

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

**MEETING CONVENED AT:** 7:00 p.m.

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford  
Councilperson Janie Christensen  
Councilperson Sid Jorgensen  
Councilperson Sterling Rees  
Councilperson Craig Warren  
(Participated by telecommunication)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder  
Chief Brad James, Police Chief  
Junior Baker, City Attorney  
David Johnson, Building Dept.  
Bruce Ward, Public Works/Engineer  
Matt Marziale, Recreation

Excused:

Councilperson Aaron Cloward

Clark Crook, Power

**OTHERS PRESENT**

The attendance sheet was not distributed.

**1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

Mayor Brailsford 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**

Police Sergeant Brad Bishop 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. PRESENTATION FOR MICHAEL BUNKER'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Mayor Brailsford thanked Michael Bunker for his Eagle Project, he then turned the time over to Police Chief James.

Chief James reported that Michael Bunker presented his Eagle Project to the council back in October. Michael is here tonight to report on his project and to present to the city his

project of the K-9. Chief James then read a letter about what Michael's project was about.

Michael Bunker presented a check to the Mayor to purchase the K-9 unit. The Mayor and Council thanked him for his hard work in raising the money.

Chief James recognized Oquirrhberg Kennels, where Michael was able to purchase the dog from and who also helped with his Eagle Project.

Mary Jane, the K-9 dog was then presented to the city.

Mayor Brailsford thanked everyone who participated in this project. He then discussed an incident that happened the other day, when Officer Greg Gurney was helping kids get across SR 198 where the Street Light is going in. With the construction of the light, there has been some safety concerns with kids crossing the Highway. The other day when Officer Gurney was helping, a driver did not see a group of kids crossing, Officer Gurney was able to push the kids out of the way of the vehicle. Mayor thanked him in a letter stating how grateful he is that Officer Gurney was able to save those kids.

#### **4. SURPLUS VEHICLES**

Mayor Brailsford stated we have some vehicles that we need to surplus. They are the 1995 Ford Bronco, 1995 Ford Ambulance, 2006 Speed Trailer, and the Bore Machine. We were going to surplus the 2006 Chevy Trailblazer, but we determined to wait on it.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the vehicles and equipment for surplus.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Janie Christensen.

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

#### **5. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2013**

Mayor Brailsford stated the minutes were not ready for approval.

#### **6. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Mayor Brailsford stated we will come back to this item.

#### **7. Public Comment**

Mayor Brailsford turned the time over to the Youth Council for their report.

The Youth Council reported on the activities they have helped with at the library. They are also getting ready to help with Pond Town Christmas, Sub for Santa, and then have been helping out with the Beehive Home in Salem.

Mayor and Council thanked them for all they do.

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone had anything for public comment.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

Mayor Brailsford asked each of the council members to make sure they review their budgets and be aware of what is going on in their departments.

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

Councilperson Rees reported he is getting ready for the lighting of Pond Town Christmas on November 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., the carriage is set up for Santa Claus to come in and turn on the lights.

### **10. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN**

Councilperson Christensen reported the Library had a Halloween Party that went very well. On November 15<sup>th</sup> the youth group will be having a movie night, and then Evan Jack's eagle project of getting video games for the Library is going on. The Chamber's networking luncheon will be held at the Salem Community Center on November 13. Stacy Bliss won the scarecrow contest for Salem, with her scarecrow she did in front of the city office.

### **11. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD**

Councilperson Cloward is excused from council meeting.

Matt Marziale reported they finally received the playground equipment for Dream View Park. Thanked Holly Meager for raising the money for it.

## **12. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN**

Councilperson Jorgensen reminded the council of the SUVWA meeting coming up on December 12. He also mentioned that SWVWA is working on something to only allow water to be transferred with the area.

## **13. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN**

Councilperson Warren reported on the storm drain on Canal Road and 100 East, and then 100 North and 100 East are just about completed. The consulting firm for the Storm Water Management Plan has started working.

Jeff Nielson explained that the council will need to canvass the election results. He stated that we have to do the canvassing between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of November, but because we have one ballot that is overseas, we cannot canvass until either the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> of November. The council felt that Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. would be the best time to canvass.

Mayor Brailsford asked if everyone has had time to review their bills and if ready to approve them.

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

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

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

Mayor Brailsford stated the amount of the bills being approved tonight is \$594,582. He also explained we were able to pay off the Jet Truck.

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

Chief James reminded everyone about the winter parking ordinance and how it went into effect on November 1. He also mentioned the new K-9 police vehicle is here, he thanked the council for the purchase.

Chief James explained to the council how the new drug dog was able to assist in an arrest already in another city, during a training in a parking lot.

He also thanked Sergeant Dibble and Bishop for their work in the police department, they are very valuable.

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

Dave Johnson did not have anything to report tonight.

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

Bruce Ward did not have anything to report tonight.

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

Attorney Baker reminded the council of the special meeting with Planning and Zoning on November 7.

**18. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Jeff Nielson did not have anything to report on tonight.

**19. MATT MARZIALE, CITY RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Matt reported on the crews finishing up on Pond Town Christmas.

**20. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR**

Mayor Brailsford stated Clark Crook was in training down south and is excused.

It was announced the UMPA dinner will be on November 22, 2103.

**ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to adjourn city council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Janie Christensen.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 7:37 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder