

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on April 3, 2013 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work session 6:50 p.m.

Mayor and Council reviewed bills for payment.

**MEETING CONVENED AT:** 7:00 p.m.

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford  
Councilperson Janie Christensen  
Councilperson Sterling Rees  
Councilperson Sid Jorgensen

**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  
Councilperson Aaron Cloward

Matt Marziale, Recreation

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ashlee Shepherd, Cristi Starr, Amelia Starr, Cody Anderson, Robert Worley

**1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

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

**2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Brailsford 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.

Mayor Brailsford stated that we placed another flag in the front of the city office this afternoon to recognize another soldier who has been deployed from Salem.

**3. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT**

Mayor Brailsford stated that with spring break the youth council is not present tonight.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked if there was anything for the public comment. There was no comment from the public.

#### 5. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2013 and MARCH 20, 2013

##### a. February 20, 2013

Mayor Brailsford stated that there has been a request to have some items changed on the minutes from February 20, 2013. He was wondering if the reason for the amendment to the minutes is because of incorrect information that would change the outcome. Councilperson Christensen stated that the changes do not change the outcome of the minutes; but felt that the minutes had misquoted her and Attorney Baker, and felt that changes should be in the minutes.

The changes were as stated, with the words in italic added and the words that have a strike out were taken out:

Line 176 & 177: are not reasonable *“hardship”* complaints, *“and did not read the paragraph from the land use hand book because the opposing neighbors were not present”*.

Line 261: *“Attorney Junior Baker felt that the rates were a little high, but shouldn’t be more than a few hundred dollars”*.

Line 272 - 281: Councilperson Christensen was wondering if *“Spanish Fork has an agreement like this and”* other cities have this. *“Attorney Baker stated that Spanish Fork City is working on one with their insurance carrier”*. Attorney Baker stated that he knows that Utah County Sheriff’s have it. ~~and Spanish Fork City has it through their insurance~~ He is not aware of other cities if they have it or not. *“He mentioned that Provo, Orem, and most of the bigger cities have a similar program in place.”* ~~Most of the bigger cities do have something like this in place.~~ *“Councilperson Christensen mentioned that Payson City does not have it in place.”* *“Attorney Baker stated in”* speaking with Chief James about this, we feel that it would be a good thing for the city and the *“police department and a feel good offer for our officers”*.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Janie Christensen to reapprove the minutes of February 20<sup>th</sup> with said changes.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sid Jorgensen stated he would second the motion, but felt once the minutes have been approved we should not have to go back and make changes, especially if the outcome has not changed. He feels that there should not be a need to spend a lot of time on the minutes.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (3-0).

**b. March 20, 2013**

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any corrections on the minutes from March 20, 2013. There were no corrections. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the minutes of March 20, 2013 as written.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Janie Christensen.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (3-0).

**6. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the bills for payment.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (3-0).

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**7. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD**

Mayor Brailsford stated that Councilperson Cloward and Warren have been excused tonight.

Mayor Brailsford stated that the council members should have met with the directors and supervisors and gone over the 2013/2014 budgets for the departments they are over.

Mayor Brailsford talked with John Stokes the other day; John wanted to thank the residents of the Salem for their support at the grocery store.

He also reported that the Green Waste is open; he has talked with Marv and Merrill who work at the Green Waste. They have stated that they have only had to turn a few non-residents away and a couple of commercial businesses. They have asked if they can get a canopy down there. Most residents have appreciated what we have done to help keep costs down.

Councilperson Jorgensen asked about charging commercial businesses at the green waste. It was discussed that it would be better to be able to weigh them and know how much they bring in. In the discussion it was determined it would be better to send them over to the district.

## **8. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

Council Rees reported on the UMPA meeting in St. George. It was discussed some of the changes that will be happening in the future. In 2017 some of our contracts to purchase power that is supplied by the coal plants, will be up. We will need to look at other resources and other possibilities for power. We will also have some bonds paid off in the next couple of years.

Councilperson Rees talked about the economic development meeting with the BYU Professor. One of the items he talked about, was when you come into a city you get a first impression of a city. As he was driving into town the other day, he noticed how much trash is around some of the businesses. He wishes that the businesses would take time to clean up around their business. He stated that first impression is very important. Mayor Brailsford asked Bruce Ward to look at what businesses and let him know, then he would go to the businesses and talk to them.

## **9. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN**

Councilperson Christensen reported that the chamber is doing the businesses of the month the following day, to American Family Insurance in Spanish Fork. Miss Salem Pageant now has 12 girls participating. She mentioned last Saturday; the Miss Salem contestants were helping out at Stokes grocery store. She also talked about the sewer plant, and how we are having issues with foam in the inlet and outlet, we are taking samples and precautions to make sure we are in compliance. She also talked about the Library how residents can now digitally download magazines through Zinio.

## **10. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD**

Councilperson Cloward was excused tonight.

## **11. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN**

Councilperson Jorgensen reported on the Pressurized Irrigation, we are waiting to turn it on, will be watching the weather.

Mayor Brailsford discussed the BYU contract that was discussed last council meeting. The contract was signed yesterday. There were some minor changes that benefitted the city, so Attorney Baker, Bruce Ward, and he felt good about signing it. They hope by the first part of May to have everything in place to where we can start using the water. BYU will be paying for all of the items needed to have it ready for us to use. There is 655 acre feet of water that we will have available to use.

Mayor Brailsford is also still working with the LDS Church real estate on the property by the Loafer Recreation Complex. He also reported that Blair Hamilton from SESD who had a heart attack in St. George is doing better. He reported a pot hole on Main Street, by Parley's.

## **12. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN**

Councilperson Warren was excused tonight.

## **13. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES**

Chief Brad James did not have anything to report tonight. Mayor Brailsford stated that he appreciates the work the police department has done this last week, they have been very busy and have done a great job with the murder situation that happened in Salem.

## **14. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS**

Dave Johnson reported that as the first of January, we have had 25 new building permits submitted.

## **15. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Bruce Ward did not have anything to report tonight.

Mayor Brailsford asked Bruce to check on how many water shares Salem City has with the Salem Pond Company.

## **16. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.**

Attorney Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

## **17. JEFF NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Jeff Nielson did not have anything to report tonight.

## **18. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Matt Marziale was excused tonight.

## **19. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR**

Clark Crook thanked the Mayor, Council and the city employees for the thoughtfulness with the passing of his father.

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any other comments.

Hillary Orman from Elk Ridge, who is part of the Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra, which is a full orchestra, stated they are trying to reach out to the communities and want to work with the cities. They have between 35 and 70 people, depending on the time of year. She stated that when they work with the cities is when they get the most attendance and support at their concerts. In order to continue to grow into a regional orchestra they will need some help from the cities. They would like to have a someplace where they can have a concert twice a year. Mayor Brailsford stated that he knows it is very expensive for the orchestra, especially to purchase the music. Hillary asked if the council could look into their budget this next year and see what they can do. Mayor asked that Kerry Burnham, Salem City Librarian, is part of the orchestra, asked that the group work with Kerry in what they need and to have Kerry report to the council. Councilperson Christensen mentioned that there are several members of our community who support orchestra through teaching and playing instruments. She has seen studies of those who do music also perform better in school.

Adjourn Council Meeting

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Janie Christensen to adjourn city council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (3-0).

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 7:45 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder