

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on November 2, 2011 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work Session 6:30 p.m. Attorney Jason Sant stated that the R-4 Zone was removed from the zoning ordinances and it needs to be placed back into the zoning. The R-4 deals with senior living developments. Jason stated that Planning and Zoning is currently working on the Master Plan Development Zone, and the R-4 could be added into section of the zoning. There was discussion on the zone and how it could be placed back into the zoning. It was determined to have it placed in the Master Plan Development section.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Jonathan F. Cope

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan F. Cope
Councilperson Lynn Durrant
Councilperson Sterling Rees
Councilperson Todd R. Gordon
Councilperson Sid Jorgensen

Excused:

Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
Jason Sant – Assistant City Attorney
David Johnson, Building Dept.

Junior Baker, City Attorney
Bruce Ward, Public Works/Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT

Yolanda Moser, Cary Hanks, Mike Mendenhall, Janie Christensen, Craig Warren, Aaron Cloward, Brent Black, Kenny Parcell, Mike Rawson, Robert Taylor, Karen Taylor, Randy Brailsfod, Chelsea Connelly, Thomas Whitlock, Spencer Jack, Matt Marziale

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Cope asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Councilperson Lynn Durrant stated she 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. TERRI HOWARD - UVU Community Alumni Program

Terri Howard was not present at council meeting.

4. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Thomas Whitlock and Spencer Jack from the Youth Council reported the Youth Council helped with the trunk or treat that the chamber put on for the kids of Salem. Later this month they will be distributing to the different business in town the donation jars for the sub for Santa. They are also wondering about the lighting of Pond Town Christmas. Councilperson Rees told them the lighting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Friday the 25th. He is wondering if the Youth Council will provide hot cocoa and donuts again.

5. KENNY PARCEL - South Haven Estate Subdivision Extension

Kenny Parcel stated that he was unable to get bids and the work completed that needed to be done. With the winter months coming he would like to ask for a six month extension on his subdivision.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the six month extension for South Haven Estate Subdivision.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

Mayor Cope asked if anyone had anything for public comment.

Mike Rawson stated that some of the neighbors that live around Veterans Ball Park have noticed the city is putting lights up around the park. They are concerned because they did not know about it and are also concerned with the issues that will come with the lights. Mike stated that the intent of building the Loafer View Ball Park was so the city would not have to have lights on the Veteran Ball Park. He is concerned and would petition to the council to reconsider and talk to the neighbors to get their feelings of the project and to inform the neighbors of the need for the lights.

Mayor Cope stated with the soccer programs in the fall most of the games are now ending in the dark, the lighting will enhance the use of the park and allow more recreation programs to use the park.

Mike is asking for the council to communicate with the neighbors about the lighting and would like the council to hear their opinion. He feels the concerns with the lights will increase more traffic, light pollution, and increase the trash around the park that eventually ends up in the neighbor's yards.

Rob Taylor also lives next to the park, is concerned about the trash, and how now it is a problem. He would also like to know what programs will be used at the park with the lights. Rob stated that they were notified today of the light project.

Matt Marziale explained that on Wednesday and Friday will be soccer programs, on Monday and Saturday the park will be rented out for baseball. The lights will also help so that the programs will end sooner in the year. Also the lights will have shields on them to help with the light pollution.

Mayor Cope stated that our population is growing and we need more parks for the recreation programs. The lights will be off by 10:00 p.m.

Matt stated that the games will end at 9:30 p.m. and then will give everyone half hour to wrap up. There will also be a street light that will be installed in the parking lot.

Matt stated that he has been talking to the residents who lived next to the park over the last two weeks. The Taylors were the last home that he needed to contact and talk about the lights. He stated that most of them are okay with it, there were three neighbors who did not want it, but the others were okay with it after discussing the issues with Matt.

Mayor Cope asked Matt to talk to the neighbors who have not been notified and explain to them what will be going on at the park.

Yolanda Moser from the chamber reported that the trick or trunk went very well this year and they hope to do it again next year. The chamber is looking at doing a shop local for crafters in the area; they are looking at some empty space where they could hold the event. They will be getting more information out as it becomes available. Meet the candidate night is tomorrow night at the civic center.

Mayor Cope reported that the ribbon cutting for Stokes Fresh Market was today. He visited with the stores owners and they reported that the sales have exceeded what they have anticipated.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2011

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the minutes of October 19, 2011.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

8. PUBLIC SAFETY

COUNCIL REPORTS

9. MAYOR JONATHAN F. COPE

Mayor Cope reported that he received a letter from UDOT regarding the study of installing another street light by the high school on SR 198. The letter stated that the results of the study showed we did not meet the criteria for a street light at this time.

10. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

Councilperson Lynn Durrant reported that the UMPA dinner is on the 18th of November, would like to invite all the council to come to it. Make sure you RSVP.

It was reported that the power outage that happened today was from Spanish Fork area to Ephraim area.

11. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

12. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Rees reported that the PI system is turned off and is being drained. Reminded everyone to come to the lighting of Pond Town Christmas on Friday November 25 at 6:00 p.m. He has contacted Santa Clause and he will be there to light the pond.

13. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON

Councilperson Todd Gordon wanted to let the chamber know how much the council appreciates them and their hard work to get the business involved in Salem. They have done a great job.

14. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

Councilperson Sid Jorgensen agreed with Councilperson Gordon's comment thanking the chamber.

15. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

16. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

17. ATTORNEY JASON SANT

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:35 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder