

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on October 17, 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 Jeff D. Higginson
Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin
Councilperson Stanley W. Green

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Excused:

Councilperson Brent V. Hanks

OTHERS PRESENT

Rich Harris
Mallory Byrnes
Kelcie Kiracofe
Christy Christian
Carlos Watters
Lucy Cornaby

Lana Creer Harris
Michael Hager
Steve Carter
Ryan Christian
Audrey Watters
Phyllis Dansie

Milan Malrovich
Dustin Johnson
Jodi Young
Drew Tenney
Reed Cornaby
Randy Dansie

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Henderson 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 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. NEBO SCHOOL DIST – PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL SITE

Reed Park, representative from Nebo School District, passed around the plat map of the area, and showed to the council what they are requesting. Lot # 2 will be the LDS Church for a seminary building, and lot #3 the school district is not sure right now and not sure in the future if it will be used for anything. Reed stated DRC requested that the utility easement be placed on the plat map. We have placed the easement on the plat map.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn to approve the Preliminary Plat for the High School Site.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Stanley Green.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

The LDS Church representative stated that they are hoping to be under construction with the seminary building in about a month.

4. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PAYSON – ANNEXATION BOUNDARY LINE (1800 W)

Mayor Henderson stated that with Salem and Payson's annexation declaration, both cities overlap on the west end of Salem and east side of Payson. We have met with Payson City and have come up with an agreement that we both feel will work. He explained where the new boundary line would be (1800 West, County Road would be the dividing line).

Jodi Young, who lives on 1900 West, stated that they are not pleased with Payson's plans for the area. A couple of months ago, they did a petition that they wanted to be annexed into Salem City and not be annexed into Payson. Most of the property owners who live out there would rather be a part of Salem. Audrey Watters stated that Payson City has never approached them with the plan, and feel the property owners should have a say in it. Carlos Watters was wondering why Salem does not go to 1900 West. Jodi Young stated that those on the west side of 1900 west want to be a part of Salem also. Jodi also stated that she wants her property in Salem, and if it is going to be commercial, she would want Salem to benefit from the commercial.

Bruce Ward mentioned that this is not an annexation tonight, but it is the two cities agreeing upon a line. Attorney Baker stated that if the agreement is passed that it would be set in stone, unless both cities agree upon a change.

Mayor Henderson feels that the property owners should have a say in what city they want to be a part of, and feel that the ones present have made a valid point. The property owners stated that they do not like what Payson City master plan for the area is, and they

stated that Payson is very hard to work with. Also Salem is a better place to live, and easier to work with. They stated that the property value in Salem is higher.

Mayor Henderson recommended that we table this item, and try and work out another agreement. It was recommended that the two cities look at the middle of 1900 and 2100 West (about 2000), which would be in the middle of the block, and then the two cities would not be separated by a road.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Stanley Green to table the Interlocal Agreement with Payson – Annexation Boundary Line (1800 W).

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

5. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2007

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the minutes of October 3, 2007.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

6. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Jeff Higginson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

7. PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief James stated that this year the city budgeted for a K-9 drug dog. We have found one that we feel will be very beneficial to the city. We hope to have it ready to show the council in January. The dog will have the ability to detect several different types of drugs.

Chief James stated that Officer Roger Lowe is doing a great job, we have had a few residents call and complement on a great job he is doing. He also reported that Officer Gurney has been assigned as the school resource officer in the new Salem High School.

Councilperson Ficklin asked Chief James about the energy drinks, and how some of them contain alcohol, and if we have had any problems. Chief James stated that we have had a couple of the clerks at the gas stations cited for selling the drinks containing alcohol to minors. Councilperson Ficklin stated that the school district has talked about not allowing any of the energy drinks in the schools. Chief James stated that there is an issue with some of them, and Utah County Health Department is trying to do a campaign to let people be aware of them and some of the issues.

8. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mayor Henderson asked if anyone had anything for open discussion. Ryan Christian would like to propose an Eagle Scout Project to the council. He has spoken with Gary Warner about cleaning off the basketball courts at Loafer View Recreation Complex, and painting lines on the courts. Councilperson Higginson stated that this is a project that needs to be done. Ryan stated he would like to start on it as soon as he can. Mayor Henderson suggested to Ryan to try and raise money to pay for the project, and then if he needs to be reimbursed for supplies, the city could do that after the project is complete. He suggested working with Councilperson Higginson and Gary Warner. Councilperson Ficklin suggested also talking with Ralph Hughes.

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9. MAYOR J. LANE HENDERSON

Mayor Henderson handed out a sample of the Christmas Cards that were designed for this Christmas Season. He also reported about the Emergency Preparedness manual for all of the residents. Chief James stated that a lot of work has gone into it.

Mayor Henderson asked Jeff Nielson about the budget for the library, and how the state is saying that the city is not supporting the library. Jeff explained that he sent an email to the person at the state, explaining all of the areas where the city is supporting the library. This included the salaries and benefits for the librarian, we budget \$5000 for books for the library, and there were a number of other things that the city provides for the library. In the past the auction money has gone towards paying for the operations and maintenance of the library, along with different programs that the library does. Jeff thinks this is where the state does not understand. He told the state that it should not make a difference if the money from the auction or the city pays for the O&M or books (since they are close to the same in dollar figures). The biggest part is that the city does support the library, and we are supporting them more each year.

10. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

11. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

Councilperson Ficklin reported that the Solid Waste District in Springville is growing. We are looking at purchasing some property so we can expand.

12. COUNCILPERSON STANLEY W. GREEN

13. COUNCILPERSON BRENT V. HANKS

14. COUNCILPERSON JEFF D. HIGGINSON

15. DAVE JOHNSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Dave Johnson talked about building a new ball field at the down town ball park. It would be in the northeast corner of the block. He is getting bids ready for the next council meeting. It looks like it might cost around \$30,000 - \$33,000 to build. We do have a grant from Utah County for \$3,500 and then remaining amount will be paid for by impact fees. He stated that the back stops would match the back stops at Loafer View Recreation Complex. There is a lot of work that will be done. Councilperson Higginson felt that it would be very beneficial to have the additional ball field.

Dave also wanted to report on the plans for the new addition to the city office. The plans are completed. We would like to have the library addition done at the same time. We are hoping to get the estimated cost so we can start the bonding process.

Councilperson Higginson stated that at last council meeting the cemetery soccer fields were discussed. We need to make sure that when we bond for the new building we also bond for the improvements on the cemetery soccer fields. Dave Johnson stated that he was not sure if we were still moving forward with that. If we are, we need to get some cost put together for it. He estimates having an engineering firm do the cost estimate for the fields. He feels the cost for the engineering would be about \$25,000. Councilperson Higginson asked Dave if he would get with Sunrise Engineering on this and come up with a figure.

Dave also had a question on Brandon Limb's new home, and wondering if we wanted to put curb, gutter and asphalt. Just wondering what the council would like done. We do have a bond for it.

16. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER

17. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Stanley Green to Adjourn City Council Meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:00 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder