

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on August 21, 2013 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.

Representatives from Utah Division of Water Quality discussed with the mayor and council issues associated with the sewer treatment facilities and especially lagoon systems like Salem City's. The EPA is coming down with stricter regulations, which our lagoon systems will not be able to meet without some major improvements. Those improvements would be very costly. Other options would be to upgrade to a mechanical sewer treatment plant, which is also costly. They told us they will try to help us along the way, but it is something that we need to work on for the near future. They stated the first step would be to do a study to determine what our options could be.

Bruce Ward went over the Whisper Ridge subdivision plat. He stated it has gone before DRC and Planning & Zoning. One recommendation from them was to make sure the easement for Rocky Mountain Power is identified as Rocky Mountain Power easement and not just a public utility easement (PUE). Other recommendations for Phase 1, would be to build 1050 South road and the retention pond. When the road is built it would require that the utilities also be put in so the road would not have to be dug up in the future phases. Would like the road completed so it would connect with Country View Lane phase D subdivision.

The Ordinance regarding setback for cell phone towers on public facilities zone was also discussed. Mayor Brailsford would like to have a meeting with some of the neighbors by the city shop before we approve this ordinance, as it would impact them.

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
Councilperson Craig Warren

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
Junior Baker, City Attorney
Bruce Ward, Public Works/Engineer
David Johnson, Building Dept

EXCUSED

Matt Marziale, Recreation

OTHERS PRESENT

Soren Christensen, Brad Rasmussen, Brent Hancock, Amber Hancock

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Councilperson Sterling Rees 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.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to Open the Public Hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

a. Ordinance to Amend the Public Facility Zone with Regards to Setbacks for Communication Towers

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any questions from the public regarding the ordinance. There were no questions.

Close

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to Close the Public Hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

Mayor Brailsford stated he would like to meet with some of the neighbors where this change could affect them immediately.

a. Ordinance to Amend the Public Facility Zone with Regards to Setbacks for Communication Towers

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to table this item until next council meeting and after the city has had an opportunity to discuss with the neighbors who would be affected immediately by a tower if the ordinance is approved.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

4. KEVIN KUHNI – Preliminary Plat Approval for Whisper Ridge located at 1050 South 750 East

Mayor Brailsford stated this item was discussed during work session. The 1050 South road will go through and connect to Country View Lane subdivision. Mayor told Kevin that during work session it was discussed along 750 East the suggestion was made for the properties on 750 East to have matching fencing rather than have several different types of fences. Kevin stated he would to have the matching fences also. It was stated it would need to be in the CCR's for the subdivision. Bruce Ward made the recommendation that 750 East cross section match the standard cross section.

Mayor stated this was approved in DRC and Planning & Zoning.

DRC approval August 7, 2013: Recommend that the Planning & Zoning Commission approve the preliminary plat for Whisper Ridge Subdivision subject to meeting all of the subdivision and construction standards; dedicating the retention pond to the city and installing it with the first phase; and submit a phase plan including the road.

Planning and Zoning approval August 14, 2013: Recommended to approve the preliminary plat for Whisper Ridge Subdivision with the conditions relating to the Rocky Mountain Power transmission line as shown and not creating an additional PUE and requiring the developer to show the width of the easement as well as reference on the plat the book and page numbers where the restrictions are recorded; keeping the standard cross section along 750 East; complying with all of the subdivision and development standards; phase 1 is to include the road at 1050 South to go all the way through to loop the utilities and also installation of the retention pond which will be dedicated to the city.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen to approve Kevin Kuhni Preliminary Plat Approval for Whisper Ridge Located at 1050 South 750 East with the conditions that the 1050 South be completed and connected to Country View Lane subdivision with the utilities main line and laterals installed for future phases, that Rocky Mountain Power easement is listed on the plat as their easement and not a public utility easement (PUE), a note on the plat map indicating the recording of the Rocky Mountain Power easement, with the recommendation from DRC and Planning & Zoning, and the recommendation of the fencing on 750 East be consistent with each property owner.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

5. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2013

Mayor Brailsford asked for motion to approve the minutes of August 7, 2013 as written.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the minutes of August 7, 2013 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

6. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Brailsford stated the amount of the bills being approved tonight is \$696,041. He then asked for a motion to approve the bills for payment.

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments.

COUNCIL REPORTS

8. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford stated the new budget has been sent out, please review it and watch it. He also thanked those who helped with Salem Days, felt it went very well, he also thanked the employees for their work with Salem Days.

9. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Rees stated there are a few Eagle Scout Projects going on in the city. Councilperson Christensen suggested having the Eagle Projects come to council meeting and present their projects to the council.

10. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Christensen stated the library board did a great job with the auction for Salem Days to help raise money for the library. She also reported today there was a

meeting earlier in the day with the Utah Division of Water Quality to discuss our sewer plant. The state is helping us look into a spike we had in one of our reporting that they are concerned with. We need to find the source of it, because it is costing us in chlorine and the use of our aerators.

11. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Cloward reported on recreation and how the fall sports are getting ready. The recreation maintenance building at Loafer View is almost complete.

12. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Craig Warren reported on the “Thank You” sign at 300 West and Canal Road that thanked the city for doing the safety sidewalk for the Mt. Loafer Elementary School. We are also looking at the Beet Road (460 West) and doing the stripping down the middle of the road.

He also reported on the Solid Waste District, and how they are working with the Loves Truck Stop, who is building next to the transfer station, on landscaping in the area to improve both sites. They are also reviewing the need to have Bayview Landfill flaring the methane gas by the year 2016. The recycling bins by Stokes, the district has not seen any problems since we put up the signs and did the notice in the newsletter.

There was a discussion about the aggregate asphalt that was used around the safety sidewalk and how kids riding four wheelers are causing the aggregate to make a mess on the new sidewalk. The question was also asked about the progress on the stop light at Main Street and SR 198. It was stated that the state is waiting to hear from the land owners on easements.

13. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

Councilperson Jorgensen reported the water system is running well. He also thanked the youth council for the help during Salem Days. With the PI, we are still down from last year, but we are still using a lot of water.

Mayor Brailsford reported we have some citizens who have larger pastures and orchards and are using the PI water to water them. The system was not meant to water larger pastures or orchards without permission from the city.

Mayor Brailsford stated he would like to make an executive order tonight, until we can have time to figure out the water usage for these larger pastures and orchards. We need to cut down on our water usage, he would like to take time in the winter months to have

something put in place. With our bond for the PI, we are required to reduce our water usage. With the executive order, as of September 3, 2013 there will be no more watering pastures or orchards, unless they have been authorized by the city. If a person is caught watering the pastures or orchards, they could be fined up to \$500.

Roy Miller, a resident, stated he is concerned because of the watering some residents are doing for their pastures, he is not sure how the city is doing with water, but he does not feel they can water as much as they want to. He has talked to his neighbor before and they feel they can water as much as they like, they are watering within the time frame. He is concerned about this.

Councilperson Warren asked Attorney Baker about the current PI ordinance and if we would have to change it for the executive order. Attorney Baker stated we would not have to change it, we could look at the wasting of PI water. With the executive order the mayor has the right to do it, with a concern of water shortage.

Mayor Brailsford stated that it would be in the newsletter and also on the webpage.

Councilperson Jorgensen stated we need to educate our residents and let them know about water wise, and explain to them the issues with the PI.

Roy Miller stated that we have residents who don't care and the only way to fix it is would be to do a penalty.

Soren Christensen made the comment about metering the PI.

Mayor asked for a motion on the executive order.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the Mayor's Executive Order that no watering of pastures or orchards with PI water after September 3, 2013, unless it has been authorized by the city.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

14. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES

Chief James reported he has been working with the schools to address some concerns since school has started. He has also done training with the crossing guards for the new school year. He reported that Officer Matt Bell has resigned from the city police department. He stated he opened the position within the city police department for the part time police officers. There were two officers who applied for the position. The position was offered to Greg Smith, who accepted the position.

Chief James also told the council that after the council meeting, Officer Austin Cobley is outside and would like to do a demonstration to the council with Dizzy our drug K-9 and also with his dog that he is training.

15. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

Dave Johnson did not have anything to report tonight.

16. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Bruce Ward made the suggestion of using the new program that makes automatic phone calls for a test to see if we want to go with the new program to alert residents of the executive order that was approved tonight.

17. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Attorney Junior Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

18. JEFF NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR

Jeff Nielson did not have anything to report tonight.

19. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION DIRECTOR

Matt Marziale was excused from Council Meeting tonight.

20. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR

Clark Crook was excused from Council Meeting tonight.

ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:50 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder