

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on April 6, 2016 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

**Work Session 6:00 p.m.**

Jason Broom from Forsgren Engineering went over the task order for the next step of the sewer treatment plant project. One of the items that will be coming along is the need for a financial advisor as we get ready to do the bonding for the project. In the past Zions Bank has provided that service and there is an agreement with them that was signed when the city did the Pressurized Irrigation project. Other portions of the order are helping with getting information out to the public. Jason went over the timeline for the project.

Bruce Ward and Councilperson Soren Christensen discussed the options for new rates for the Pressurized Irrigation. This has been reviewed for many weeks by them and others. One of the options presented to the council is have a rate based on square footage of a lot. Residents who have smaller lots will have about a \$4 a month increase, where those with larger lots will have a bigger increase. Councilperson Soren Christensen explained the base rate would stay the same, but then the square footage of the property would be the usage rate. Bruce Ward went over the spread sheet showing the different tiers. After some discussion, it was determined to have a resolution written and placed on next council agenda.

Matt Marziale went over the proposed recreation fees and rental agreement for the recreation facilities. Some of the changes include; a \$2,000,000 liability insurance policy, regulation on outside vendors, vendor permit added, use of lights on the Loafer Soccer Park, increase single game rental by \$5, increased paint fields from \$25 to \$45, and other minor changes defining the rental of the fields and the agreement.

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

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford  
Councilperson Cristy Simons  
Councilperson Craig Warren (phone)  
Councilperson Soren Christensen  
Councilperson Sterling Rees

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder  
Junior Baker, City Attorney  
Matt Marziale, PW/Recreation  
Clark Crook, Power  
Chief Brad James, Police Chief  
David Johnson, Building Dept.

**Excused:**

Councilperson Aaron Cloward

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jocelyn Seybold, Monica Ealey, Robert Palfreman, Barbara Palfreman, Clark Caras, Wade Reynolds, Rudd Conover, Jason Broom.

## **1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

Mayor Brailsford stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

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

Councilperson Soren Christensen 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. ULGT – TAP AWARD PRESENTATION**

Brent Oakeson from ULGT (Utah Local Government Trust) presented to the city the TAP (Trust Accountability Program) award and recognized the city for achieving it in 2015. He stated it is a safety program where if the city meets certain requirements they can receive this award along with a check and a 1.5% reduction on workers compensation premium. He wanted to thank Wade Reynolds for his work with the safety for the city employees.

## **4. APPROVE FORSGREN TASK ORDER NO. 2016-05 – FUNDING AND PUBLIC OUTREACH ASSISTANCE FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE.**

Mayor Brailsford stated this task order is for the next step of our study of the waste water treatment plant. The council has reviewed the scope of the project, which is funding for the project and public outreach assistance. It was also discussed in work session.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve the Forsgren Task Order No. 2016-05 – Funding and Public Outreach Assistance for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

## **5. APPROVE CHANGES RECREATION RENTAL AGREEMENT/FEE**

Matt Marziale explained that during work session this item was discussed. He feels some of the fees for renting the fields need to be increased. The increase will help cover the cost of the field preparation and use of the fields. He went over the changes in work session and explained them again.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons to approve the changes to the Recreation Rental Agreement/Fee's.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

## **6. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2016**

Mayor Brailsford asked for a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2016.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve the minutes of March 16, 2016 as written.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

## **7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**AMOUNT: \$409,094.51**

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

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

## **8. CHIEF BRAD JAMES, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR**

Chief Brad James reported the signs at the recycling bins stating no littering and for Salem City Residents only, has been installed. When the police were there, they talked to several people who were using the bins; they were from Payson, Provo, Salem, and other areas in South Utah County. Mayor Brailsford stated we have Republic Service coming to the next council meeting work session to talk about recycling. He also mentioned about the possibility of having a volunteer go down and educates people on the recycling.

Chief James also handed the council a survey about the urban deer in Salem. He would like to put it on the web page, along with what types of vegetation to plant that deer do not like and other options. Eventually he would like the survey to go out with the utility bills.

He also talked about the meeting he went to about hazard mititiagion, by MAG (Mountainand Association of Government). We will need to adopt a resolution similar to the one back in 2009. He recommended the council to go to the MAG web site to view the mitigation plans.

Chief James explained about a new youth program that they are looking to get started. There is a small committee that has met to get this going. We need to find ways to help our youth and what we can do as a city. Mayor Brailsford stated he has been working on the Youth Program for about a year, now we need to get something in place to help our youth and parents. This group would be something outside of the youth council. They need help with bullying, suicidal thoughts, and other items going on. Chief James explained the youth have a new application for their phone that the state has created, so far it is working pretty well, but it has not been available that long. It allows the youth to report items like bullying to authorities and school leaders.

Chief James also stated this coming Tuesday night will be the NOVA graduation at Salem Elementary School; he would invite the council to attend if they can.

**9. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING OFFICIAL DIRECTOR**

David Johnson did not have anything to report tonight.

**10. ATTORNEY JUNIOR BAKER**

Attorney Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

**11. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY RECORDER**

Jeff Nielson explained that he and the Mayor had met on the preliminary budget for next year. Will be working with the directors and then presenting it to the council.

**12. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Matt Marziale did not have anything to report tonight.

**13. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR**

Clark Crook did not have anything to report tonight.

**14. ENGINEERING**

Bruce Ward, from Forsgren Engineering did not have anything to report tonight.

**15. WADE REYNOLDS, STORM DRAIN/SAFETY COORDINATOR**

Wade Reynolds did not have anything to report tonight.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**16. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD**

Mayor Brailsford asked Matt Marziale to email to the council the list of roads that the road department would like to work on this next year.

## **17. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

Councilperson Sterling Rees presented to the council a plaque from UMPA, which was an old power meter. It represented 35 years of UMPA.

He also reported that SUVPS (South Utah Valley Power System) met last week to discuss the need to increase the 46 power line. SUVPS is over the maintenance of the line. There is a dispute between the Bureau of Reclamation and Strawberry, as to who owns what. He wanted the council to know about the upgrade. Clark Crook, reported in 2011, SUVPS had a study completed, it predicted in the future there would be a problem and the 46 line would need to be upgraded. This future has happened faster than what was anticipated. The area is growing a little faster than what was anticipated. We feel we need to do the upgrade now, but there is the concern about who owns the 46 line. Councilperson Soren Christensen felt that before we put any money into it, we should determine who owns it. Mayor Brailsford stated we are also working on the easements. There was a discussion on the easement, and the need to upgrade this line sooner than later. Felt that the ownership will work out. Councilperson Rees wanted to make sure the council and city were aware of it.

Councilperson Rees also reported that UMPA meetings in St. George were very informative. The future of the coal plants will be a big part of our future and the need to look for other sources of power.

Councilperson Soren Christensen asked about a lawsuit from Colorado about the Hunter Power Plant and the emissions from the coal. Attorney Baker stated it was not discussed in St. George meeting, but the Hunter plant is meeting all of the permits and does not think the lawsuit will go far. We do need to look at other sources of reliable power besides coal.

Councilperson Rees reported the Provo Power plant is old and will be torn down. A new one with natural gas generation will replace it. We are also looking into renewing our contracts for power. With all of the changes, we are anticipating the power rates will probably be increasing.

Clark Crook stated as we look at the power and resources, the cost of power is going to increase. Power is becoming more expensive and will be affecting our budgets in the near future.

## **18. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS**

Councilperson Cristy Simons reported the Miss Salem Pageant is set for June 11<sup>th</sup>. She wanted to thank the Youth Council for their help on the Easter Egg Hunt, along with the Fire Department members, the Chamber and the business who donated.

Clark Caras from the Chamber reported on the Easter Egg hunts in Salem and Spanish Fork. He thanked Councilperson Simons for her efforts in helping in the chamber. He also reported the chamber's magazine has gone out to all the residents of Salem and Spanish Fork, hoping everyone has received theirs. The new Denny's restaurant in Spanish Fork will be opening the following day.

**19. COUNCILPERSON SOREN CHRISTENSEN**

Councilperson Soren Christensen asked Matt Marziale if we have heard any news about the Highline Canal being filled or about our PI system. Matt stated he heard around the first part of May for the Highline Canal. With the PI, looking at the weather and also possibility of moving water from Salem Canal to Highline if needed.

**20. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD**

Councilperson Cloward was excused tonight.

**21. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN**

Councilperson Craig Warren did not have anything to report tonight.

**22. CLOSED SESSION – IMMINENT LITIGATION**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen to close council meeting and move into a closed session for the discussion of imminent litigation.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

**ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees to adjourn city council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 8:30 pm.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder