

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on January 2, 2013 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Worksession 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Brailsford talked about the city calendars and how they have been mailed out and how the emergency information in the back of the calendar. Attorney Junior Baker talked about the public hearings that we have coming up. Jeff Nielson explained the PEHP contract that is on the agenda tonight. When the council passed the budget back in June, we approved PEHP Health Insurance for the employees. The agreement on the agenda is for that approval, just a little late. There is not much change from the prior year's contract, just some grammar changes.

**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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Yolanda Moser, Meghan Taylor, Robert Taylor, Caitlin Smith, Cooper Smith, Barbara Palfreyman, Robert Palfreyman, Billy Fairbanks, Megan Ward, Yasir Finkenthal, Levi Stone, Brendan Dye, Tyler Melander, Caleb Boden, Eric Belliston, Devin Stewart, Shad Dinkins, Conner Rollins, Miranda Martin, Collin Bates, Kaycee Jacklin, Jake Curtis, Kaila Olsen, McKenna Nelson, Tyler Jackson, Kaleb Richardson, Elizabeth Mitchell, Natalie Stutz, Chrissy VanAusdal, Jessica Nielson

**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**

Councilperson Sid Jorgensen 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. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT**

Representatives from the Salem Youth Council reported to the mayor and council the activities they did in December. They were able to help out three families with the Sub for Santa. They started to put the luminaries out at the cemetery on Christmas Eve, but had to stop because of the weather. Activities coming up, in February they will be having the Senior Sweetheart Dinner, this will be at 5:30 p.m. on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. They will be sending out invitations around the middle of the month. They are also going to talk to Stokes Grocery Store to see about catering the event. Mayor Brailsford and Councilmember's thanked the youth council for all they do.

### **4. CLYDE BRADFORD – Pond Town Christmas Carriage Rides**

Clyde Bradford, who does the carriage rides around the pond during Pond Town Christmas, thanked the mayor and council for the lights on the pond. He stated that he gave rides to a lot of people from all over the country. People will tell him that these are the best light display in the state. He stated he had four wedding proposals this year. About 60 – 70 percent were repeat customers. They had an average year this year. He stated that he has been doing it for nine years now, and his contract will be up again next year. He presented to the council the city's portion of the proceeds according the agreement. He thanked the city again.

### **5. FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION**

Fire Chief James Ealey talked to the council about some recent changes in the fire department. Wade Reynolds is the new assistant fire chief. Gregg Miller is the newest captain in the fire department. He then presented the other captains and members of the fire department who were present. He thanked the mayor and council for their support. We have 75% of our firemen who are certified firefighters, and working on getting the others certified. He also showed the mayor and council the new patch from the contest that they had. Chief James mentioned that they are in need of more firefighters, if anyone knows of anyone, they need the help.

### **6. Approve PEHP contract for 2012/2013**

Mayor Brailsford stated that this item was discussed during work session. This is the PEHP Health Insurance for the employees that was approved during the budget process in June. This is the agreement for that approval.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren to approve the PEHP Contract for FY 2012/2013.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

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

## **7. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2012**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the minutes of December 12, 2012 as written.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Janie Christensen.

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

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

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the bills for payment.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

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

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

Mayor Brailsford stated that he is working SESD on power rates for the Maple Canyon Well.

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

Councilperson Rees reported that the power transmission with UMPA is a lot lower than what they anticipated, which should help out next year's budget.

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

Councilperson Christensen reported that the library is need of a new board member. They are also seeing an increase in the use of electronic books being downloaded.

Yolanda Moser from the Spanish Fork/Salem Chamber reported that on January 18, 2013 will be the chamber banquet. The chamber also has a meeting in the morning.

### **12. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD**

Councilperson Cloward reported that recreation has youth basketball going on, we have more signed up for basketball this year than in years past. Hunter safety, indoor soccer and little hoopsters are also going on.

### **13. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN**

Councilperson Sid Jorgensen reported that the water system is doing well, we have had a couple of residents whose water lines to their homes have frozen, it is however their responsibility to have it fixed. The Maple Canyon well has some artesian flow right now, with 60 gallons per minute, and the springs are flowing at 360 gallons per minute. He also reported that the replacement shops are just about finished; the parks department is finishing up on the minor details.

### **14. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN**

Councilperson Craig Warren showed on the web page the map for snow plowing and the priority for the roads. We have used about half of our budget for salt so far this year. He is also asking residents not to pile the snow out in the road but to place it on the planter strips or on their yards. He would also like to remind everyone to dig out the fire hydrants by their homes. The snow plow drivers have done a great job this year.

### **15. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES**

Chief James asked residents to slow down while driving, especially when the roads are snowy or icy. He talked about the new calendars and the emergency information contained inside and asked everyone to read the information.

Ambulance Captain Erman Stone asked the residents to check on their neighbors, especially if they live next to the elderly.

### **16. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS**

Did not have anything to report tonight.

### **17. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Bruce Ward talked about how residents when they remove the snow from their driveways they are putting a lot of snow in the roads, so when our snow plow drivers come along the plows put the snow right back into their driveway and the residents become upset. We need to have residents put the snow on their yards. The other problems we have is with the big piles of snow, kids like to play around them and last year we almost hit a kid who was playing on one of the piles because they were hidden from the snow pile and could not be seen.

**18. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.**

Did not have anything to report tonight.

**ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren.

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

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

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder