

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on February 4, 2015 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Worksession: 6:00 p.m.

Layne Burningham and Kevin Garlick from UMPA presented to the Mayor and Council a new program for renewed energy that UMPA has been working on. It is called Renew Choice, and it gives the residents an opportunity to purchase renewable energy.

Police Chief Brad James reported on the yearend report for public safety for yearend 2014.

Attorney Junior Baker talked about the transportation resolution that is on the agenda. It was given to us by Utah League of Cities and Towns to show our support to have the State Legislation look at transportation funding for roads, during this legislation period.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
Junior Baker, City Attorney
David Johnson, Building Dept.
Rebecca Andrus, Engineer
Clark Crook, Power
Matt Marziale, Recreation
Wade Reynolds, Safety/Storm Water

Excused:

Councilperson Janie Christensen

OTHERS PRESENT

Betty Herbert, Stacy Beck, Clark H. Caras, Cary Hanks, Robert Palfreyman, Elizabeth Mitchell, Justin Taylor, Sydnie Davis, Jared Suarez, Megan Redhouse, Sariah Lee, Esther Browning, Jared Rittmanie, Shaylee Plake, Ashli Plake, Austin Plake, Jessica Losser, Summer Lytle, Maddie Windier and Bruce Ward.

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

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

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brailsford asked if any volunteers would like to lead audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Betty Herbert stated she would, then 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. PRESENTATION – Cary Hanks

Mayor Brailsford presented a plaque to Cary Hanks for her work with the Chamber of Commerce for Salem City. Cary has accepted another job and is leaving the chamber. Cary thanked the mayor and council and then introduced Clark Harrison Caras who is the new executive director of the chamber. She also introduced Stacy Beck, who is the president of the chamber this year. Stacy announced on Friday at 4:00 p.m. will be a ribbon cutting for the tractor supply company.

4. APPROVE NEBO ORCHESTRA AGREEMENT

Mayor Brailsford reported the Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra has been using our Community Center to practice in over the last six months. They have done everything that is stated in the agreement. They would like to extend the agreement for another six months. Betty Herbert, President of the Orchestra stated it has been nice to have a place to practice, they really appreciate the city's support. There will be another concert on February 20th.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the Nebo Orchestra Agreement for another six months.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

5. LEON VAN SICKLE REQUEST

Mayor Brailsford stated this item was requested to be removed at this time by the engineering firm representing Leon.

6. APPROVE PLANNING & ZONING ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Brailsford reported we have a couple of seats on the Planning and Zoning that need to be replaced. Rod Christensen and Robert Frampton's terms are up and need to replace them. He has talked with Shelly Hendrickson, who is the chairperson, about replacements.

Mayor Brailsford is proposing Seth Sorenson (who is currently an alternate) and Karen Weight as new members for Planning and Zoning, then Robert Palfreyman as an alternate.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve Seth Sorenson and Karen Weight as Planning and Zoning members and then Robert Palfreyman as an alternate.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

7. A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE STATE OF UTAH TO ADDRESS COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Attorney Baker reported on this in work session, this is asking the state to look into the transportation funding. Right now there are some bills going through the State Legislation regarding the transportation funding. We as a city are asking them to look into it and options to help with funding of city roads.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve Resolution 20415A Encouraging the State of Utah to Address Comprehensive Transportation Funding.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

8. APPROVE RESOLUTION FORM RENEW CHOICE/RENEWABLE ENERGY

Councilperson Sterling Rees reported Layne Burningham from UMPA presented the Renew Choice program they are implementing, during our work session. He stated this program allows residents to purchase renewable power in 100kW blocks at \$2.00 a block. This will be in addition to their current power bill, but it gives them the ability to purchase the renewable power. It will be available starting March 1, 2015.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve Resolution 20414B Forming Renew Choice/Renewable Energy for Salem City Residents.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

9. STORM DRAIN NOI UPDATE

Wade Reynolds reported this is renewing our NOI (Notice of Intent) for the Storm Water with the Utah State Division of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality. This is our permit for the storm water.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to approve the Storm Drain NOI Update.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

10. APPROVE TRENCH SHORING BOXES

Mayor Brailsford reported at times our city crews need to dig trenches. As they learned in a recent safety meeting provided by our insurance, we need to have some kind of trench box for safety. Our crews have found these shoring boxes that will meet our needs. Matt Marziale explained how they work and why they will be great for our crews, as they can be assembled with a couple of people. The cost for the boxes are a little over \$5,000 each and we will need two sets of them to meet our needs. The cost will be split between Roads, Sewer, Water, and P.I. The total cost is \$10,786.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the purchase of the trench shoring boxes in the amount of \$10,786.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

11. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2015

Mayor Brailsford asked for approval of the minutes from January 21, 2015 Council Meeting.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve the minutes of January 21, 2015 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

12. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked for approval of the bills to be paid.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the bills to be paid.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

Mayor Brailsford reported the amount of bills to be approved tonight are in the amount of \$ 263,610.

COUNCIL REPORTS

13. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford reported the Highline Canal and Salem Canal company are having their member meetings this week. He has asked Councilperson Soren Christensen to attend them and represent Salem City.

14. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Sterling Rees reported UMPA came during work session and presented the Renew Choice power. A letter was sent to each of the state legislators inviting them to an open house during the legislative session. The UMPA member meeting will be held in April, and an invitation was given to the council. He also reported that Matt Marziale will have a list of new Eagle Projects available around March.

15. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Janie Christensen was excused from council tonight.

Mayor Brailsford asked Bruce Ward, from Forsgren Engineering, to report on a meeting the city had with the Utah State Board of Water Quality regarding our funding for the sewer project that his firm is helping Salem with. Bruce stated when they go and talk to the state regarding funding, it is common to have the City Mayor and City Engineer come with them to present to the state. We had Mayor Brailsford and Rebecca Andrus come with us, and both did a great job in presenting the city's project to the state. The state approved us for our funding of the project. He also reported that the staff at the state commented to him after the meeting, at how well Salem City did in presenting their project. Bruce stated the Mayor also asked for an additional \$25,000 as a no pay back loan and was granted the money. This money will be used to help information for regional sewer plant with Payson and Spanish Fork. Bruce complemented Mayor Brailsford and Rebecca Andrus. We will now need a task order so we can send it to the state and get going on the project.

16. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Aaron Cloward reported the winter programs and finishing up and now taking registrations for spring soccer and baseball. The soccer park is being prepared for hydro seeding. The parks department is working at the cemetery and parks.

17. COUNCILPERSON SOREN CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Soren Christensen reported there are a lot of water meetings coming up and we are major shareholders in some of them. The water line replacement for the Maple Well is basically completed, we will be installing the PRV when the ground dries up. We have done a great job with the project.

Mayor Brailsford talked about the Central Utah Water Conservation District, where he sits on the board. They are looking at the snow impact and ground water. He stated we have about as much water as last year, but last year we had a very wet May and June, which helped us to make it through the summer. We need to get more snow in the mountains or we will be hurting in the late summer for water. The district is nervous and we will really need to push water wise. We will have to do a better job of handing out violations this year.

18. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Craig Warren reported the crack seal has been ordered for the roads department. Will be looking at newer subdivision so we can help save and preserve those roads.

He then asked the Youth Council if they had anything to report: Summer Lytle and Jessica Losser from the Youth Council reported on the Senior Citizen Sweetheart Dinner will be on February 12, at 5:30 p.m. They are also getting ready for the USU Leadership Conference in March.

19. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES

Police Chief Brad James reported the police department received a \$7,500 grant to allow them to purchase body cameras for the police officers. The police department now has the cameras and a policy in place for the cameras. He also spent Monday at the State Capital working with some of the legislators.

20. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

Dave Johnson did not have anything to report at this time.

21. REBECCA ANDRUS, CITY ENGINEER

Rebecca Andrus reported Aly Acres have finished up their subdivision around the end of December. There are some issues with drainage on the property, and looking at the issues to get them fixed. Some of the sidewalks were sinking and we will have them fix them.

She also reported on the Transportation Study is in the beginning process and will be meeting the consultants on it. The Sewer master Plan we are working with the consultants on it also. Next council meeting will be looking at the enforcement ordinance for the Storm Water. Will ask the council to really look at it, it has taken a lot to prepare and has been a big process. This will also need to be included in our standards.

Wade Reynolds reported we are a year into our Storm Water and we are ahead of what we told the state we would be. The state did come and do some inspections with us, to see our processes. They felt we were doing a good job. We still need to work on single lots in a development and if each lot will need to have their own permit. This is a big process. Wade Reynolds and Nyle Robinson are certified for inspections on the storm water. Councilperson Craig Warren thanked Wade for all that he has done with the Storm Water. It is hard to know all of it, and he is doing a great job.

22. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Attorney Junior Baker did not have anything to report at this time.

23. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/RECORDER

Jeff Nielson explained the budget worksheets for FY 2016 have been issued to each department to work on. He then talked about the timeline for the budget process.

24. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION DIRECTOR

Matt Marziale did not have anything to report at this time.

25. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR

Clark Crook explained we have a company coming and looking at our substations and reviewing the loads.

Mayor Brailsford asked if there was anything else. Clark Harrison Caras, from the Chamber stated on Saturday morning at the Nebo School District building, there will be Bills and Bagels at 7:00 a.m. This is an opportunity to hear what is going on at the legislation right now.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:00 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder