

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on July 18, 2012 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work Session: 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Brailsford turned the time over to Shawn Elliott from Mountain Land Association of Governments. Shawn talked about the naming of major roads in the South Utah County area. He stated that they would like to see some of the major roads named the same in each of the cities.

Bruce Ward discussed that Dave Grant approached him about a connector's agreement with Dave Grant for the Tuttle Subdivision. Bruce stated that they have looked into it and only found an agreement between Dave Grant and the Christensen and Wride properties. There was no connector's agreement.

Mayor Brailsford discussed a concern with subdivisions and when a subdivision concept is approved, if the developer comes in and decides to only improve a couple lots at a time, it will cause problems with half finished subdivisions and improvements. We need to make sure the developer improves a certain percentage of the lots. Bruce Ward stated he will look at the standards on this.

Mayor Brailsford discussed Salem Days and he is going to have seats reserved for the council and their families. The council will need to let him know how many seats they will need. He also talked about the donation banners and the major sponsors for Salem Days. He stated that on the August 1 council meeting, we will have it at the civic center and have hamburgers and hotdogs for the council and public.

**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

**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 Craig Warren

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Rick Peterson, Cindy Peterson, Brianna Peterson, Renee Pulley, Dallas Pulley, Robert Palfreyman, Barbara Palfreyman, Blake Adams, Yolanda Moser, Brant Tuttle

### **1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Councilperson Janie Christensen stated she 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. BRANT TUTTLE - Preliminary Plat Approval for 1 Lot Subdivision at Approximately 435 W. 440 S.**

Bruce Ward talked about the one lot subdivision and showed on the map where it is located. It has gone before DRC and Planning and Zoning, both have recommended it with recommendations. The conditions are that the irrigation from the field behind the lot be routed around the home to avoid flooding, that a temporary turn around be built, and that a street light be installed. The curb, gutter and sidewalk are installed, along with the laterals for the utilities and the road will be widen to meet the standards. Bruce stated that Brant is present, if there are any questions for him.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the subdivision with the conditions from DRC and Planning and Zoning.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

### **4. CHIEF EALEY – Present Fire Patch Winners**

Mayor Brailsford asked if Chief James Ealey was present. He was not, so the mayor stated he would come back to the item.

Mayor Brailsford turned the time over to Chief James Ealey after item 8.

Chief Ealey reported that the fire department had a contest to have a new patch created for the fire department. He really appreciates all those who participated. He then read the winners of the contest:

Blake Adams-First Place and \$100, Randon Hansen/Bryan Vigesaa- Second Place and \$50, and Brianna Petersen- Third Place and \$25.

Chief Ealey also reported that the prior night they had a mock disaster with the public safety. The disaster was a bus and car accident and they had a lot of different scenarios. The event went very well and we did a great job.

Councilperson Rees asked about testing fire hydrants. Chief Ealey stated that we are trying to test them every two years. We also just purchased some testing equipment for the hydrants.

Mayor Brailsford read a thank you letter from Elk Ridge, stating the appreciation in the quick response to a fire that happened in Elk Ridge.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Renee Pulley came to council to ask them if they would consider not allowing fire pits in certain areas of town. She had emailed the council with the concern that she lives in a subdivision where the back yards are very close together. She is allergic to the smoke and her neighbor is getting ready to put a fire pit for open fires in their back yard. She would like some regulations on them. Attorney Baker stated that under the state law, BBQ pits and open fire pits are allowed. Chief James stated that if the fires become a nuisance and they continue to burn, that they may be able to look at it as a nuisance. Attorney Baker also stated that open burn of weeds or other yard debris is prohibited and only allowed to be burned during certain times of the year and those times are regulated by the county health department. The resident was also concerned with her neighbor and a shed they built, she feels they built it and it is not in compliance. Dave Johnson stated he would look into it.

Yolanda Moser from the Chamber reported that the noon networking lunch that was held at the community center went very well.

## **6. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 20 & JUNE 29 2012**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the minutes of June 20, 2012 as written.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Janie Christensen.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

Councilperson Sterling Rees asked about the fire work ordinance that was approved on June 29, and if we have a wet year is the ordinance still in place. Mayor Brailsford stated it is a law until the council changes it.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the minutes of June 29, 2012 as written.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

## **7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Janie Christensen.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

Mayor Brailsford stated that the amount of bills that was approved tonight was \$495,017.96.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **8. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD**

Mayor Brailsford talked about the water situation that the city is in, he is concerned about the wells and spring, and we need to make sure the culinary water is doing okay. We also need to make sure the PI water is doing okay, we are now using culinary water to be placed into the PI ponds, because it is cheaper to pump our culinary water than use the Strawberry Water.

Councilperson Jorgensen reported that he has some reports from the water department and shared them with the mayor and council. Mayor Brailsford stated that he feels better about our water systems after hearing the reports.

Mayor Brailsford reported that after the micro wind storm the other day that hit Spanish Fork that our employees made sure that Salem City was all okay. He was glad the employees took the time to make sure Salem was okay.

Mayor Brailsford stated that we would go back to item four.

### **9. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

## **10. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN**

Councilperson Janie Christensen discussed one of the new businesses in Salem, Complete Office Repair and Shipping, owned by Rick Peterson and is located by Sequoia. She also reported that the library is looking for donations for Salem Days Library Auction.

Councilperson Christensen turned the time over to Bruce Ward to discuss the sewer camera truck. Bruce reported that Salem City had an opportunity to purchase a sewer camera truck at a really good deal from another sewer agency in Salt Lake Valley. The truck will be very beneficial when we jet the sewer lines for maintenance. Bruce stated that the sewer department has committed to jet and camera 10 miles of sewer lines each year in the city. The cost of the truck was \$22,000 and we used sewer reserve funds for the purchase of it. Would like to ratify the purchase of the camera truck.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the ratification of the purchase of the sewer camera truck.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Janie Christensen.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

## **11. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD**

Councilperson Cloward reported that the city crews are starting to get ready for Salem Days. There will be a city wide clean up around the pond that will be coming up soon.

## **12. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN**

Councilperson Jorgensen reported that the 400 North project is moving along with the sewer and water line improvements. The recent rain storms have helped with the PI usage to be down. He also talked about issuing water violations. The old city shops that were destroyed in the fire are torn down and ready for the replacement shop.

## **13. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN**

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

Police Chief Brad James reported that Officer Ottesen has left to go work for Spanish Fork City. We have hired a new police officer, Officer Austin Cobbley who will begin work on the 25 of July.

Chief James also discussed his concern about allowing candy to be tossed at the parade, he would like to see it not allowed, or at least not allowed being tossed from a vehicle or float.

Chief James went over the 2<sup>nd</sup> quart police report.

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

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

Bruce Ward reported that the water department also lost an employee to Spanish Fork City. The position will be posted in house for a week to see if anyone full time employee is interested, if not then it will open to the public. Chief James stated that when we lose employees it costs a lot of money to replace, retrain, and recertify employees. We have lost two great employees to Spanish Fork City.

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

Robert Palfreyman reported on the two swans that he is donating to the city to be placed at the pond. They will be ready in a couple of weeks.

**ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees to adjourn city council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0).

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 8:00 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder