

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

Work Session: 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Brailsford explained the Strawberry/Allred Orchard LLC Agreement. It is the water Doug Yates had on his Salem Heights subdivision, he had 25 acre feet of Strawberry Water left over. By doing this trade with Allred Orchard LLC it will keep the water here in Salem. It will be in Salem Canal instead of the Strawberry Highline Canal, which will also save us from paying the higher deliver cost. They are paying all fees & transfers.

Chief James discussed the issues and costs associated with the proposed improvements requested by Mt. Loafer School Community Council.

Dave Johnson presented a history on building permits for the last 12 years. This was just for new home construction. Our high was 2007 with 120 new homes our low was in 2009 with 12 homes. The city has 1780 homes existing and the city has doubled in size. This fiscal year it was budgeted for 30-35 homes. The first part of January we had 22 permits and in January we issued 8 so we have already met the amount budgeted for. He also stated he has 8 more on his desk to complete and by July he thinks there will be 50-55 new homes.

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 Craig Warren

STAFF PRESENT:

Heather Brindley
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
Junior Baker, City Attorney
Bruce Ward, Public Works/Engineer
David Johnson, Building Dept.
Matt Marziale, Recreation

Excused:

Councilperson Sterling Rees

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
Clark Crook, Electrical

OTHERS PRESENT

Bradley Cloward, Evan Shepherd, Hunter Riding, Josh DeNaughel, Taos Dye, Deah Bristow, Logon Simmons, Brendan Dye, Ayden Dye, Paul Young, W. Russ Findlay, Carson Hales, Alex Baker, Jackson D’Hara, Carson Burningham, Randon Olsen, Arnold Valdez, Andrew Later, Eric Andersen, Rachel Parry, Luke Reynolds, Chrissy VanAusdal, Collin Preece, Lynsey Wright, Kristina Rencher, David Bell, Marissa Obray, Brylee Christensen, Courtney Wilson, Rachel Sly, McKenzie Johnson, Markelle Hansen, Kendra Provostguard, Morgan Tingey, Kyle Tarter, Blake Provostgaurd, Madeline Miller, Spencer Berrett, Ryan Christensen, Mckenna Nelson, Abby Bradshaw, Samuel Rehbeck, Karen Taylor, Miranda Martin, Skyler Flint, Barbara Lewis Palfreyman, Robert Palfreyman, Tyler Goudy, Dallin Bigler, Mason Bigler, Conner Rollins, Kaylee Hales, Clay Wessel, Mitch Jorgensen, Taylor Snyder

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 asked if anyone would like to lead the audience in the pledge. Bradley Cloward 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

Mckenna Nelson reported on the Senior dinner that they held on Valentine’s Day. They had around 130 people attend. They fed them soup, ham and baked potatoes and had entertainment. The Youth Council has been working very hard for the upcoming conference next weekend. They are very excited that the Mayor & Councilperson Jorgenson are coming up and appreciate their support.

The Mayor thanked them for the great job that they do.

4. JENNIFER BAKER – Council Request, Children Safety to Mt. Loafer School

Angie Killian, Principal of Mt. Loafer Elementary School, was there representing the School Community Council. The last meeting that they held involved safe walking routes to the school, along with educating parents on how to safely drop off and pick up children. They have sent that message home to the parents. The meeting also included

training the teachers on how to safely get the kids out to the bus stops. When they were talking about the safe walking routes, she stated she knows this has been brought to the council before and they appreciate the cross walk at 300 West and Canal road that was painted, it makes a big difference in slowing traffic down. There are approximately 17 homes just west of 300 West. She would like the city to consider adding a sidewalk on the west side of 300 West. Another thing they would like the council to consider is moving the flashing school light, so it is by the cross walk and people can see it better before they get to it.

Chief James stated that if the sign is moved it will make it an elementary school cross walk and it will have to be manned with a crossing guard.

Councilperson Warren asked how many students use that route.

Principal Killian said about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the students. Large portion are walking students. Many have done open enrollment.

Chief James stated that if he had his way there would be sidewalks all through town with crossing guards at all the major intersections. But the city, like the school districts are limited on funding and he was wondering if the School Community Council had thought of ways to raise funding to pay for the sidewalk and help pay for crossing guards.

The Mayor asked Principal Killian if there would be any volunteer crossing guards.

Councilman Cloward asked if the Community council would be willing to do a fundraiser to come up with the funds.

Councilperson Christensen stated that she would be willing to donate funds for it.

She stated that parents would be willing to help with anything they needed to do to keep the kids safe.

Chief James stated one concern was this may create an illegal school zone based on Utah State Code due to the close proximity of both crosswalks.

Councilman Cloward asked if it would be legal to put a 3 way stop there. Chief James will check into that.

5. APPROVE WATER CONTRACT WITH DOUG YATES & ALLRED ORCHARDS

Mayor Brailsford asked for approval of the water contract with Doug Yates and Allred Orchards.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Cloward motioned to approve the Water Contract with Doug Yates & Allred Orchards

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any comments for public comments. There were no comments.

7. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2013

Councilperson Christensen wanted it noted, that in the minutes when the council was discussing the zone change request by Nelson Taylor, where it stated she checked the handbook to see what it states regarding land use. She wanted it noted that she went to the handbook to read the paragraph but the family wasn't present and that is why she didn't read it.

Mayor Brailsford asked for approval of the minutes as written.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to approve the minutes of February 20, 2013 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

8. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the bills for payment

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

Mayor Brailsford stated that the amount of the bills being approved tonight is \$204,909.34.

COUNCIL REPORTS

9. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford discussed the City's sweep bank accounts, and the city has no money outside of the United States.

He discussed the contract with SESD and the advantages this will bring to the city.

Update on the lease agreement with BYU for the well, they are down to pennies on the agreement.

They are still working on the LDS church property purchase.

At the Economic development meeting last week they had interns from UVU there. Some of the priorities they are going to be working on is what can we do to get traffic to our businesses and what kind of new businesses do we want here.

On March 28th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a workshop on economics for the council, planning & zoning & economic development board. Professor Michael Gray from BYU will be doing the workshop on why it is important to have an economic board, how to design and do economic development in our city.

Mayor asked if there were any questions on budgets. He stated that he likes the way that Councilperson Cloward and Matt have their budget set up. It is much better to read and see on a case by case basis of what we are doing, what we are bringing in and what our expenditures are.

10. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Mayor Brailsford stated that Councilperson Rees is excused tonight.

11. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Christensen reported that the city purchased a used camera truck last year for a great deal. We wanted to look at sewer lines in the city. Our goal was to look at 10 miles/year and we have accomplished 6500 feet so far this year so we are working hard to accomplish this goal.

Last Saturday the Library had a person from the Huntsman Cancer Institute come and speaks to any of our citizens that wanted to come. They had a good turnout.

The Chamber of Commerce is working hard. They have Michael Martin Murphy coming on June 15th as a fundraiser.

Miss Salem has 15 applicants. They have all the hostess' assigned. They have been meeting and having workshops. The date of the pageant was discussed and it was determined that it is on April 27th at 7:00 p.m.

12. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Aaron Cloward reported that recreation is now registering for youth soccer and youth baseball/softball. The parks crew has been installing new playground at Knoll Park and completed it today. At the cemetery the crew is getting ready to layout the sprinkler system for the new addition. They have also had several burials as well in the last couple of weeks. He is working with Holly Meagher to raise money for a new playground for Dream View Park.

13. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

Councilperson Jorgensen reported that Dennis Jensen & Chris Averett went to rural water training, they were excited to implement a few things that they learned. Brent Hancock covered for them while they were gone.

The water department overflowed the two water tanks to ensure that our drinking water is safe and secure. They do a very good job. They have installed some new parts to maintain the system.

The City shop is done and they are organizing, moving stuff in from other shops. As they have time between other projects they will be reorganizing and cleaning up outside.

14. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Warren stated that he does not have anything to report tonight

15. CHIEF BRAD JAMES - Public Safety Director

Chief James reported that we lost another swan this week it got down in the waterway and got its head stuck in the grate.

Salem is a wonderful place to live but like other cities we have challenges. Public Safety has been busy dealing with these challenges, if the first two months are any indication of what the year is going to be like we are going to have a busy year.

The Police Dept secured two grants, the first was a State grant to purchase a new video camera for a police car, the second was a Federal grant to purchase updates on firearms & uniforms. This is at no cost to the city.

The Mayor thanked Chief James for the good job in writing the grants, which is a lot of money saved.

16. DAVE JOHNSON - Building Official Director

Dave stated that he does not have anything to report tonight

17. BRUCE WARD - City Engineer/Public Works Director

Bruce stated that he does not have anything to report tonight

18. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Attorney Baker stated that the council needed to start thinking about spring clean-up. They need to decide if the city wants to do this and set up the dates.

19. JEFF NIELSON – City Finance Director

Excused

20. MATT MARZIALE – Recreation Director

Matt reported that the Community School book is done and will be available at all gas stations, the library, the city office and Recreation office. He will also have them put in the bags that the Chamber of Commerce prepares for new Salem City residents

21. CLARK CROOK - Electrical Director

Excused

Adjourn Council Meeting

MOTION BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:37 p.m.