

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on October 17, 2012 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Worksession 6:45 p.m.

Bruce Ward went over the zone change request and what DRC and Planning and Zoning recommendations were. He also explained the Curt Paulson PI Connection.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford
Councilperson Janie Christensen
Councilperson Sterling Rees
Councilperson Sid Jorgensen

Excused:
Councilperson Craig Warren
Councilperson Aaron Cloward

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Dakota Shunn, Tyler Jackson, Joe Jackson, Calister Crook, Elijah Carley, Kade Kallas, Micah Christensen, Clark Crook, J. Savage, Denirae Knutesen, Jeanine Stanley, Clint Knuteson, Caleb Boden, Tyler Melander, Tanner Wilcox, Wyatt Hancock, Marika Watters, Noah Talley, John Bascum, Robert Palfreyman, Barbara Palfreyman, Karen Taylor, Vera Davis, Amber Davis, Branden Kirk, Jon Ward, Tanner Greenwatt, Mike McKell

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Attorney Junior Baker stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brailsford asked Dakota Shunn if he would like to invite those who wish to participate, to stand and say the pledge of allegiance with him. Dakota then led the pledge of allegiance for those who wanted to participate.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to open the public hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

a. BRANDEN KIRK – Zone Change request on Property Located at 268 N. Main Street from R-10 to R-8

Bruce Ward explained that Branden Kirk is asking for a zone change on property located at 268 North Main Street from an R-10 to R-8 zone. The main differences between the R-10 and R-8 zones are the lot sizes; for an R-10 the lot size is 10,000 square feet and R-8 it is 8,000 square feet. The frontage for an R-10 is 90 feet and for the R-8 the frontage is 75 feet. The permitted uses are the same for the two zones. If the zone change is approved Branden is looking at subdividing the lot and building another home on the empty lot. If that is done it would clean up the empty lot. The subdivision standards would also pertain to him when he subdivides the lot.

Bruce stated that DRC and Planning and Zoning both recommended the zone change. DRC had the condition that the sewer easement is maintained on the south end of the property.

Mayor asked if there were any questions from the public or from the council. There were no questions.

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

a. BRANDEN KIRK – Zone Change request on Property Located at 268 N. Main Street from R-10 to R-8

MOTION BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen to approve the Zone Change request on property located at 268 North Main from R-10 to R-8 zone.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

4. FRANK LEANY – Request to rename the Salem City Community Center

Frank Leany talked to the council about Nigel Olson who served our county and lost his life during the war in Afghanistan. He would like a way to remember him and would like to name the Community Center as the Nigel K. Olson Community Center.

Mayor Brailsford appreciates Frank for coming in, and he feels that it is well deserved to recognize Nigel, along with other veterans and especially those who have given their life.

He hopes that Nigel is the last one to lose their life in a war from Salem. We have other veterans who have died in the service of their country who lived in Salem and their families are still here. We also have firemen and EMT's who have given many hours of service. We need to be very cautious with how we go about renaming buildings and parks. When the Community Center was built we had a lot of volunteers coming together to donate their time to help build it. He also stated that it replaced the old Lions Club building that was started by Mel Hanks who also got our first fire truck.

Mayor Brailsford stated that on the top of Knoll Park there is a small monument that has been placed with the names of the others who have died in the service of our county and were from Salem. Not a lot of people know about that monument, and he is wondering about getting a volunteer service project together to move that memorial to the down town ball park that was renamed Veteran Memorial Park. There is enough room on the memorial to place Nigel Olson's name on it. Mayor also talked about the possibility of placing a bench at the Little Knoll Park and placing Nigel's name on it. We currently don't have a bench at that location, and it is close to the Olson's home. We have had others donate for benches around Knoll Park; this might be another good volunteer service project to raise money for a bench.

Councilperson Jorgensen stated that he too feels that those who have given their lives in the service of our country should be recognized. He is grateful for the men and women who do serve our county. He also agrees with the Mayor and feels that changing the name of the Community Center would be taking away from those who have volunteered and donated to the building. He stated that he likes the idea of moving the monument from the top of Knoll Park to Veteran Memorial Park.

Councilperson Christensen stated that she agrees with what has been said. The residents of Salem are aware of Nigel Olson, because of what the community has done for his family and his name. We are grateful for him and those who serve. She thinks moving the monument would also be a good idea, and she would like to donate her council check for the project.

5. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH CURT PAULSON FOR PI CONNECTION AT 108 W. 400 N.

Bruce Ward explained that this agreement is for Curt Paulson to hook onto a PI water line that is on a private drive. We would like to have him hook onto it, rather than dig up the newly asphalted road to install a PI line.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the agreement with Curt Paulson.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

6. APPROVE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH UTAH VALLEY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Bruce Ward stated that Salem City is part of the South Utah Valley Solid Waste District (SUVSWD), who is under new management; Terry Ficklin is the general manager. Bruce stated that Terry approached the Mayor and him last spring about the possibility of sharing Bruce Ward as an engineering consultant for the district. The district is willing to pay 10% of Bruce's costs. There is a clause in the agreement if we feel that Bruce is not able to spend 10% of his time. Bruce feels that he should have the time and would like to try it for this first year. There is also a conflict clause in the agreement, that his support would be towards Salem, and if the district had to hire out for an independent consultant that they would need to that.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the Engineering Agreement with South Utah Valley Solid Waste District.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

7. OPEN COMMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked if there was anything from the public at this time.

Robert Palfreyman announced the swan that passed away has been replaced with a new swan.

8. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2012

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the minutes of October 3, 2012 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

9. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Brailsford stated that the amount of the bills being approved tonight is \$519,040.

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

COUNCIL REPORTS

10. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford excused Councilmen Cloward and Warren.

11. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Rees reported that the UMPA member meeting is set for November 16th, and will be held at Salem Community Center.

He also reported about a tour he went on with SUVPS at the Dry Creek Substation in Springville. He was very impressed with it and talked about the battery backup building located there for power outages. He also talked with Clark Crook about the new utility truck that was purchased to replace the one that was totaled in an accident this spring. The truck has arrived and is working out great.

Mayor Brailsford reported that Pond Town Christmas is going up and that we have placed three new trees by the highway this year. The lighting will be on November 23, 2012.

12. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Christensen reported on the Fall Good Life Expo, October 26 & 27, 2012 at the Spanish Fork Fair Grounds, put on by the Chamber of Commerce. There is also the Trick or Treat at South Valley Gym on October 31 from 4p.m. to 6p.m. also put on by the chamber. She also reported that the Library is doing well.

13. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Cloward was excused from council meeting tonight.

14. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

Councilperson Jorgensen reported that the PI water has been shut off; there will be some draining over the next few weeks. We used a lot more water this year than last year. He also reported that the replacement city shop is going up.

15. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Warren is excused from council meeting tonight.

Councilperson Rees reported a big pot hole in the road on 620 South 700 East and asked that the roads department look into them.

16. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES

Police Chief Brad James reported they have arrested the person who broke into the city shops.

Chief James also reminded residents with Halloween to be sure to walk in groups, wear light clothing and be careful. Also the parking ordinance went into effect on November 1.

17. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

Dave Johnson did not have anything to report tonight.

18. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Bruce Ward did not have anything to report tonight.

Mayor Brailsford stated that next council meeting he would like to have a work session and have Bruce report on a study he has done on the P.I. and Culinary Water usages this year.

19. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Attorney Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any other questions from the public.

Dakota Shunn asked about putting up a street sign in his neighborhood, there is a neighbor who has autism and wondering if there is a sign that can be put up. He lives at 340 South and about 820 East. Mayor stated that the city will look into it.

Another Resident asked about a skate park and if the city is ever going to get one. Mayor Brailsford stated that funding is a problem, not sure if it would be possible anytime soon.

Another Resident asked about a recreation center. Mayor Brailsford stated that we have looked into it and have even talked to other cities and going in together, but was not able to get enough interest and funding for the project. He stated that we are not against these ideas; it is just that funding is an issue.

A resident stated that they have heard that someone is working on getting a swimming pool and recreation center, and people have already donated towards it. Mayor stated that the funding has not come to the city, that there is an individual who is trying to get something going, but feels it is a few years out before the city would get involved.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen to Adjourn City Council Meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:55 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder