

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on June 6, 2012 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work session 6:00 p.m.

Jeff Nielson went over the proposed budget and the changes from the tentative budget that was approved last council meeting. The council felt that it was a good budget and were pleased with the budget this year.

There was a discussion about the new web page and how it can help promote the businesses in Salem.

Bruce Ward went over the resolution that is on the agenda tonight dealing with preliminary plat fees for plats that have already been approved but have expired.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford
Councilperson Janie Christensen
Councilperson Aaron Cloward
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 Craig Warren

OTHERS PRESENT

Lynn Durrant, Terry Ficklin, Allen Davis, Jared Davis, Don Smith, Denise Smith, Barbara Palfreyman, Robert Palfreyman, Lew Christensen, Carol Laycock, Sherrie Berge, Golden Adams, Del Marx, Karen Marx, Joel Pendleton, Reid Nelson, Garth Hill, Carol Collett, Brad Gordon, Jan Gordon, Tad Beck, Tammy Beck, Carylee Baker, Karen Taylor, Kerry Loveless, Brian Courtney, Sade Christensen, Doug Blackett, Dianne Blackett, Calvin Youd, Allison Greetham, Shirley Van Leuven, Charlotte McIntier, Soffie Christensen, Jileen Meservy, Mavis Nybo, Gary Warren, Michael stone, Erman Stone, Lucy Eppley, Charles Eppley, Brad Tanner, Cary Robarge, Yolanda Moser, Mike Mendenhall, Matt Marziale.

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Terry Fickin stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilperson Sid Jorgensen 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. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Ryan Christensen reported that they have finished interviewing for next years' youth council. They had about 54 applicants apply this year. They are excited to get going this year and wanted to thank the council for their support this past year.

Open

4. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to open the public hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

a. Budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013

Mayor Brailsford thanked the council, department heads, and supervisors for the time they have spent on the budget this year. Thanked them for making the cuts and looking at the needs rather than the wants this year. He stated that the total budget is \$9,770,390 this year. We tried to put a budget together that did not hinder the services that the city provides, and at the same time not do any rate increases in any of the funds. UMPA (Utah Municipal Power Association) is doing a rate increase because of regulations the EPA has placed on coal power plants, for example requiring filters and other restrictions. The city will be able to absorb the cost increase from UMPA. There is also a small increase from Allied Waste, our solid waste pick up provider. The city will be absorbing that rate increase as well. The city is financial sound, we have money in reserves, but not as much as we would like. There will not be a Tax Rate increase this year by doing a truth in taxation, but would like to see our Sales Tax revenue increase, due to promoting the "Shop in Salem" campaign. He asks residents that if the product is here in Salem and the price is reasonable, he would like to see people shop in Salem. This helps to keep the sales tax in Salem and helps our budget.

Mayor Brailsford showed the residents the change in budget from prior years, and how this year we only had a change of \$24,806 in the overall budget. Over the past eight years, the average change in the budget has been \$595,644. He also told the department heads that there will not be any new vehicles, except for the replacement of the power truck that was in the wreck. We want to keep the level of service that the residents of Salem are used to. We have great employees and they have really stepped up.

He turned the time over to Jeff Nielson, who then went over the budget and budget highlights for 2012/2013.

General Fund

\$47,781 from last year

- No Property Tax Rate Increase by Truth in Taxation.
- Sales Tax is up (Thanks for Shopping Salem)
- Roads Department over \$100,000 increase from last year (money to be put into roads).
- Recreation Fund, separated the programs separately, making sure programs pay for themselves.
- SUVSWD Agreement for Legal and Engineering services, saving of \$20,000.
- Putting \$5,000 more into Library, needed to be an accredited library by the state.
- State Retirement increased (mandated by the state, Public Employee 2.27% and Public Safety Employees 4.83%)
- Employee health insurance had no increase.
- No Salary increases for employees (cost of living or merit).
- Property/Liability insurance went up \$14,000 (found facilities were not covered, added those facilities).
- Ambulance Volunteers increase compensation (+10,000 overall).
- Ambulance new gurney to meet standards (\$15,000)
- Police vehicles will not be replaced this year.
- Donations of \$300 to Boys & Girls State program, and \$500 Misc. (dropping Jr. Miss donation of \$500, giving it to Miss Salem fund).

Water Fund

(\$19,684) from last year

- No Rate increase in Water Rates.
- 1991 water bond was paid off CY 2011/2012 (\$420,000 Bond)
- Transferring \$36,000 to General Fund and \$10,000 to Motor Pool.
- Transferring \$5,000 to Capital for Public Safety Vehicle.

Sewer Fund

(\$30,415) from last year

- No Rate increase in Sewer Rates.
- Elk Ridge buy out completed CY 2011/2012 (\$250,000 buyout)
- Transferring \$17,500 to General Fund.

- Transferring \$5,000 to Capital for Public Safety Vehicle.

Power Fund

\$55,951 from last year

- No Rate increase in Power Rates.
- UMPA increased their rates to the cities, because of EPA regulations. Salem is especially hit hard because our power load is run by residential and not commercial. Residential pushes our demand up. City was able to absorb this increase.
- Junior High will be finished, commercial and residential growth.
- Bucket Truck Paid off (\$124,884).
- SUVPS decreased payments.
- Transferring \$300,000 to General Fund.
- Transferring \$5,000 to Capital for Public Safety Vehicle.
- Need to replace utility truck for the power department that was t-boned in a wreck recently.
- New homes, electrical hook up for new meters increased from \$125 to \$170.

Solid Waste Fund

\$4,032 from last year

- No Rate increase in Solid Waste Rates.
- Allied Waste increase of 2.3% (City absorbing increase).
- Transferring \$12,500 to General Fund & \$5,000 to Motor Pool Fund.
- Transferring \$5,000 to Capital for Public Safety Vehicle.

P.I Fund

(\$33,129) from last year

- No Rate increase in Solid Waste Rates.
- Transferring \$5,000 to General Fund and \$10,000 to Motor Pool Fund.
- Transferring \$5,000 to Capital for Public Safety Vehicle.

Mayor Brailsford then opened the meeting up for public comment.

Alan Hales asked about the recreation fund and if the tax payers are paying for recreation from taxes and that the programs are not covering the costs of all the recreation. Jeff Nielson stated that the revenue from recreation programs are covering the costs of the programs, but the costs of the recreation parks and staff are not covered by the recreation program revenues.

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any other comments. There were no more comments. He then stated that the Mayor and Council Advisory Board received a copy of the budget a couple of weeks ago, and then went over the budget the prior night with Jeff Nielson during a work session. He asked Reid Nelson, who is on the board, if he had any comments. Reid stated that he appreciated the opportunity to review the budget. He stated that he board had some questions and suggestions and then they went over the budget in detail during the work session. They felt that with the change in the recreation that it is a good thing. He stated

that a lot of work has gone into the budget, and he feels good about the budget this year.

Robert Palfreyman, who is also on the committee, thanked the mayor and council for the work on the budget. He felt that it was a good budget.

Golden Adams asked the question about the library, and how much the city gives the library. Jeff Nielson explained that the library receives \$21,000 from donations and fees collected. The overall budget of the library is \$131,588 and so the City General Fund covers \$110,588 of the library fund.

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were anymore comments.

Mayor Brailsford recommended that the council close the public hearing for the 2012/2013 budget, but that they continue the public hearing to amend the budget for 2011/2012 fiscal year until next council meeting on June 20, 2012.

Close: 2012/2013 Budget and to continue the public hearing for the amending of the 2011/2012 budget until June 20, 2012.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to close the public hearing on the 2012/2013 budget but to continue the public hearing for the 2011/2012 amendment, on June 20, 2012 council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

5. BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the proposed 2012/2013 budget as it has been presented tonight.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

Mayor Brailsford stated that Councilperson Craig Warren was supposed to be flying in at 4:00 p.m. but his plane was delayed. He mentioned that Councilperson Warren has also reviewed the budget and that he felt good about the budget.

6. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FILING FEES FOR EXPIRED PRELIMINARY PLATS WHICH ARE REFILLED.

Bruce Ward stated that he went over the resolution in work session, and the one question that came up was if the filing fees included the meeting fees, it was determined that they do. He stated that we have some subdivision plats that have expired, with the economy changing the developers want to submit the plat maps again. This resolution allows them

to do so and not pay for full filing fees if the plat map has not changed. Depending on the changes, the fees will be minor or the full amount of a new subdivision filing fees.

Bruce then went over the resolution and the options.

1. The filing fee for preliminary plats which have expired and are resubmitted with no changes shall be \$300.00
2. The filing fee for preliminary plats which have expired and are resubmitted with minor changes shall be \$300.00 plus \$112.00 for each lot which has changes.
3. The filing fee for preliminary plats which have expired and are resubmitted with significant changes shall be the same as for an initial submittal.
4. The City Engineer shall have the sole discretion to determine if an expired preliminary plat which has been resubmitted has no, minor, or significant changes.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve Resolution 60612 Establishing Filing Fees for Expired Preliminary Plats which are refilled.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any questions or comments. There were no comments or questions.

8. APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2012

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the minutes of May 16, 2012 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

9. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Brailsford reported the amount of the bills being approved tonight is \$283,949.98.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

COUNCIL REPORTS

10. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford mentioned that in the budget under the ambulance fund, there was a purchase of \$15,000 for a new gurney. He explained that we have 3 people on shift during the day, most of them are smaller people, and if we have a heavier person that needs to be transported then it is too much for the smaller crew members. The gurney is a power lift; we have one in the one ambulance but need another one in the other ambulance. Mayor wanted to thank those volunteers in the ambulance and fire department.

Mayor Brailsford asked the residents to continue to “Shop Salem”.

11. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

12. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Christensen stated that the Library is having a Birthday Party for the Library on Saturday, to help raise money for the library. There will be a free concert at the park during the party, but we are asking for donation.

The library summer reading program has started.

Mayor Brailsford stated that if someone would like to donate something for the library auction to let the library know.

Councilperson Christensen turned the time over to Brad Tanner and Yolanda Moser from the chamber. They thanked the council and congratulated them on the budget for 2012/2013 passing. It sounds like people are spending in Salem, and that is a good thing. On June 12th will be giving away the scholarships and on June 13th will be the noon networking lunch at Dickerson Auto in Spanish Fork. June 14th will be the Nebo Summit. Councilperson Christensen stated that if any business in Salem who is not part of the chamber is still welcome to attend the noon networking lunch.

13. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Cloward thanked the city crews for the work on getting the cemetery ready for Memorial Day, and the program went very well, Judge Sam McVey did a great job speaking.

Recreation programs are going strong; there are a lot of camps going on right now.

14. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

15. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

16. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES

Police Chief Brad James encouraged residents to make sure they lock their homes and cars. He also reported that the Utah County Dispatch number has changed, the new number is 801-794-3970 or residents can call the police department during working hours at 801-423-2312. Residents are still encouraged to call 911 if it is an emergency.

Chief James reported on the Triathlon, there were 350 participants, we had to pull a few people from the pond and we had one bicycle accident that was not life threatening.

17. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

18. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Bruce Ward asked if the mayor wanted to talk about the P.I. (Pressurized Irrigation). Mayor stated that in the newsletter it reminded residents not to water during the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. We need to make sure that we are all responsible in our water usage. We do not want to have meters for the P.I., so please use the water responsible.

Bruce Ward talked about the Weather Trac system for residential sprinkler systems. We have 200 meters when we started and we have about 90 left. He explained how it works and how a resident can sign up. He stated that the city has seen savings of water usage of about 40%, and he has seen a 50% savings at his own home. If we can get people to use it, we can see savings on water usage.

19. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Mayor Brailsford thanked all of the volunteers and city employees who helped with the Memorial Day program. Thanked those who participated in the Miss Salem Pageant and Councilperson Janie Christensen, the pageant turned out well and they all did a great job.

Councilperson Christensen mentioned who the new Miss Salem was along with her attendants: Miss Salem - Jillian Ormond, First Attendant - Kalli Bennett, Second Attendant - Melanie Griffiths, Third Attendant - Rebecca Davis

Mayor Brailsford stated that city is looking for volunteers to help paint fire hydrants, if there is a group that would like to help, to let the city know.

Councilperson Sid Jorgensen reported that the new web site is up and going, there is still a few adjustments that need to be made, but it is up and going.

Jeff Nielson handed out to the council the fee schedule for 2012/2013 year and mentioned it would be on the agenda for next council meeting. He also asked the council if he could have a resolution created that would eliminate the credit card fee charge of 2.6%. He explained why we had it, and why he feels now we don't. The council felt that it would be okay to have a resolution created and on the agenda.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:00 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder