

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on February 6, 2013 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Worksession 6:15 p.m.

Police Chief Brad James went over 2012 year-end report for public safety.

Attorney Baker explained to the council that with the roads getting a lot of pot holes because of the weather, he wanted to inform them that the city is not liable for damages caused by the pot holes.

**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  
David Johnson, Building Dept.  
Bruce Ward, Public Works/Engineer  
Matt Marziale, Recreation

Excused:

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Cary Hanks, Amilyn Gardner Jones, Tarjelle Halladay, Robert Palfreyman, Ian Andrus, Justin Brown, Aspen Shelley, Kaleb Richardson, Tyler Jackson, Jaycee Daley, Megan Brockbank, Maryn Turley, Jaiden Butler, Jacob Butler, Karen Taylor, Megahn Taylor, Richard Fifita, Jacob Fifita, Adam Boden, Caleb Boden.

**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**

Mayor Brailsford told the public that the flag that will be used for the pledge tonight is the flag that was flown in honor of Colonel Blake Bowen. Mayor asked Dr. Bowen, Colonel Bowen older brother, if he would lead us in the pledge of allegiance. Dr. Bowen then led the pledge of allegiance for those who wanted to participate.

### **3. PRESENTATION OF FLAG OF HONOR TO BLAKE BOWEN**

Mayor Brailsford asked Colonel Blake Bowen to come to the front. He stated that Salem City has flown a U.S. Flag in his honor while he was deployed and serving our country. The flag was then folded and presented to Colonel Bowen. Colonel Bowen thanked the city for their support, and asked that we continue to support our troops who are serving our country. He also presented to a city a token of appreciation for support. Mayor and the council thanked him for his service.

### **4. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT**

Youth Council reported to the Mayor and Council that they are getting ready for the Senior Sweetheart Dinner on February 14<sup>th</sup>. They are also getting ready for the Utah State University Leadership Conference for the youth councils in the state. They thanked the mayor and council for the letters written for them, and also thanked them for their support.

### **5. T-MOBILE – Amend Agreement**

Attorney Junior Baker stated that a couple of years ago the city was working with T-Mobile to have a cell phone tower placed at the Mt. Loafer Recreation complex, next to the football field. An agreement was written up at that time. Since then they have not been ready to build it. They want to continue to have the agreement and the right to have a cell phone tower built in the agreed spot. This amendment is asking for that right to hold the agreement and they are going to pay the city \$1,000 to have it held. When the tower is built there will be an annually fee assessed to T-Mobile. The city is also looking at using the tower to house some lights for the football field.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the amended agreement with T-Mobile.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren.

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

### **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any comments for the residents.

Abush Jones asked about a sidewalk on 100 South by the Veteran Baseball Park, he also stated there have been a lot of robberies in the 240 South area and wondering about them. Chief James stated that he will report on the robberies later. Mayor Brailsford stated that we need to make sure that we lock our doors, windows, cars, and also that our garages are shut. Councilperson Warren stated that he will look into the sidewalk issue.

Cary Hanks from the chamber invited the council to the networking luncheon at the civic center on Wednesday at 12:00 noon. She would also like to invite the business in Salem, even if they are not members of the chambers, to attend the luncheon. On Saturday at 7:30 a.m. will be Bills and Beagles held at the Nebo School District office. This will be open to the public and an opportunity to speak to State Representatives.

## **7. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2013**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the minutes of January 16, 2013 as written.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Janie Christensen.

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

## **8. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the bills for payment.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

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

Mayor Brailsford mentioned the total amount of the bills being approved tonight is \$481,853

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **9. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD**

Mayor Brailsford stated that he would report later.

### **10. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

Councilperson Rees reported that UMPA and SUVPS are working on their budgets. March 19<sup>th</sup> UMPA will be going back to Washington DC to work with APPA, and then a week after that will be the UMPA annually meeting in St. George.

### **11. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN**

Councilperson Christensen reported that the Miss Salem applications are now being accepted. The library has a board meeting tomorrow and AJ Cardon is the new board member for the library. She also reported that the Sewer and Roads department have been working hard, especially with snow plowing.

## **12. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD**

Councilperson Cloward reported that there is three weeks left for men's basketball and four weeks for youth basketball. Indoor soccer is doing well. The parks department got the trees from Pond Town Christmas off the pond; they were delayed this year because of the cold weather in January. The gazebo at the cemetery is coming along, He thanked the mayor for all of the hard work that he does for the city. He spends a lot of time going to different meetings and spending time doing city business.

## **13. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN**

Councilperson Jorgensen reported that Chris Averett, with the water department, has been doing maintenance at the Maple Canyon Well. The replacement shop is very close to being completed, the parks department has done a great job with the shop. He too thanked the mayor for the work he does.

## **14. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN**

Councilperson Warren reported that roads are starting to buckle and creating pot holes. He asked everyone if they see a pot hole, if they would report it to the city office so it can be fixed. The green waste will only be open for residents of Salem, and the Solid Waste District is looking at consolidating the green waste to one location.

## **15. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD**

Mayor Brailsford reported that he has made a change with the department heads and supervisors. He stated that he made directors instead of department heads. They are: Chief Brad James, Director of Public Safety; Bruce Ward, Public Works Director/Engineer; Jeff Nielson, Finance Director/Recorder; Dave Johnson, Building Director; Matt Marziale, Recreation and Field Director; Clark Crook, Power Director; and Attorney Baker. Salem City does not have a city manager and he feels that these seven will do just as good as any manager. He stated that he will meet with the directors twice a month, the Tuesday before council meeting at 7:00 a.m. He then handed out to the council the directors responsibility.

## **16. CHIEF BRAD JAMES - Public Safety Director**

Chief Brad James reported on Saturday will be the dog clinic. We have had some robberies in the 240 South area. So far we have had three reported. We found that the person went into the home from unlocked doors or garages that were opened. He asked the residents to please make sure they lock the doors and to report anything that they see suspicious. Finally he reported that the city received a letter from UDOT stated that SR

198 and Main Street qualify for a street light. UDOT hopes to have one installed in the next few months, but it all depends on if they can do it or if they have to hire it out.

**17. DAVE JOHNSON – Building Official Director**

Dave Johnson did not have anything to report tonight.

**18. BRUCE WARD - City Engineer/ Public Works Director**

Bruce Ward reported that Strawberry Water rates are going up, he went to their annual meeting and the rate for the city is going up to \$89 a share. They also gave us the option of leasing shares for \$34 a share.

Mayor Brailsford talked about the cost of water for the city's PI system. He is wondering from the council how far we want to push back on Strawberry Water. He stated there are a lot of factors that go into the cost of the water share. He feels that we need to do something to let the canal company know that we do not feel it is right what they are charging the cities. They charge the cities a different rate than any other entity, and it is a lot more per share. He is also working with the other mayors who are affected by the rate.

Bruce Ward stated that other fees also went up, the delivery fee went up \$2 and the Salem Canal went up \$5 a share. Councilperson Warren asked why. Bruce stated that he has not gotten a good answer from them.

Mayor Brailsford talked again about some of the factors for cost, one of the factors is lost generation for power. He thinks that we need to start pushing back on the fees. The council agreed with him.

Bruce Ward asked if anyone sees a pot hole to notify the city office. He feels that the roads have really taken a hit this winter.

**19. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.**

Attorney Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

**20. JEFF NIELSON - Finance Director**

Jeff Nielson reported that the budget work sheets for 2013/2014 will be going out to the directors in the next week and asked the directors work with the council on their budgets for this next year.

**21. MATT MARZIALE - Recreation Director**

Matt Marziale reported that the community calendar book is not being provided by Nebo School District anymore, but as the recreation department he would like to do one. The book would only be done once a year and would be available at the recreation office, city office, online, and maybe a couple of other places in town. It would have information about the recreation and other items like the green waste and trailer dump.

**22. CLARK CROOK - Electrical Director**

Was excused tonight.

**CLOSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PROPERTY.**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Aaron Cloward to close city council and enter into closed session to discuss property.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

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

**ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 8:30 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder