

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on November 7, 2007 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 Stanley W. Green
Councilperson Jeff D. Higginson

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
David Johnson, Public Works
Junior Baker, City Attorney
Bruce Ward, City Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT

J Reed Cornaby
Tracy Scott
Lana Harris
Mallory Byrnes
Camron Buhler
Robert Davidson
Tanner Robertson
Benjermen Davidson
David Crawford
Blake Alanis
Nathaniel Goodman

Lucy Cornaby
Trestan Galbraith
Jessica Stone
Preston Williams
Megan Hillier
Tucker Robertson
Riley Davidson
Scott Alanis
Mathew Crawford
Levi Stone
Wyatte Hancock

Blitch Shuman
Thayne Scott
Frank Leany
Rick Robertson
Katie Combs
Joe Robertson
Colton Hight
John Davidson
Michael Stone
Michael Goodman
Brady Olsen

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Henderson asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Councilperson Jeff Higginson 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. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks to open the Public Hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

a. RDA Land Transfer

Attorney Junior Baker explained that the purpose of this public hearing is for the city to transfer land to the RDA (Redevelopment Agency). The property was given to Salem City by Ralph and Joyce Henderson to be used for commercial business for Salem City. With the potential there for a commercial business to use the land, the city can not lease the land away, it would need to be done with the RDA, another agency created by the city. The property will be owned by the RDA, who will then lease the property to the commercial business. The property is along SR 198, and is five acres.

Mayor Henderson asked if there were any comments from the public or council.

Dave Crawford asked who controls the RDA. Mayor Henderson stated that it is chaired by him and the council.

Reed Cornaby asked if there are any plans in the near future. Mayor Henderson stated that there are plans, and we hope to announce on the 12 of December during council meeting.

Close Public Hearing

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks to close the Public Hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

a. RDA Land Transfer

Mayor Henderson explained again that the city is transferring the property which is owned by Salem City, to the RDA, who can then lease the property.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks to transfer the property located at approximately 761 North SR 198 to Salem City RDA.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Jeff Higginson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

4. ADJOURN TO RDA MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to adjourn city council meeting and enter into the RDA meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

5. Resume Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Henderson thanked the council and especially Councilperson Hanks for his hard work in the project of the commercial business for the RDA.

6. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE SALEM NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PLAN DATED SEPT. 28, 2007.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to approve Ordinance 110707 Adopting the Salem North Community Development Project Area Plan Dated September 28, 2007.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

7. BIDS FOR LOWER BALL PARK

Dave Johnson explained that he has received some bids to do the backstop for the northeast ball field at the lower ball park. He has two bids for the back stop; it would look just like the back stops up at the Loafer View Recreation Complex. The fencing bids are from Northwest Fencing at \$11,981 and United Fencing at \$27,500. Dave stated he called United Fencing to make sure they received the correct drawings, they stated that they did. He also received some bids for the concrete work, which were \$15,809 (includes footing, foundation & flatwork) from RM Davis, and ACS \$9,301.25 (includes footing and foundation only) and Dan Freeman \$7,335 (includes flat work only).

Based upon the bids, he would recommend Northwest Fencing for the fence and RM Davis Concrete for the concrete work.

Councilperson Jeff Higginson stated that we are in need of this ball field, and it will be a nice addition to the down town ball park.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Jeff Higginson to accept the bids from Northwest Fencing for \$11,981 and Davis Concrete for \$15,809 for a total cost of \$27,790, and the project will be funded by recreation impact fees.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

8. ALLIED WASTE CONTRACT REVISION

Councilperson Terry Ficklin explained that we currently have a contract with Allied Waste for solid waste services. They have approached us for a rate increase of \$0.50 per first and second can pick up. We have tried in the past to avoid any increases, and it shows by how much Allied is currently charging us. He went over the different cost of what other cities are being charged, and we are the lowest by a large margin. Looking at this, we may also need to look at a rate increase soon, and might need to reevaluate the fund.

Attorney Baker raised the concern that in the contract revision, it mentions that in July 2008 that there would be a 6% increase. He stated that this is higher than the cost of living. He suggested taking off that 6% and re evaluate the contract again in July.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to table the Allied Waste Contract Revision until next council meeting, and to recommend leaving the 6% increase off.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

9. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2007

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the October 17, 2007 Council Minutes as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Jeff Higginson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

10. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Stanley Green.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

11. PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief James did not have anything to report to the council tonight.

12. OPEN DISCUSSION

Frank Leany asked about the new ball field, and thought at one time it was going to be tennis courts. Mayor Henderson stated it was, but then when the new high school was announced and that it would have tennis courts, we determined that we would not have a need for the tennis courts.

The question was asked when the new high school would be finished. Mayor Henderson stated that it should be ready for fall of 2008. Another question was asked about the boundary. Mayor Henderson explained the new boundary, and stated that if a person is a junior in school now they would have the option of where they would go next year. He stated that the school is controlled by Nebo School District and not by the city.

The question was asked about a Junior High in Salem. Mayor Henderson stated that the district does own property, but not sure of the time line for Junior High School.

COUNCIL REPORTS

13. MAYOR J. LANE HENDERSON

Mayor Henderson stated that he has received some calls wondering about the green waste drop off and why it was closed. Dave Johnson stated that Merrill Binks is willing to keep it open for a few more weeks. Mayor asked Dave to talk with Merrill and find out what days he is willing to work, and then put it up on the marquee.

14. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

Councilperson Lynn Durrant stated that Kerry Loveless, our librarian, is meeting with the state to see if the library can qualify to be an accredited library.

She received a letter regarding the Park Ordinance, and how we do not allow pets/dogs in the park. People want to walk their dogs on a leash, and the ordinance does not allow it. The question was asked if the pet owners are willing to be responsible to clean up after their pet. This is also a hard ordinance to enforce.

Councilperson Durrant also reported that Governor Huntsman is getting ready to sign an energy bill, that by the year 2025, 20% of the energy produced needs to be reusable. This could become very expensive. We can either support it, or we can state we don't want to participate. UMPA's position is we want to work with it, the best we can. Mayor Henderson asked about the windmills in Spanish Fork Canyon. It was stated that it would be very expensive. He was also wondering about the CUP water line, it would be considered reusable.

Councilperson Brent Hanks left the Council Chambers at 8:00 p.m.

15. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

Councilperson Ficklin reported that the Solid Waste District is dealing with some of the solid waste collection companies. We want to make sure that when commercial trash is picked up within the cities belonging to the district. We want that solid waste to go to our transfer station.

16. COUNCILPERSON STANLEY W. GREEN

Councilperson Green did not have anything to report tonight.

17. COUNCILPERSON BRENT V. HANKS

18. COUNCILPERSON JEFF D. HIGGINSON

Councilperson Jeff Higginson thanked the parks crews; they really did a great job this year. The trees at Knoll Park will be getting trimmed, and then looking at a way to get new trees planted each year. Mayor Henderson asked if Councilperson Higginson would look into what it would take for Salem City to become a tree city.

19. DAVE JOHNSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Dave Johnson stated that Ross Diamond (Diamond Grill) asked about a little piece of property along SR 198 by his business. He would like to put a sign on the property, but the property is owned by Salem City and he could not put a sign there. Mayor Henderson was wondering about giving the property to Ross. If we did that it, we could require that he keeps it looking nice, so it does not become a nuisance. This would help out the city to give it up. Attorney Baker stated that we could do that, but it would require a public hearing.

Dave also reported that Payson City graded the rodeo arena this past week. They will be bringing in some fill and will be grading an area east of the compost area for a practice arena.

20. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER

21. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to Adjourn City Council Meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Jeff Higginson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:30 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder