, Durrant, and Jorgensen expressed that they are okay with the budget as it is written with the recommendations presented.

Other items that were discussed and will be presented to the council again for discussion were the following. Cost of living adjustment for the city employees. A clothing allowance of \$425 per employee issued to the sewer, water, and parks/recreation departments. The gas and vehicle allowance for some of the department heads and supervisors. Mayor Cope felt that these items should be reviewed.

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

Excused:

Councilperson Terry Ficklin

OTHERS PRESENT

Brylee Jo Bibbs, Bethany Jan Moos, Cary Hanks, Yolanda Moser, Doug Yates, Robert Nelson, McKenna Nelson, Chelsea Connelly, Molly Cannon, Reed Cornaby

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. He then led the pledge of allegiance for those who wanted to participate.

Santaquin City royalty came and invited Salem City Mayor and Council to Santaquin Orchard Days from July 30 – August 6. They then went over the different events for the week.

3. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Salem Youth Council reported that they are helping at the library this summer by doing a craft day. They will also be doing a deep clean of the civic center for their retreat, and then they are excited to help out with Salem Days.

4. DOUG YATES – Approve Salem Heights Bond Extension for Sewer line on 400 North

Bruce Ward updated the council from the June 15 council meeting when the bond extension was tabled. He stated that the bank agreed to extend the bond for another two years. The bond is for the sewer line improvements on 400 North from Main Street to about 200 East.

Doug Yates asked the council for an extension on the improvements. With the economy as slow as it is he would like to have another 2 year extension. The bond is in place so the project will happen. Mayor Cope stated that this is the third extension that Doug has received. He feels that this will be the last extension. Doug stated that he has made a commitment to the city that this will be the last extension.

Bruce Ward explained that the improvements are also tied to phase two of the town homes that JNB are building. So there could be a connector's agreement on the improvements also.

Mayor Cope stated that the extension will not exceed two years, and this will be the final extension.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the Doug Yates Salem Heights Bond Extension for the Sewer Line on 400 North with the understanding that this will be the last extension and will not exceed two years.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

5. ROBERT NELSON - Approve Top Soil Screening Agreement

Matt Marziale explained that the cemetery soccer park is coming along very well. We are in need of top soil for the park. Robert Nelson would like to continue to screen the top soil in the area. A new agreement has been created, which would allow the city to receive 1 load of top soil for every 2 that Robert screens. Matt feels that this would be enough top soil for the north end of the field. Attorney Baker stated that Robert has agreed to the agreement. The agreement allows him to get 210 loads of top soil.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the Robert Nelson top soil screening agreement.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

6. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ALLOWING SEWAGE AND WASTEWATER FROM PORTIONS OF SPANISH FORK TO FLOW TO THE SALEM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Attorney Baker reported that this agreement was approved by Salem and Spanish Fork back in June of 2008. For some reason the signed copy cannot be located by either city. Attorney Baker stated this agreement will allow an area of Spanish Fork City to hook onto our sewer line by Salem Park subdivision. At the time that the subdivision was being built, they were required to put a lift station in for the sewer line. There would be enough capacity to allow 400 units connections from Spanish Fork.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon to approve the interlocal agreement allowing sewage and wastewater from portions of Spanish Fork to flow to the Salem wastewater treatment plant.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

Reed Cornaby asked if Spanish Fork is going to help maintain the lift station. Attorney Baker stated that Salem City would charge a monthly fee for each home connected, along with the impact fee, which will be paid by Spanish Fork.

7. APPROVE FIRST WEST BENEFIT SOLUTIONS CONSULTING SERVICE AGREEMENT

Attorney Baker stated that the council meeting on June 15 the council approved to use First West Benefits Solution as the city's insurance broker. Like the other brokers, First West gets their fee from the commissions of the insurance company. The two agreements tonight are for their service and the other agreement is for HIPPA laws.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the First West Benefit Solutions consulting service agreement.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

8. APPROVE 2011/2012 COURT CONTRACT

Attorney Baker reported that Salem City is part of the 4th District Court. Because we are part of the state court system, they help pay for a portion of our expenses. The amount is \$3,566.10. With our court we can take care of minor traffic violations. It has been beneficial to Salem City to be a part of the court.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the 2011/2012 court contract.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

9. APPROVE RESOLUTION CONCERNING PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLANS FOR THE UTAH STATE SENATE

Attorney Baker reported that after each census, there is a redistricting that takes place for the state legislative for state house and senate. There have been a couple of public hearings on the redistricting. The state has proposed that the south end of Utah County be split into three different districts, and Spanish Fork would have those three districts all part of Spanish Fork. The population in Southern Utah County is enough that we could have one district for this end of the valley. This resolution is stating that Salem City is not supporting the redistricting, and would like to see one district in the South end of the valley.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the resolution concerning proposed redistricting plans for the Utah State Senate.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

10. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH UTAH COUNTY – COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES GRANT

Bruce Ward explained that Matt Marziale had put in for a community grant that Utah County has available. This money will be used to help build or improve some of our recreational parks. The amount of the grant is \$3,908.33.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the agreement with Utah County – Community Activities Grant.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

Yolanda Moser and Cary Hanks from the chamber came to council to introduce Yolanda as the representative for Salem. Yolanda is looking at doing a coalition of Salem City business. She is sending them letters to help bring them together and bring other business into Salem. Yolanda also asked about a non-profit organization, like the chamber, having a booth at Salem Days and not charging them. The council felt that would be okay.

Yolanda also talked about on August 27th in Spanish Fork; UVU wants to do a UVU day. Would like to see something like this in Salem also.

Cary Hanks thanked the mayor and council for their support. Feels that Yolanda is doing a great job in trying to help the business in Salem.

11. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2011

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the minutes of June 1, 2011 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

12. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

13. PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief James reported that the summer is here and public safety is feeling the effects of it. He recommended to the council that if they see the members of the fire and ambulance to thank them. He also talked about the new laws with the fireworks and when people can set them off.

Reed Cornaby asked Chief James how he felt about the Salem Days fireworks. Chief James stated that as the Director of Public Safety, he feels it would be safer to have them moved to the high school. We will need to get more officers to help, especially getting people across the highway, and there will be extra costs having them moved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

14. MAYOR JONATHAN F. COPE

15. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

16. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

Mayor Cope would like to excuse Councilperson Ficklin, his father passed away on Monday.

17. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

18. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

19. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON

20. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

Dave Johnson asked the Mayor and Junior if they are available to meet with Dave Wood regarding the Wood's pit. Dave Wood would like to discuss the prior agreement the city had with Dave that did not get it approved.

21. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Bruce Ward handed out the energy efficiency audit report that city facilities went through. The report talks about ways we can help save energy with our facilities. He encouraged the council to look through the report.

22. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Attorney Baker reported that next Wednesday, July 13 will be a combined meeting with the council and planning & zoning, set at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be a tour to help as we are working on the zoning ordinances for the new general plan.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:00 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder