

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on November 16, 2011 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work Session: 6:30 p.m.

Councilperson Durrant stated that the city is getting ready to turn on the lights for Pond Town Christmas. She stated that there are some residents who live next to the pond who decorate their yards, some of the residents back yards are next to the pond and they have put up light decorations. The city has allowed those residents to hook up to city power at no charge for the Christmas season. Councilperson Durrant asked if this is something the city wants to continue or make it available to all of the residents who live around the pond. She felt that if we do it for one person we should make it available for everyone, including those who don't live around the pond, but who really decorate their homes. There was some discussion on the issue. Randy Brailsford made the comment that when the city first started Pond Town Christmas the city approached those who lived around the pond by the Pond Town Christmas display and offered them the same opportunity. He stated that Garth Hill wanted to decorate his back yard where the city has an easement next to the pond. Randy stated that because it was on the city property and it would add to Pond Town Christmas the city decided to provide power for the display. Councilperson Ficklin, Gordon, and Jorgensen felt that because it is on city property and where Garth Hill puts the display up and it adds to Pond Town Christmas, it would be okay for the city to continue to provide power to Garth Hill's display.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Councilperson Lynn Durrant – Mayor Pro-Tem

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin
Councilperson Lynn Durrant
Councilperson Sterling Rees
Councilperson Todd R. Gordon
Councilperson Sid Jorgensen

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
Jason Sant – Assistant City Attorney
David Johnson, Building Dept.

Excused:

Mayor Jonathan F. Cope

Junior Baker, City Attorney
Bruce Ward, Public Works/Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT

Yolanda Moser, Kathy Cannon, Kenny Cannon, Craig Warren, Janie Christensen, Aaron Cloward, Karen Taylor, Randy Brailsford.

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Councilperson Lynn Durrant asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Councilperson Sterling Rees stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilperson Lynn Durrant invited those who wish to participate, to stand and say the pledge of allegiance with her. She then led the pledge of allegiance for those who wanted to participate.

Councilperson Durrant excused Mayor Cope, Attorney Baker, and Bruce Ward; they are attending a meeting regarding the Strawberry Highline Canal water rights.

3. TERRI HOWARD – UVU Community Alumni Program

Terri Howard was not present.

4. CANVASS NOVEMBER 8, 2011 ELECTION RESULTS

Jeffrey Nielson explained that the general election results need to be canvassed by the city council. The final results with the valid provisional ballots calculated were:

For Mayor two year term: Randy A. Brailsford – 939, Jon Cope – 378

For Council four year term: Brent R. Black – 583, Janie Christensen – 1016, Aaron D. Cloward – 872, Todd R. Gordon – 555, Craig Warren – 809.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to Canvass the November 8, 2011 Election Results as they were presented.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

5. APPROVE 2012 COUNCIL CALENDAR

Councilperson Durrant went over the council calendar for 2012. She noted in July and December there would only be one council meeting, on July 18, 2012, and on December 12, 2011.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the 2012 Council Calendar.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2011

MOTION BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon to approve the minutes of November 2, 2011 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

Councilperson Lynn Durrant asked if there were any comments from the public.

Randy Brailsford reported on the issues with water rights that are going on with the federal government and Strawberry Water. He stated that CUP Water is behind the cities, and is also asking the federal government for an extension for the comment period regarding the water rights. He stated that this is an issue the cities will want to watch and make sure they keep informed.

Yolanda Moser from the chamber of commerce mentioned on December 2 and 3 there will be a craft fair held at the South Valley Plaza in Salem. She also reported that Tabitha's Way is doing a dinner on the 24th of December from noon to 4:00 p.m. for those who are struggling financially.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief James reported that Sgt. Scott Dibble is teaching the Fire and Ambulance personnel about safe driving. The High School is also doing an awareness week, during which members of the police department have been going down on specified days and talking to the students about drug and alcohol awareness.

Chief James also gave an update to the council on the type of arrests the police department has dealt with this past year.

Councilperson Gordon left council chambers at 7:30 p.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS

9. MAYOR JONATHAN F. COPE

10. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

Councilperson Durrant reminded the council of the UMPA dinner meeting on Friday the 18th.

She also reported that the city got a report from the Woods Gravel Pit, and it stated that Condie Construction, who has been using the pit, is finished and will be giving the city a check for about \$45,000, this per the agreement and the money will be used for reclamation.

11. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

Councilperson Ficklin reported that the cemetery is looking really good as well as the new soccer field by the cemetery.

12. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

13. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON

14. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

15. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

16. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

17. ATTORNEY JASON SANT

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:35 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder