

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on March 4, 2009 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 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

Excused:

Councilperson Stanley W. Green

OTHERS PRESENT

Bryce MacCabe
Bjarn Bearnson
Greg Balzly
Sammi Magoffin
Max Siutamia
Kaylee Larsen
Mat Poulsen
Dustin Belliston
Russell Gines
Breann Marbery
Kempton Davis
Jordan Cerrone

Steven Bearnson
Mick Balzly
Parker Lytle
McKenna Oss
Ryan Belliston
Taylor Lamb
Whitney Swenson
Riley Hanks
Ashley Christensen
Darin Warren
Marta Christensen
Glade Fair

Michelle Bearnson
Nancy Balzly
Julie Haskell
Alex Durrant
Bryce Olsen
Kylee Hill
Mickenna Belliston
Eldora Gines
Wyatt King
Stephanie Griffiths
Andrew Clark

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Henderson 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 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. KEVIN KING – APPROVAL EXTENSION FOR SUBDIVISION

Mayor Henderson stated that according to the city code, Kevin's subdivision approval has gone past the allotted time to ask for an extension. So, by the code his approval has expired, and when he is ready to develop again, he will need to start the process over. Kevin was notified earlier of this, and was not present at city council meeting.

4. BEARNSON/CHRISTENSEN ANNEXATION

Attorney Junior Baker stated that this is the first step in the annexation process. The Bearnsons have initiated the annexation. The property that they are proposing does fit within our annexation declaration. Benjamin City is also in the process of trying to incorporate this area into their boundary. They have not officially filed anything as of yet. The land owners would like to belong to Salem City, rather than Benjamin. There are a few land owners who do not want to be part of the annexation but, because the Utah State law does not allow islands, they would need to be included into the annexation. There is also a small piece of property that is not included in our declaration, and the land owners would like to be a part of Salem. This would require us to change our declaration before that piece of property could be annexed in. The small piece of property is not included in the annexation proposal tonight. Attorney Baker stated that we are not annexing tonight, but we are going to approve it for further study or deny the request. The staff recommends that we proceed with the annexation.

Steve Bearnson mentioned all of the property owners, except three, want to be part of the annexation. It was stated that about 80% of the property owners are in favor.

June Christensen stated that they are excited to be a part of Salem. She feels that it could be developed somewhere down the road and they are looking forward to working with Salem.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks to approve the Bearson/Christensen annexation request for further study.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

5. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2009

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the minutes of February 18, 2009 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

6. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

7. PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief James reported that UDOT did a study and reduced the speed limit between Salem and Spanish Fork; it has changed from 55 mph to 50 mph.

8. OPEN DISCUSSION

Stephanie Griffiths asked if the city is getting anymore stop lights. Mayor stated that it is up to UDOT and not the city. We are hoping that someday there will be a stop light at SR 198 and Elk Ridge Drive.

Ryan Belliston was wondering if the speed limit is going to drop more by the grocery store. Chief James stated that when the grocery store opens we will ask UDOT to do another study, and hoping that the speed limit will change to 40 mph and have the limit go further north.

COUNCIL REPORTS

9. MAYOR J. LANE HENDERSON

Mayor Henderson asked Bruce Ward to talk about the stimulus money from the government. Bruce stated that back in May of 2008 he was able to put Salem City on the stimulus project list. He explained that the biggest portion of the request would be for the regional sewer plant for SUVMWA, and there some other small projects within Salem City. Mayor Henderson stated that we are not sure if Salem qualifies for any of the funding, but as we find out more information we will let you know.

He also reported that Salem Days are in the planning.

10. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

Councilperson Durrant reported that UMPA annual meeting in St. George is this weekend.

11. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

A question was asked to Councilperson Ficklin about the recycling bins, and if the plastics need to be sorted. Councilperson Ficklin stated that the plastics do not need to be sorted.

12. COUNCILPERSON STANLEY W. GREEN

13. COUNCILPERSON BRENT V. HANKS

14. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON

Councilperson Gordon reported that the Easter egg hunt will be on the 11th this year, and the youth council is planning to help the fire department out with it. He also reported that the fire department was able to purchase a fire truck from Spanish Fork for \$500, and in order to get it repaired, we will need about \$15,000. Mayor Henderson stated that with the budget, it would help out if the fire department could do some fund raisers to get some of the money to help get it repaired.

15. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

16. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

17. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:30 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder