

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on February 16, 2011 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work Session: 6:15 p.m.

Police Chief Brad James reported to the council the public safety year-end report for 2010.

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

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor Jonathan F. Cope

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Jonathan F. Cope  
Councilperson Lynn Durrant  
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 Todd R. Gordon and Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin were attending a SUVSWD meeting and arrived as council meeting adjourned.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lana Creer Harris, LoriAnne Poulsen, Michael Deveraux, Ethan Dunn, Megan Davis, Rebecca Brindley, Caleb Sly, Wyatt Shivley, Wyatt Graham, Jason Stewart, Nicholas Stringfellow, Mikayla Barney, Nick Farley, Lori Farley, Jake Farley, Rebecca Newman, Brandon, Conner Sorensen, Seth Barrett, Gage Dixon, Dennis Williams, D. Allan Nybo, Jason Nielsen, Jacob Anderson, Austin Miller, Tanner Binks, Colton Lyndell, Adam Dinkins

**1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

Mayor Cope asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Councilperson Lynn Durrant stated she would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

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

Mayor Cope 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 ORDINANCE ALLOWING FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY INTERCONNECTION**

Attorney Baker addressed the ordinance allowing alternative energy interconnection. He stated that one of the concerns with alternative energy interconnection is to make sure it has the proper shut off provisions. We do not want the alternative power being fed back into the city's power system, especially during a power outage where it could cause harm to our employees working on the outage.

This ordinance gives residents the opportunity to have solar or wind energy for an alternative energy source.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve Ordinance 21611 allowing for Alternative Energy Interconnection.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

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

## **4. APPROVE NET METERING LICENSE AGREEMENT**

Attorney Baker stated this agreement is in conjunction with the ordinance that was just approved. If a resident desires to have alternative energy and to net meter that energy, they will need to sign the agreement. If the council approves the agreement tonight, they will be approving it as a form, so when the agreement is signed by a resident it will not have to be approved by the council at a later date. The net metering agreement will allow a resident to use the alternative energy to help reduce their power bills, but will not allow the resident to receive a credit for any excess power produced.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sidney Jorgensen to approve the Net Metering License Agreement Form.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

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

**5. APPROVE RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCILMAN FICKLIN TO THE UTAH VALLEY DISPATCH SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT**

Attorney Baker stated that when Mayor Cope made the new council assignments in January, Councilperson Ficklin was given the assignment to be Salem City's representative for the Utah Valley dispatch Special Service District. The district requires that a resolution be approved appointing Councilperson Ficklin to the assignment.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve Resolution 21611 Appointing Councilman Ficklin to the Utah Valley Dispatch Special Service District.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sidney Jorgensen.

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

**6. APPROVE MINUTES OF January 19, 2011**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the minutes of January 19, 2011 as written.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

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

**7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sidney Jorgensen to approve the bills for payment.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

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

**8. PUBLIC SAFETY**

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**9. MAYOR JONATHAN F. COPE**

Mayor Cope stated it is time to start working on the budget for the 2011/2012 fiscal year. He asked each of the councilmember's to get with their departments to work on the budget.

Mayor Cope read a letter from Layne Todd & Kim Olsen expressing their appreciation for the love and support they received from the citizens of Salem when their son Nigel was killed in the war. They were deeply touched by the flag lined streets that lead to the Salem City Cemetery where he was buried.

Mayor Cope reported that he had met with the Crisp's to discuss the future plans for the grocery store building. They have hired a realtor to help them sell the store.

## **10. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT**

Councilperson Durrant asked if other ordinances would need to be changed for the solar panels or windmills. Attorney Baker stated that not for the solar panels, but the council may need to address some for windmills.

Bruce Ward asked if a resident who has solar panels to heat water would be required to sign the agreement. Attorney Baker stated that they would not be required to sign the agreement, only those residents who have solar panels as a means of alternative power need to sign the agreement.

Councilperson Durrant reported that she would be leaving on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February to go back to Washington DC to meet with congress and discuss public power.

The annual UMPA meeting is set for March, and she would encourage the council to attend if they can make it.

## **11. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN**

## **12. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

Councilperson Rees reported over the last few months SUVMWA (South Utah Valley Municipal Water Association) has been discussing the feasibility study on the possibilities of recharging our underground water aquifers. The SUVMWA board awarded the bid for the feasibility study a few months ago to CRS Engineers. CRS Engineers presented to the board the cost of the study to look at possibilities of recharging the aquifers, which is anticipated to be about \$385,000. The Central Utah Water Conservancy District has also agreed to pay about \$180,000 towards the study. SUVMWA is also going to ask Strawberry Water for some money to help with the study. SUVMWA board will be deciding in the upcoming meetings if they want the study done. If the study is approved it will take about one year to complete, then it could take up to 8 to 12 years before the cities see the benefits from it. It would be a great benefit to all of the member cities to learn how to recharge these aquifers. SUVMWA has enough money to cover the study, so they will not be asking for more money from the member cities.

Mayor Cope stated that the study has been discussed in the South Valley Mayors Group, and he feels that it is important for us to keep the water so we can recharge our aquifers rather than just letting the water go to Utah Lake where we see very little benefit.

Bruce Ward discussed some of the other benefits of the study, and he feels that it will be very valuable for the cities.

Mayor Cope stated that some of the mayors in the area met with members of the Central Utah Water Conservation District to discuss the CUP water line. The project is still moving forward in spite of some major setbacks. The pipe line will go from the mouth of

Spanish Fork Canyon to Juab County. The pipe line location will either be the Highline Canal or the Salem Canal. The pressure in the pipe line could allow Salem City to go south with our P.I. system.

**13. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN**

Councilperson Jorgensen stated he spent some time with Mike Pritchett, supervisor over roads, and talked about the budget for the roads. Also they are looking at some ways to help preserve our road salt stock pile from the weather.

**14. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON**

**15. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS**

**16. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Bruce Ward mentioned that Nebo School District has started the excavation for the new Junior High.

**17. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.**

**ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant to adjourn city council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sidney Jorgensen.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 7:30 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder