

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on April 2, 2014 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Worksession 6:00 p.m.

Council Worksession was an on-site discussion for the Red Rock Development (Sabin Orchard). The council met at the Salem City Cemetery (130 E. 965 S).

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

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder  
Chief Brad James, Police Chief  
Junior Baker, City Attorney  
David Johnson, Building Dept.  
Bruce Ward, Public Works/Engineer  
Matt Marziale – Recreation  
Clark Crook - Power

Excused:

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Talon Rasmussen, Raunie Lindberg, Chazz Locke, Kyla Rogers, Evelyn Christensen, Lew Christensen.

#### **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 Janie Christensen invited those who wish to participate, to stand and say the pledge of allegiance with her. She then led the pledge of allegiance for those who wanted to participate.

### **3. PURCHASE TASERS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Brad James stated the Salem City Police Department originally purchased Tasers in 2004. Taser International guidelines recommend that Tasers be replaced every five years as they become unreliable after that. The Police Department has experienced this with several Tasers becoming non-functional in the past five years. In this year's current budget, we budgeted for replacement Tasers. The cost for nine Tasers is \$8,966.90.

Mayor Brailsford stated he has talked with Chief James about this and feels it is good to purchase them.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the purchase the Tasers for the police department.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0).

Chief James went over the Public Safety report for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter in 2014.

### **4. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2014**

Mayor Brailsford asked for approval on the minutes of March 19, 2014.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve the minutes of March 19, 2014 as written.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0).

### **5. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren to approve the bills for payment.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0).

Mayor Brailsford reported the bills amount total is \$316,080.

Mayor Brailsford and Council thanked the Youth Council for helping with the Dream View Park playground ribbon cutting ceremony.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **6. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD**

Mayor Brailsford stated the Utah Water Conservation District will be doing a class on water conservation to Salem City parks/recreation employees, Nebo School District grounds department, and the local LDS Church grounds department. Each of these are our biggest users for water and we want to educate them on water usage. The meeting will be on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Salem Days Committee members met, the theme for this year is “Living the Dream”. They are excited for this year’s Salem Days. He also reported each department has turned in their budgets, hopefully the council has had an opportunity to review the budget with the director. We are looking at doing a work session in May on the budget, wondering what would be better, to hold a meeting on Saturday or having a work session before a council meeting. It was determined to do the meeting before council meeting.

### **7. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

Councilperson Rees reported on the UMPA meetings held in St. George last week. Marcus Faust came to the meetings and spoke to them, there was also a discussion on alternative power, nuclear power, and the cost associated with different options. In a couple of years our contract with power suppliers will end and will need to find additional power sources.

He also reported Matt Marziale has a list of Eagle Scout Projects available.

### **8. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN**

Councilperson Janie Christensen reported the Library is doing well, the Miss Salem Contestants are getting ready for the pageant. She also prepared a letter regarding the sewer treatment plant, she read the letter and requested it be placed in the minutes:

*We received a sewer facility inspection report last week and it says:*

*Salem city sewer was issued a permit by the state in 2007. It expired in 2012 and we are currently operating under an administrative extension.*

*As we try to renew this permit, we were sited 3 deficiencies by the Division of Water Quality (DWQ).*

*Violations in effluent limits, Violations in narrative permit limits and failure to control industrial user connected to sewer.*

*Over the past year, the sewer has seen regular pass throughs an interferences from the industrial user, Neways.*

*I have continually reported in council about these interferences.*

*During the past year, there have been foaming events greater than one foot, 37 times. A typical daily use of chlorine is 20 pounds or less. However, there were 70 days where chlorine demand was doubled or exceeded 40 pounds/day. These disruptions are costing our taxpayers... for the extra chlorine, extra power usage as well as repairs and new equipment purchases.*

*On every occasion, the operator notified the DWQ.*

*Given the nature and duration of the interference, the facility has shown an inability to control industrial user and to enforce is ordinances.*

*Currently, our operator reports that we are out of compliance for the month of February based on BOD effluent levels, BOD Percent removal and TSS percent removal; for a total of 4 Non-compliances.*

*The plant continues to witness almost daily foaming events in our lagoons and effluent into beer creek. One as recent as yesterday. The operator continues to document, take photos and samples and report them to the state for their continuing investigation.*

Councilperson Janie Christensen also reported James Thomas with the sewer collections has gotten a bid on a camera for sewer laterals. This would help us to be in compliance and also help when we have problems with the sewer. It was in this year's budget and the lowest bid was \$4,600.

Bruce Ward stated DWQ has been working close with us in helping with our compliance issues with the sewer plant. The city does need to respond to the recent letter from the DWQ.

## **9. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD**

Councilperson Aaron Cloward reported on Dream View Park Playground ribbon cutting. He also discussed the Cemetery/Soccer field building and how it is coming along.

## **10. COUNCILPERSON SOREN CHRISTENSEN**

Councilperson Soren Christensen reported on the new water regulations for P.I. that was in the newsletter. Councilperson Rees had a question on the no water on Tuesday restrictions. He has had some residents talk to him about it. There was some discussion

on it. The no water on Tuesday, will go from Tuesday morning 12:01 a.m. and end Tuesday night at 11:59 p.m.

Mayor Brailsford reported on a letter from the water district, which stated the state still needs more snow pack/water this year, especially in the summer months. As a state we are still not where we need to be with water levels. With the BYU well, we need to take the maximum amount of water they are allowing us to use at least once within a five year period. We told BYU this year we would take the full amount of water. The water department has cleaned the PI ponds, and will be looking at filling the ponds in the next week or so.

#### **11. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN**

Councilperson Craig Warren reported the roads department is working on crack sealing, should be completing in the next couple of weeks. Solid Waste is working with an engineering firm to do a site analysis for moving the transfer station.

He also reported Spring Clean-up will begin April 14<sup>th</sup> and go to April 18<sup>th</sup>. We have asked residents to have their debris out by 8:00 a.m. on Monday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Green Waste is also open for residents, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

Chief James did not have anything more to report tonight.

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

Dave Johnson did not have anything to report tonight.

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

Bruce Ward stated he would be going over the budget for public works with the each of the council members. He then explained how he has taken another position with an engineering firm, and the 18<sup>th</sup> will be his last day.

#### **15. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.**

Attorney Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

#### **16. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/RECORDER**

Jeff Nielson did not have anything to report tonight.

**17. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Matt Marziale reported the tennis courts lights are now turned on. He explained how the city pays for the usage of the lights and how they are set on timers. Soccer registration is up 16% and fishing club is up 50%. Our demand is growing in recreation. The pickle ball court cement will be poured in the next week. Dream View Park playground is open, just need some sod to replace around the park. Getting ready to move dirt in a couple of weeks for the soccer field.

**18. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR**

Clark Crook did not have anything to report tonight.

**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:** 7:50 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder