

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on May 6, 2015 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Worksession: 5:45 p.m.

Jeff Nielson went over the budget for fiscal year 2016.

Jason Broome from Forsgren Engineering reviewed with the council the sewer sampling that was completed during the month of February. They were asked to do the sampling to find the user who is putting chemicals into our sewer system, which is causing our sewer lagoon to be out of compliance. This sampling was done outside of the scope of testing for the sewer collection study. They reported on their findings, which shown we could not pin point where the problem was coming from.

Ashley Smith, Miss Salem Director, introduced Tessa Fitzgerald, the current Miss Salem. Tessa explained her platform and how on May 23 will be “Find Your Greatness Day”. She then had each contestant introduce themselves to the mayor and council.

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 Soren Christensen
Councilperson Sterling Rees
Councilperson Craig Warren

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
Clark Crook, Power
David Johnson, Building Dept.

Excused:

Junior Baker, City Attorney
Matt Marziale, Recreation

OTHERS PRESENT

Laura Jolley, Ainsley Stoneman, Bruce Ward, Jason Broome, Nick Patterson, Janet Wells Woodward, Scott Peterson, Tyler Koyle, Harrison Hoole, Seth Wride, Justin Taylor, Elizabeth Mitchell, Chandler Crook, Whitney Pare, Jessica Corey, Rebecca Woodward, Shane Woodward, Tyler Meldrum, Jonathan Hill, Dalton Compton, Jaylee Jarrett, Heidi Roberts, Megan Miller, Sariah Lee, Jared Suarez.

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 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. GEORGETOWN DEVELOPMENT

a. Approve Master Plan Development

Mayor Brailsford turned the time over to John Dester. John stated he has been working on the Master Plan Development and it has been given to the council. Councilperson Soren Christensen asked about having the financing in place prior to have all phases completed. John stated it was not in the agreement, just the financing for each phase. Mayor Brailsford stated with the Pressurized Irrigation we need to make sure it is being charged properly. Councilperson Soren Christensen asked if they have enough water shares for the development. Bruce Ward stated they did have enough water and it is in accordance with the city ordinance. Mayor Brailsford asked about the sewer line. Bruce stated it will be on the north east corner and will connect to a lift station, which will be owned and operated by the HOA, unless the city chooses in the future to take it over. Mayor Brailsford wanted to make sure in the agreement that the sewer line is addressed with the ownership of the lift station. It was stated that it is spelled out in the agreement. It was also stated that in the prior council meeting this item was also discussed and how Planning and Zoning wanted to review the Development Agreement. It was noted that they did receive a copy of it and no concerns were given. It was also noted that Planning and Zoning approved the project on April 8, 2015, with the understanding that since this is a continuation of a failed project and there are limited options, it was recommended for approval of the Georgetown Master Plan Development.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve the Georgetown Development Master Plan development.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

b. Approve Development Agreement

It was stated this item is the development agreement that spells out what will be required of the development. It has been reviewed by Planning and Zoning.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve George Town Development – Development Agreement.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

4. APPROVE SALEM'S WASTEWATER PLANNING PROGRAM RESOLUTION

Mayor Brailsford turned the time over to Bruce Ward from Forsgren Engineering. Bruce explained each year the city sewer is required to do a self evaluation of the sewer system. In the evaluation the city grades itself and then can see what areas we need to be working on. The report is then approved as a resolution by the council and then turned into the state so they can see we have completed it. He noted that the state does not grade us or come down on us; it is for our use and purpose. Bruce then went over each section. He noted under the finance we graded low on the area where we do not have a designated sinking fund, but had Jeff Nielson explain. Jeff explained we do not have a budget line item for a designated sinking fund, but each year we have been able to put money away into a sinking fund to help, right now we have a little over \$500,000. He explained because of the under spending and ways to save money the city has been able to do this with each of the funds.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen to approve the Salem Wastewater Planning Program Resolution 50615.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

5. APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2015

Mayor Brailsford asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2015 as written.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the minutes of April 15, 2015 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

6. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked for approval of the bills for payment. He stated the amount of the bills to be approved tonight is \$614,024.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

COUNCIL REPORTS

7. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford stated the budget for FY 2016 has been given to the council. He asked them to review it and if they have any questions or concerns to have them get with Jeff Nielson.

8. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Sterling Rees reported the UMPA member meeting was a couple of weeks ago; it was a very good meeting. They are looking at ways to increase their bond rating; right now they are an AA, and would like to get to an AAA. They will be doing a tour to Eastern Utah to look at power plants and then in August will be going to Oregon to look at a nuclear power plant. He is also preparing for the Memorial Day services that will be held on May 25 at 8:00 a.m.

9. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Janie Christensen reported the library will begin their summer reading program. During the work session we heard from Forsgren with the sewer testing report to find where the chemicals are coming from that are affecting our sewer lagoons. We are still having foaming at the plant and our chlorine use has doubled. We are still required to do regular testing, but we will not be doing anymore random testing. Bruce Ward, from Forsgren Engineering, reported they chose the month of February to do the testing, because in past years that has been the month we have had the most problems. The test results did not indicate where the problem was coming from, but indicated it could be coming from different sources. It was discussed to have someone from the State come down and talk to the council so we can all be on the same page and find out what they would like us to do.

Councilperson Janie Christensen also thanked the Miss Salem contestants for coming to council meeting tonight. The Pageant will be on Friday June 5th at 7:00 p.m.

10. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Aaron Cloward reported Matt Marziale did a great job for the baseball opening night at the Loafer View Complex the prior night. We had a great turnout and a lot of compliments. The parks department is cleaning up parks and getting the cemetery ready for Memorial Day and the parks ready for fishing day next Tuesday.

11. COUNCILPERSON SOREN CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Soren Christensen reported we are using an average of two acre feet of Pressurized Irrigation water a day. We still need to help residents understand the need to conserve water and to turn their sprinklers off when it rains.

12. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Craig Warren reported the solid waste district is working on their budget. He also reported when he was at another city's ball park, he heard some good compliments about our ball field opening night.

13. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES

Chief James did not have anything to report tonight.

14. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

Dave Johnson did not have anything to report tonight.

15. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Attorney Baker was excused tonight.

16. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/RECORDER

Jeff Nielson did not have anything to report tonight.

17. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION DIRECTOR

Matt Marziale was excused tonight.

18. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR

Clark Crook did not have anything to report tonight.

19. WADE REYNOLDS, STORM WATER/SAFETY

Wade Reynolds was excused tonight.

Bruce Ward asked about if the city still has a bunch of the rain sensors for sprinklers that were replaced, and if we do could we give them out to residents. No one was sure; Bruce stated he would ask Steve Cox.

Councilperson Rees reported that Salem City received an award from UMPA for promoting the Renew Choice, Salem has the highest per capita signed up for it.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to move into a closed session for the discussion of personnel.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

City Council resumed into regular session. Chief James explained of a situation that was going on at the high school with a former student. Councilperson Craig Warren asked what he should say if people ask him about the situation. Chief James stated we can tell them the police department is aware of a rumored threat at the High School, and the police department is taking all precautions.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:40 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder