

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on April 1, 2015 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work Session 6:30 p.m.

Tyler Roberts and Jim Whitmore presented a concept plan for Salem Park Master Plan Development. Tyler stated the smallest lot sizes would be 5,000 square foot lots, and the average of all of the lots will be 5,700. There will also be a section of condos. They presented the new plan to the council and explained some of the amenities that would go along with it, such as a trail system and a couple of parks.

Matt Marziale, Salem Public Works, explained he likes the trail system, as that is very valuable, but the parks are a concern. If the parks are going to be less than three acres, then from the city parks and recreation point, they are not feasible. The parks cannot be used for recreation and the people who live around them feel the parks are their own private parks. There is no parking and it becomes a pain to maintain them. He gave the example of Dream View Park and how we are facing issues there.

Mayor Brailsford felt that a combined work session with Planning and Zoning would be appropriate.

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 Soren Christensen
Councilperson Sterling Rees
Councilperson Craig Warren

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
Jason Sant, City Assistant Attorney
David Johnson, Building Dept.
Clark Crook, Power
Matt Marziale, Recreation

Excused:

Junior Baker, City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Palfreyman, Reid Nelson, Seth Berrett, Parker McEwan, Esthi Browning, Brianna Burgess, McKenzie Cowden, Dallan Wilding, Mariah Goodale.

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

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

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilperson Sterling Rees 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. APPROVE MOU WITH UTAH COUNTY CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER

Chief Brad James reported the Memorandum of Understanding is renewed each year. It is with the Children's Justice Center and is for the purpose of renewing their grant with the National Children's Alliance. This center is very beneficial and is where most of our interviews with youth are done. It is located in Provo and they do not require any funding from the cities.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the MOU with Utah County Children's Justice Center.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

4. APPROVE PURCHASE OF RADIOS FOR AMBULANCE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief brad James reported with technology changing, the radios in our ambulance and fire departments are outdated. In a couple of years they will be obsolete. This current budget year, we budgeted money for radios in the ambulance fund of \$12,000. In the fire fund they budgeted \$3500. The cost of the radios are \$2,760 each, the ambulance is wanting four of them for \$11,042 and the fire department wants two for \$5,520 (the difference will be made up on another line item in the fire fund). Then next year the fire department will budget for two more radios. The radios are on state contract and will be very beneficial for both departments.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen to Approve Purchase of Radios for the Ambulance and Fire Departments.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

Mayor Brailsford stated a couple of council meetings ago, the council approved the funding for the money from the Utah State Water Quality for the study on our sewer plant and

system. They sent us an agreement stating how the funding is going to be requested for the study from the city to the state. Mayor Brailsford stated where it was already approved, he wanted to let the council know about this agreement of the funding. The council was okay with the agreement and for him to sign it.

5. APPROVE FORSGREN ENGINEERING TASK #4

Bruce Ward from Forsgren Engineering explained Task Order #4. He stated with the release of Rebecca as the city engineer, this task order is to approve Forsgren Engineering to do the engineering work for Salem City. The amount is not to exceed \$8,000 a month.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to Approve Forsgren engineering Task order number four (4).

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 18 2015

MOTION BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen to Approve the Minutes of March 18, 2015 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Brailsford reported the amount of the bills tonight for approval is \$222,282.66.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen to Approve the Bills for Payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

Mayor Brailsford turned the time over to the Salem Youth Council. Seth Berrett from the Youth Council reported they will be helping with the Easter Egg hunt on Saturday. This Thursday, they will be filling 5,000 Easter eggs. Mayor and Council thanked the Youth Council for all they do.

COUNCIL REPORTS

8. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford stated he would like a combined meeting with Planning and Zoning and to discuss the budget for next year. He asked the council if they were okay with April 30th for a combined meeting in the evening. The council was okay with it.

9. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Sterling Rees reported UMPA member meeting will be April 23 – 24 in Heber Utah this year.

10. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Janie Christensen reported that Forsgren Engineering is getting us information on the sewer system. The Library has a lot of stuff going on, you can now download magazines on your electronic devices. Miss Salem pageant is coming up on June 5.

11. COUNCILPERSON SOREN CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Soren Christensen reported he had a meeting with Chris Averett (water supervisor), Bruce Ward (Forsgren Engineering), Matt Marziale (Public Works Director), and Mayor Brailsford, regarding the concern with water shortage we have this year. We currently have the restriction of no watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. every day, and no watering on Tuesdays for everybody. During this meeting we imposed more restrictions, besides the current restrictions, residents cannot water on Friday, but City Parks, Schools, Churches and Businesses can water on Fridays. Saturdays will be just the opposite, residents can water on Saturday's, but City Parks, Schools, Churches and Businesses cannot water on Saturday's. Mayor Brailsford stated with the way our ordinance reads, these restrictions can be imposed by the Mayor, with the consent from the Councilperson over water, the city engineer and water department supervisor.

Councilperson Soren Christensen reported the PI water will be available on Monday, April 13 for residents. This year will be looking at getting more water from the BYU well. Councilperson Sterling Rees reported the farmers are very concerned about water this year. It was stated in Carbon, they are not allowed to do any outside watering this year. Salem City springs are performing at 115 gpm, this is very low, as they used to be 500 gpm. The wells are also down a little bit from last year. We are very concerned as we go into the summer months.

Mayor Brailsford wanted to thank Bartell Mortensen, Salem Canal and Irrigation, for allowing the city to get extra water from the BYU well this year. He talked about how the Strawberry Water irrigation companies are the only irrigation companies that can bank water year to year. We are filling our PI ponds with the water from the Salem Canal, thanks to Bartell.

Matt Marziale explained how we are going to have Officer Blake Ottesen, one of our part time police officers, give out the citations for the water. We will be using cameras to take photos of those who are violating. Then will send the photo along with the violation and the ordinance. Mayor Brailsford stated we need to make sure we are conserving water this year.

12. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Aaron Cloward reported the Parks Department is finishing up preparing the parks for the summer and the improvements at the cemetery are getting completed and looking really good. Recreation has urban fishing going on and then baseball and softball season will be starting.

Matt Marziale reported the green waste is now open. He also talked about the spring clean-up, and how the crews will begin to pick up the debris on April 13.

13. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Craig Warren did not have anything to report tonight.

Matt Marziale reported the city has some man holes in Salem Park subdivision, which lead to the lift station on 460 West. There is not enough flow to keep the sewer moving so it is getting backed up. Where these manholes are located, they are in wetland area and we cannot get access to them with the jet truck. We are going to use other methods to free the blockage. We have to do this about once a year, until the subdivision gets more homes. For future reference, we need to make sure we good access to all of our manholes.

Matt also reported on the Maple Canyon waterline project. We are shorthanded with public works employees. Mike had his foot operated on, Chris has broken his hand, Wyatt's wife is having a baby, and with all of the other projects going it leaves us a little short on man power. The Davis Ranch water line is in, and met with Earl Davis to look at the repairs that need to be done from the damage to the ranch when the water line broke. We also had our contractor there who did the work, so we know what repairs need to be done. We are getting the PRV installed and the water line should be ready by next Tuesday. The vault for the PRV will also need to be installed, but he is hoping to have it all done by next Friday.

14. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES

Police Chief Brad James reported there will be a Family Preparedness Fair on Saturday April 18, at the Salem West Stake Center. The city will have a couple of booths there, along with a contact sheet so residents can update their contact information.

Chief James also reported the Salem Spring Triathlon will be held on May 30th. The Color Festival that was just held, was a little bit slower for public safety for Salem, but the traffic and pedestrian was larger than in past years.

15. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

Dave Johnson did not have anything to report tonight.

16. ATTORNEY JASON SANT

Jason Sant did not have anything to report tonight.

17. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/RECORDER

Jeff Nielson did not have anything to report tonight.

18. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION DIRECTOR

Matt Marziale did not have anything more to report tonight.

19. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR

Mayor Brailsford excused Clark Crook, he had to leave early.

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There were none.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:55 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder