

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on October 16, 2013 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work session 6:00 p.m.

Avanel Development came to the council work session and explained to the council and planning and zoning their ideas for the future development for Summer Spring Master Plan Development located on the North West side of the city, down by the interchange.

It was stated it is a very large development and another meeting with just the Council and Planning and Zoning would be a good idea. Then another meeting with the developers again.

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

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
Clark Crook, Power

Excused:

Councilperson Craig Warren (participated in work session by telecommunication)

OTHERS PRESENT

See attached list

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

Austin Houtz 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. MICHAEL BUNKER – Eagle Scout

Chief Brad James stated that Michael Bunker is a student attending Salem Hills High School and wanted to do an Eagle Scout project that would benefit Salem City Police Department. The project he has chosen is to raise money to purchase a K-9 dog for the police department. This would give us another K-9 unit. The dog breeder is willing to give Michael the dog for half the cost, because they were very impressed with the project. Michael would need to raise \$2,500 for the dog. Officer Greg Smith would be the K-9 handler for this new dog. Dizzy our current K-9 only has about one year left. Chief James feels with another dog, it could really help out with our drug problem within the city. Chief James then turned the time over to Michael Bunker. Michael then presented to the council an outline of his project. The council all felt that it would be a good project.

4. SELECTION OF STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTANT

Bruce Ward discussed the new state regulations on Storm Water again. He stated we need to begin the compliance process so by February 15, 2014 we can be in compliance. A RFP (Request for Proposal) was sent out and we had five proposals come in. We put the approval of the RFP on hold until Councilperson Warren and himself had an opportunity to attend the Storm Water conference put on by the state a couple of weeks ago. He stated he has had time to review the proposals in detail with Councilperson Warren, they felt that Epic Engineering would be the best firm to help us create our storm water management plan. The proposal would be an hourly and not to exceed \$16,800. After the plan is created then we can know about what the cost would be to implement the program, which will take affect February 16, 2014. He stated that Epic would have the project completed on time and that we would be involved during the process of creating the plan. The state has told us not to miss our deadline.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve Epic Engineering proposal for the Storm Water Management Plan Consultant, and not to exceed \$16,800.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

5. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARCUS G. FAUST, PC & SALEM CITY

Attorney Baker stated there are some water projects where Salem City will really be involved in over the next few years. Because of these issues it was determined to work with Spanish Fork and Payson Cities, because they will have the same issues. The three cities have determined to hire Attorney Marcus G. Faust to lobby and help us out in Washington DC with the water issues. He is from Utah and has done many projects dealing with water issues. The cost for Salem City will be \$2,000 a month, and hopefully will be for only a year or two. We also feel he will be able to help us with the Diamond

Fork water project. We feel very strongly about what he can do for the cities and the water issues we will be facing. The other two cities have agreed and recommends approving the agreement.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Marcus G. Faust, PC and Salem City.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUDITORS TO AUDIT SWUA

Attorney Junior Baker stated there have been a couple of issues dealing with SWUA (Strawberry Water Users Association), and this resolution would authorize an audit to be completed with SWUA. The issues we are dealing with are a dispute in the lost generation of power on the Highline Canal, and the other issue is with some property tax with a power line that was built by SUVPS on some of the canal's easements. We have tried working with SWUA and they are still insisting they are correct in the back taxes and what the surrounding cities owe them. This resolution is asking for the Department of Interior to do an audit on them.

Mayor Brailsford stated Spanish Fork and Payson are also doing the resolution. In order for the Department of Interior to do an audit, they need a letter asking for it. That is what the resolution will do. The League of Cities and Towns also feel it would be the way to go. There would be no cost to us as a city for the audit.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the Resolution 101613 Authorizing Auditors to Audit SWUA

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0). Mayor Brailsford asked for a roll call on the vote: Councilperson Janie Christensen; Aye, Councilperson Sterling Rees; Aye, Councilperson Aaron Cloward; Aye, and Councilperson Sidney Jorgensen; Aye. (4 Aye, 0 Nay).

7. APPROVE PURCHASE OF AERATOR MOTORS FOR SEWER PLANT

Bruce Ward reported the sewer plant has five aerators that need to be repaired or replaced. Bruce stated Mike Pritchett has been working with the motor supplier and a motor rebuild shop. After evaluating all of our options, two of the motors need repairs to such a great extent that it is cheaper to purchase new motors. The other three motors will be more economical to have rebuild. The recommendation would be to purchase two new and repair three for a total cost of \$18,272. He recommends the money come from the Equipment Supplies and Maintenance fund, we budgeted \$6,500 for Mixer and Aerator Repairs. Building Maintenance Fund, we budgeted \$5500 for converting an electric heater to gas, which will be postponed. That will give us \$12,000 in this year's

budget available, and we would need to use \$6,272 from the Sewer Unrestricted Fund balance to cover the remaining amount.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen to approve the purchasing of two new aerators and rebuilding of three as it has been outlined.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

8. APPROVE PURCHASE OF KUBOTA TRACTOR FOR RECREATION DEPT.

Matt Marziale stated he would like to purchase a Kubota Tractor. We did budget \$13,000 to purchase a used tractor this year. In searching for one, he was able to find one with all of the attachments, which will all be very beneficial to the city and recreation department. The additional money would come from the \$5,000 that was budgeted for a holding tank at the cemetery soccer field and \$2,000 from a couple of new programs that were added this year. The amount he is asking for is \$20,000.

Councilperson Jorgensen commented that with the information provided, it appears that a new tractor is \$26,000, and attachments are about \$6,000 in addition.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the purchase of the Kubota Tractor for the Recreation Department as outlined by Matt Marziale.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

9. APPROVE ELECTION JUDGES

Jeff Nielson explained that he has six poll workers, three counting judges, and an alternate for the upcoming elections that need to be approved. They are:

Connie Biggers, Colleen Hatch, Loralee Johnson, Ruth Nelson, Gaylen Palmer, Marilyn Palmer, Jalene Pope, Erman Stone, Charlolette McIntire, Sandra Millet, Maxine Christensen, and Donna Jex.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen to approve the Election Judges.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

10. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2013

Mayor Brailsford asked for approval of the minutes from council meeting on October 2, 2013 as written.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the minutes of October 2, 2013 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

11. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked for approval of the bills for payment.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen 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 \$296,275.56.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone had anything for open discussion.

June Christensen, who owns property where the development that was discussed in work session is going to be located. She stated the area was originally in Payson and a few years ago the mayor at that time asked if they would be willing to de-annex from Payson and come to Salem. At that time they did and was annexed into Salem City, because they were told they could sell their property to a developer. They are wanting to sell their property now. Shelley Hendrickson, Chairperson of Planning and Zoning, stated June's property is in the general plan and it is planned to be a development. But what the developer is proposing is not in the general plan, and will take some time to work with the developer to see what will work for them and Salem City.

COUNCIL REPORTS

13. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford stated after our audit, we have done very well the last couple of years with our financials and he would like to assign some of the unrestricted money in the general fund.

He then presented to the council where he would like to assign the money in the general fund:

Storm Drain - \$35,000, this would help with the new storm drain mandate from the State, \$56,000 for restrooms at the cemetery/soccer field, \$25,000 for more additions to the soccer field by the cemetery, \$3,000 for trees in the parks, \$20,000 for carpet at the Civic Center, \$50,000 for road projects, \$85,000 for cemetery expansion project, \$43,000 to pay off the Jet Truck, \$49,200 to pay off the Power Mini Boom Truck, and \$6,000 for Pond Town Christmas replacement and addition. This would leave \$222,388 is unrestricted fund balance.

Mayor Brailsford stated with the roads, he would like to redo Main Street from SR 198, where the new stop light will be going in, to 400 North. UDOT should be working on the new street light on SR 198 and Main Street in the next couple of weeks, it will be a good thing to have completed.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the Mayor's recommendation of assigning the funds as outlined.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

Mayor Brailsford wanted to thank Jeff Higginson, who came up with the idea to honor the veterans at the SHHS football game. We were able to honor 70 veterans that night. The Council also thanked him for doing the recognition.

14. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Rees asked Matt Marziale about the Eagle Scout's. Matt stated there will be three scouts who will be coming to council to report on their projects. He still has more projects that need to be completed.

15. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Christensen reported on October 31 the chamber will be doing the "Trunk or Treat" at the South Valley Gym parking lot. They also have the scarecrow contest going on, and would invite anyone to participate in it. She also thanked the city for participating in the contest.

Mayor Brailsford stated on December 6, 7, and 9 the LifeHouse Dance Studio will be working with the chamber to put on the Nutcracker production at the high school. They are looking for sponsors for it and also will allow the businesses to have booths set up at the high school.

16. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Cloward reported the parks department is getting Pond Town Christmas set up and ready. They did get the new picnic tables and will be getting them put together. The groundbreaking for the Dream View Park playground took place the other day. Holly Meager still needs about \$1,400 more to be donated towards the park.

17. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

Councilperson Sid Jorgensen stated there will be SUVWA meeting held on December 12th, where all of the council will be invited to attend. They will be talking about the recharge study that has taken place.

Mayor Brailsford talked to Boyd Warren of the Relief Mine and how the city has been very interested in getting another spring in the in the area of Water Canyon. Our current spring in Water Canyon has been as low as 200 GPM this early fall, which is very low for this time of year.

Mayor Brailsford also talked about another issue the cities in the area are being faced with, which is the transfers of water rights. When a developer comes into a city, the city requires them to supply enough water rights for the development. The developer has gone out and purchased dry water rights, (meaning it is only on paper and not water rights from our area). They then bring the water rights to the cities and then the cities are able to pump that water. The problem is every time they bring dry water rights, they are not bringing water into the area, so our springs and aquifers are drying up. He has asked Bruce Ward and Councilperson Jorgensen to work with SUVWA to come up with a policy or recommendation of what water would be recommended to purchase. We need to figure out a way to protect the water in our area. If the surrounding cities don't do this and start purchasing dry water rights, then it would be a red flag for us to protest with the state about the water rights.

Mayor Brailsford also stated around January 2014, we need to look at our PI policy, but would like the council to start thinking about it now and look at ideas for water conservation.

18. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Warren was excused for council meeting but participated in the work session.

Bruce Ward reported on the storm drain project on 100 East and Canal Road. We have had issues in that area with the recent storms. He talked about how the old sewer line in

the area will be used for the storm drain. He hopes the crew will be finished laying the pipe this week. He feels it will be a big improvement in the area.

Bruce also reported on the PI, that we came in using a little less water than we did last year. The storms we have had the last few months have really helped us out a lot.

19. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES

Chief James reported on the Fire Department and how they were featured in the Utah Valley Magazine and stated it was a great article. The ambulance association received the new ambulance last Friday, it will be a great addition to the city.

Chief James then went over the 3rd quarter report on public safety with the council.

20. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

Dave Johnson did not have anything to report tonight.

21. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Bruce Ward did not have anything more to report on.

22. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Attorney Baker did not have anything to report on tonight.

23. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR

Jeff Nielson did not have anything to report on tonight.

24. MATT MARZIALE, CITY RECREATION DIRECTOR

Matt Marziale reported the concrete work on the building at Loafer Recreation Complex has been completed. The playground equipment for Dream View Park we will plan on installing it this next week.

Matt also reported that currently we do not have standards for the type of parks that we would like, meaning a standard for fences, parking, handicap access, sprinkler system, etc. He is working with other cities to get ideas.

25. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR

Clark Crook reported the power department is doing a lot of tree trimming. He asked if anyone sees trees in the power lines to let us know. Trees are one of the biggest problems with power.

Ambulance Captain Erman Stone thanked the mayor and council for allowing the purchase of the new ambulance. It is very nice and it is ready to go. It will be a great asset to the city. The Mayor and Council thanked Captain Stone and the ambulance department for all that they do.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to Adjourn City Council Meeting

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:25 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder