

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on May 15, 2013 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work session 6:00 p.m.

Jeff Nielson went over the tentative budget with the council. He presented some concerns with the budget that he felt needs to be dealt with. He stated in the power department, UMPA has raised our rates by .003, and SUVPS has raised their assessments by about \$100,000 to help with the improvements on the distribution power lines. With these cost increases he presented to the council the option of increasing power rates by the .003 for residential. Jeff showed what the revenue would be and also how much it would affect the residents. If someone uses 1000 Kwh their bill would go up \$3.00. Residents can also conserve a little bit to help reduce their costs. After reviewing options the council all felt to implement the power rate increase of \$.003 in the budget.

Jeff also presented the concern with the Solid Waste, and how the SUVSWD has raised some of their fees. Republic Service also raised their rates. We might need to look at the option of recycling, there are three options to it, we can do an opt out option, where residents can call the city office and tell us they do not want to participate. The other option is an opt in, where residents will call and say they want to opt in. The third option is to force everyone to do it. Republic Service needs 20% in order to make it work, and feel the only way to get that would be to do the opt out option. Jeff asked the council to think about it.

Clark Crook went over the option for the transformer at the city office and how it needs to be replaced.

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

Excused:

OTHERS PRESENT

Robert Palfreyman, Barbara L. Palfreyman, Ralph D. Higginson, Kurt Christensen, Kallie Christensen, Alan Clark, Tanner Wilcox, Spencer Warren, Jonathon Watson, Clayton Wessel, Mitch Jorgensen, Mallory Warren, Marci Hansen, Shelley Hendrickson, Carylee Baker, Heather Brindley, Tammy Beck, Tad Beck, Gary Warner, Becky Warner, Tamey Greenwalt, Jon Ward

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Brailsford stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilperson Craig Warren 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.

Open

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

3. PUBLIC HEARING

a. JIM WHITMORE - Zone Change on 5 acres of property in the Salem Park Development, from R-15 to R-8

Mayor Brailsford stated that Jim Whitmore has asked that the public hearing be continued until June 5 council meeting. He is out of town and was unable to attend tonight. This item will be continued until June 5 council meeting.

4. APPROVE TENTATIVE BUDGET FY 2013/2014

Mayor Brailsford stated the council and staff discussed the budget during the work session tonight. We need to approve the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 budget year. We will continue to work on the budget, but we need to approve a tentative budget to show we are working on the budget.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2013/2014.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

5. APPROVE PURCHASE OF ELECTIRCAL TRANSFORMER FOR CITY OFFICE

Mayor Brailsford stated this item was also discussed in work session with Clark Crook. It was stated that the city office building has a transformer that has been leaking oil for the last couple of years. It needs to be replaced and feels this year would be a good year to replace it with the additional revenue this year that was not planned/budgeted on, especially in the building department. The old transformer will be rebuilt and recycled for back up transformer for the power department. We have three bid on the transformer:

HD Supply \$ 9,875.00, Codale \$8,450.00, Solomon \$7,700.00. Solomon is a rebuilt transformer and not sure if it would fit the existing platform. The Codale is a brand new one, it would fit the platform, and they have it ready.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the purchase of a transformer for the city office from Codale Electric in the amount of \$8,450.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2013

Councilperson Christensen requested the following changes be made to the minutes of May 1, 2013.

On line 20, during the work session, have inserted: *Councilperson Christensen stated that copies that she was given to her by the city had changes in them and were not the same as what was sent out on Monday. She felt that the council should have had more time to review the policy in work session, as this work session was not long enough to get through the entire document. This was the first work session on the policy that the council had.* Line 107 have the sentence read: "There have been changes made on it since the one the council received in November *and March* and she feels the council needs time to review it" (words in italic added). Line 119 have sentence added: *Councilperson Christensen disagreed because we have not had a work session on the policy until tonight.*

Councilperson Rees stated with the changes, if we wanted to make sure what is being said is correct, then we should have all the comments placed in the minutes, especially what is being said before and after the changes. Councilperson Cloward feels the minutes should be a summary of the meeting. He asked Attorney Baker about the minutes. Attorney Baker stated the written minutes are the formal record of the meeting, and they are a summary of the meeting. Councilperson Warren asked about an official transcription of the minutes. Attorney Baker stated to do a transcription of the minutes would be very expensive, and stated it is not an easy task to do minutes. Councilperson Christensen stated she listened to the recording, and felt the changes were needed.

Councilperson Rees again expressed the concern we should have the before and after comments of the changes, so we can get the full meaning of the content. Councilperson Christensen also stated the minutes were not given out until Monday. Councilperson Jorgensen stated the minutes have given an accurate summary of the meeting and felt they were fine without the changes. He stated if we make sure the minutes have the just of the meeting, they would be fine.

Mayor Brailsford asked the council for a motion to either approve the minutes as written or with said changes.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen to approve the minutes of May 1, 2013 with said changes.

Motioned did not pass, due to no second.

MOTION: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the minutes of May 1, 2013 as written without said changes.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: Councilperson Janie Christensen; Nay, Councilperson Sterling Rees; Aye, Councilperson Aaron Cloward; Aye, Councilperson Sidney Jorgensen; Aye, and Councilperson Craig Warren; Aye. (4 Aye, 1 Nay).

7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

Mayor Brailsford stated that the bill amounts to be approved tonight were \$222,243.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked if there any comments from the public.

Gary Warner stated on Center Street and 200 East there is a no parking sign has been removed and some of the barricades have been taken. The parking for the ball park is becoming a problem without them, and feels something needs to be done, especially for the safety.

Matt Marziale stated that he has two scouts, who for their Eagle Project want to put up a barricade (posts and chains) he is waiting for them to get going on it. Councilperson Jorgensen stated the parking is a problem, but he also enjoys seeing the parks used.

Gary stated he hopes the Eagle Scouts will get going on them soon, because they need to be done. There was a discussion of other options, but felt what the eagle scouts are wanting to do would be the best option. Matt stated he will talk to the scouts and see if we can get them going on it. He will also have the sign that was taken, replaced.

Gary thanked the council for all that they do.

COUNCIL REPORTS

9. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford stated President Kennedy started a memorial for fallen police officers and first responders back in the 1960's. This year 321 names were added to the memorial. He encouraged everyone to thank a public safety personnel. He also reported the Salem Hills Baseball and Softball are doing real well in the state tournament.

10. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Rees stated that Matt, with the recreation department, has some Eagle Scout projects, if any of the scouts are interested to let Matt know.

11. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Christensen reported the library has a children program and a reading program for the summer. There was a ninth grader that did a video to promote the library reading program, the video was sent into the state and won an award. It was a great video. The float is being worked on by Miss Salem royalty.

Kurt Christensen, the president of the pond company, stated there is an outflow pipe on the pond they are wondering if the city could use their jet truck to clean it out. Bruce Ward stated he talked with James Thomas about it. They both felt it would be a concern because of the possibility of damaging the hose to the jet truck. The other concern would be with the high pressure of the water from the truck and the pipe being old, it could damage the pipe. He also mentioned we just did a similar project for the canal company, we charged them about \$128 for two guys. Kurt stated the pond is also used as a storm drainage for the city, and feels the city has some responsibility in it too. After some discussion the council felt that it would be okay for the city to use the jet truck to help the pond company out with the outflow pipe.

Mayor Brailsford asked Kurt about the assessments for the pond and what water rights the city owns. Kurt felt that the pond company may be able to trade some of the city's water rights in the pond to be used the Salem Canal. He stated the pond company has great water ways and the share holders are able to use the water as needed.

12. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Cloward reported that the Dream View Park playground fund raiser is going well. He talked about how on May 18th out to Stokes Grocery Store, Stokes will be working with the chamber to have a fund raising fair at Stokes parking lot. There are booths available and all proceeds will go towards the playground. The parks department have been working on the cemetery getting it ready for Memorial Day. He would like to congratulate the High School ball teams and wish them luck.

13. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

Councilperson Jorgensen stated the youth council has new leaders and commented on what great youth we have on the youth council.

He also reported on the meeting that was held with some of the residents from Harvest Ridge area last Wednesday. They talked about how the city will begin working on installing the pipe so they can have pressurized irrigation. They went over with them what will need to be done to hook them onto the P.I. They are excited that they can use the P.I. system and thankful for the city to work this out.

14. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Warren reported the road department is doing a lot of crack sealing on the roads, they have done about seven pallets of crack seal material. They have also been helping with the P.I. project at Harvest Ridge.

Councilperson Warren reported on the Memorial Day services. There will be one at 8:00 a.m. at the cemetery, then another one where we will re-dedicate the memorial at Veteran Memorial Park, this will be done at 9:00 a.m. This memorial was moved from Knoll Park to Veteran Park, where a monument was built for it.

15. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES

Chief James stated the handicap fishing day went very well. They had over 100 busses, and handed out 1300 ball caps. Expressed his thanks to the volunteers for making it possible. He also thanked the city crews for their hard work in getting the park ready and for also helping out.

Chief James also reported on a meeting he had with the principal from Mount Loafer Elementary School. The principal and chief appreciated the concern that our Mayor has towards the safety of our school kids. He stated that they have a workable solution in getting a safety sidewalk so the kids can be safe when walking to school. Chief James will be bringing the solution to the council soon.

Chief James told the council the police department has become Crisis Intervention Certified, and that our department is the first one in the county and second one in the state

to become certified. This certification allows them to help those who have mental issues. He is proud of his officers for doing this.

16. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Dave reported that the city is still getting a lot of building permits.

17. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Bruce stated the public works departments are doing a great job, they have been working hard in getting the P.I. project done for Harvest Ridge Area.

18. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Attorney Baker did not have anything to report.

19. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR

Jeff Nielson did not have anything to report.

20. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION DIRECTOR

Matt Marziale reported youth soccer is finishing up, T-Ball is starting and other baseball programs are going well. The Salem Spring Triathlon is set for June 1st. The trusses for the storage building at Mt. Loafer Park are going up, and the shade building for the green waste is also in the works.

21. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR

Clark Crook had to leave early.

Mayor Brailsford reported that on 100 East and Canal Road there used to be a drain that would drain into the canal. After the canal was piped the drain no longer was able to drain into the canal. The canal will not allow us to have our storm drains drain into the canal, because it causes the canal to over flow during heavy storms. Bartell, from the canal company asked if we could use the old sewer line on 100 East for a storm drain. He stated he is having the city crew look into the possibility of this.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:10 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder