

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on July 17, 2013 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford
Councilperson Sterling Rees
Councilperson Aaron Cloward
Councilperson Sid Jorgensen

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
Matt Marziale, Recreation
Attorney Jason Sant

Excused

Councilperson Janie Christensen
Councilperson Craig Warren

David Johnson, Building Dept.
Bruce Ward, Public Works/Engineer
Junior Baker, City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Soren Christensen, Jim Whitmore, Amber Hancock, Brent Hancock, James Ealey

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

Police Chief Brad James 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

Open Public Hearing

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to open the public hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

a. Approve Zone Change on Property Located at Approximately 550 East Salem Canal Road from R-10 to Public Facility

Attorney Jason Sant explained the city has been working with the LDS Church to purchase the property for parking. Mayor Brailsford stated we were able to purchase it for \$7,500. Jason stated the zoning needs to be changed from R-10 to the Public Facility Zone, since it will be purchased by the city.

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any question from the council or the public. There were no questions.

Close Public Hearing

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to close the public hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

a. Approve Zone Change on Property Located at Approximately 550 East Salem Canal Road from R-10 to Public Facility

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the zone change on property located at approximately 550 East Salem Canal Road from R-10 to Public Facility.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

4. PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR CHURCH PROPERTY AT 465 E. CANAL ROAD

Attorney Jason Sant stated this is the same property that was discussed in the public hearing. After looking at the property the church is selling to the city, it was determined the best thing to do for the property was to do a subdivision of the property, so the city could purchase the one lot.

Councilperson Rees asked about the property and how there is a small section that has a tree located on it, wondering if it would be the city's or the church's. It was determined that it would be in the churches property and they would need to take care of it.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the Preliminary Plat for the LDS Church property at 465 East Canal Road.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

5. JIM WHITMORE – PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR SALEM PARK PHASE 1A-2

Attorney Jason Sant stated on June 5, 2013 the council approved a zone change for Jim Whitmore's property. Tonight Jim is here to ask for approval of the preliminary plat for the Salem Park Phase 1A-2 subdivision. It was approved in Planning and Zoning along with DRC. He stated everything Bruce Ward has asked Jim to do should be completed. Bruce was not present to verify, but it would be checked for the final plat approval.

Jim Whitmore stated this would be part of a master plan subdivision, which has been submitted to the city, but is waiting to go to DRC to be looked at. The only thing that was not completed for Bruce, was the size of the water lines indicated on the plat map. This will be done. Jim also noted that the parking lot for the park would be completed with this phase.

Attorney Sant stated it does meet the R-8 zone requirements.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the preliminary plat with the condition that it is approved by Bruce Ward, Salem City Engineer.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

6. APPROVE K-9 CONTRACT (SALEM OWNED K-9)

Chief James explained to the council the police department currently has a drug dog, Dizzy, and he figures we have about 2 to 3 years left with her. Matt Bell has been the K-9 officer since we purchased Dizzy. Matt is getting burned out and Officer Cobley has shown interest and would like to be the K-9 officer. Chief James stated a contract is requested to ensure commitment of employment by Officer Cobley as well as obligations & responsibilities associated from Salem City and Officer Cobley for at least a couple of years.

Councilperson Rees asked how the change in ownership is going with Dizzy. Chef James stated that Dizzy is doing a great job with the change. He also commented how this is strictly a drug dog. We have recently done two search warrants where the dog has found drugs and had eight issues with vehicles where the dog had found drugs. Mayor Brailsford recommended having a council work session to demonstrate the drug dog and what she can do.

Chief James stated we thought Dizzy had cancer, but it came back negative. He stated that Officer Cobley has a six month old dog that he would like to train and certify as a drug dog. Chief James stated the second contract (Item number 7 on the agenda) is between the city and Officer Cobley to allow him to train and certify his dog then to be used as a replacement for Dizzy, because we only have about two more years with Dizzy.

Mayor asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the K-9 Contract between Salem City and Officer Cobley.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

7. APPROVE K-9 CONTRACT (OFFICER OWNED K-9)

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the K-9 Contract between Salem City and Officer Cobley for the use of his personal dog.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

8. APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR LEASE ON NEW FIRE TRUCK & AMBULANCE

Jeff Nielson explained that the lease is in the amount of \$260,000 and will be for the new fire truck and new ambulance. The interest rate is for 2.19% and will be for seven years. The lease will be through Zions Public Finance.

Councilperson Jorgensen asked what we will be doing with the other ambulance. It was stated that we would look at the two ambulance we have and keep the best of them and then get rid of the other one.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve resolution 71713 for the lease for a new fire truck and ambulance.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

9. APPROVE PURCHASE POLICE VEHICLE

Police Chief Brad James explained the Salem Police Department is in need of replacing a 2006 Chevrolet Blazer that has been used by our K-9 Officer. The Council approved in the budget for 2013/2014 the purchase of a patrol vehicle to replace the 2006 Chevrolet. The police department received bids from dealerships including the State Contract cost. Smith Auto Ford in Spanish Fork came in with a low bid of \$27,100 for a 2014 Ford Explorer. Last year we did not budget to replace a police vehicle and feels we need to start rotating the vehicles.

Councilperson Jorgensen was wondering if we would be using the equipment from the old truck. Chief James stated that we will use what we can, but most of the equipment

has been handed down a couple of times and is outdated. The equipment was also budgeted for in the budget.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the purchase of the 2014 Ford Explorer from Smith Auto in the amount of \$27,100.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

10. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2013

Mayor Brailsford and Councilperson Rees made recommendation to changing the following paragraph: “Mayor Brailsford thanked the city staff and council for working on ~~obtaining~~ *leasing* the water at the BYU farm and also for working on *trading kWh with SESD* for the power reduction for Maple Canyon Well ~~with SESD~~”.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the minutes with said changes.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

11. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any questions on the bills, and stated the amount of the bills being approved tonight is \$247,510.

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

13. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford reported there are four major sponsors for Salem Days this year, they are; Stokes/Ace Hardware, Fast Gas, Neways, and Outback Graphic. Mayor stated last year we had a lot of donors for Salem Days, but this year we don't have as many.

Mayor Brailsford also reported the Safety Sidewalk on 300 West and Canal Road is getting done. We have had some problems with what is being dumped into the recycling bins by Stokes Grocery Store. There have been items that are not recyclable, for example a chair, horse manure, bail rope, T.V., etc. We are going to have signs made up stating what can go into the bins. We would like to put some cameras up that can watch what is being placed in them. We want to ask everyone to keep an eye out and if they see someone putting something in that does not belong, to let us know.

A question was asked about doing the blue recycling bins. Mayor stated that in order to make it feasible we have to have around 50% of the residents want to do it. When we did the survey we did not have that much interest in it.

Soren Christensen suggested having the mayor place a notice in the mayor's message in the news letter.

Mayor Brailsford talked about the merit raises for the employees, he stated he took the information from the UVU study that was done, working with the directors and council. He stated he still feels we have some employees who are under paid in their position, but feels we are trying to work on it.

Councilperson Jorgensen asked about the directors and doing the evaluations for the ones they are over, and if they are clear on the policy of a write up. Mayor Brailsford explained that they are clear on the write ups and know that they go into the employee's personnel policy. He also felt that we need to do some training on the evaluations and look at the numbering/rating for the evaluations, and make sure that each of the directors and on the same page as far as evaluations. We also need to compliment the employees when they do a great job.

Councilperson Cloward asked about setting up a criteria or a standard with the evaluations so that each of the directors are on the same page. Mayor Brailsford stated those items would be covered under the training.

Councilperson Rees talked about evaluations at his employment, and how each evaluation is based on what the job duties are. With different departments you will have different criteria based on the duties of the job.

Matt Marziale recommended having a training with the directors also and feels it would be good to be on the same page as each other.

Councilperson Cloward stated that we need to give some kind of guidelines with criteria for directors, and make sure we are fair with the merit increases.

Mayor Brailsford mentioned that the recognition dinner for the SHHS Baseball and Softball teams will be on July 31, at 7:00 p.m. at Knoll Park. The Gravity Grand Prix

has been moved to the 24th of August, rather than during Salem Days. The Library is still looking for donations for their auction.

14. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Rees reported that Leon Paxton is now retired from UMPA. The Eagle projects at Veteran Park look good. Matt Marziale explained that we have about eight different Eagle Projects being done right now.

Councilperson Rees also reported that the golf tournament will be on Friday August 9th at 8:00 a.m. He is still looking for donations for the tournament.

15. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Christensen was excused tonight from council.

16. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Cloward reported that Salem Days is coming up, just getting ready for it. Holly Meagher is doing the fund raiser for the Dream View Park playground, and is doing very well with raising the money. She has about \$17,000 raised and needing about another \$8,000. Councilperson Rees stated that he had someone approached him about donating \$1,000 but they would like the tires left there. Councilperson Cloward asked for their information and would have Holly contact them, because it is the intent not to leave the tires.

17. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

Councilperson Jorgensen reported on the water department, they are doing samples, concrete rings, getting the weeds out of the Maple Canyon Well area, working on the seals for the PI system, and helping with the sidewalk project. Maple Canyon Well running about 18 hours a day, springs are producing about 225 GPM, and hope that the water will increase in August for the springs. The lower well is running about 18 hours a day. The PI the city as a whole is using about 14 acre feet of water per day, that is a lot of water and we need to ask residents to conserve their water usage. He thanked the water department for all they do.

Mayor Brailsford reported that Bartell Mortensen is out of the hospital. The reservoirs in the state are really hurting for water this year, it is affecting irrigation and also power generation for the reservoirs that produce power. He also recommended that we look at the recharge on our wells.

18. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Warren was excused from council meeting tonight.

19. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES

Police Chief Brad James reported with the weed abatements we have had the contractors going out and cleaning up a lot of lots this week of those property owners who did not respond to our violations.

Chief James also reviewed with the council the 2nd quarter data for the police department.

20. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

Dave Johnson was excused from council meeting tonight.

21. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Bruce Ward was excused from council meeting tonight.

22. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Attorney Junior Baker was excused from council meeting tonight.

23. JEFF NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR

Jeff Nielson did not have anything to report tonight.

24. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION DIRECTOR

Matt Marziale reported on the maintenance building at Loafer View Complex, and how the structure is done, will be working on the roof and electrical. Hope to have it done soon.

The UBBA Baseball tournament is currently going on and going well. He also reported that Salem Days is going and feels we are ready for it.

25. 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 (3-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:15 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder