

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on September 18, 2013 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work Session 6:15 p.m.

Bruce Ward led a discussion on the sidewalk/curb gutter ordinance, Ordinance # 80608. There is some confusion with a couple of sections written in the ordinance, which he feels we need to clarify. Attorney Baker gave a history of the ordinance and how some of the council at the time wanted sidewalk in the older portion of town, but did not want curb and gutter. With the new state mandates for storm water, we might need to address some of those regulations by changing the ordinance anyway. Mayor Brailsford brought up other issues with abandoned ditches in front of the lots, and if we want them filled in or piped when developed. Bruce stated that Planning and Zoning looked at the ordinance in their last meeting and they were split on their positions of what to do. Discussions of Special Improvement Districts was also discussed. It was determined to have a work session with Planning and Zoning during their meeting on October 9th.

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
Bruce Ward, Public Works/Engineer

Excused:

Councilperson Craig Warren

David Johnson, Building Dept.

OTHERS PRESENT

Soren Christensen, Marte McKee, Marcie McKee, Hannah Armstrong, Mckelle Halladay

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Councilperson Sid Jorgensen stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilperson Sterling Rees 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. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

McKenna Nelson, Salem Youth Council Mayor, had each of the youth council members introduce themselves to the Mayor and Council. She stated there are 28 members in this year's youth council. Mayor Brailsford and the council thanked them for all of their great work and really appreciates their willingness to serve.

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2013

MOTION BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen to approve the minutes of September 4, 2013 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

5. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked for approval of the bills, he stated the amount of bills being approved tonight is \$433,521.49.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve the bills.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone had an item for open discussion.

Steve and Gina Griffiths stated they came to follow up on their council request from September 4th council meeting, in-regards to changing the setback ordinance for corner lots.

Mayor Brailsford stated after looking at the lots, made the suggestion to the Griffiths about putting in some type of storm drain on the Canal Road side, because of the problems with the drainage onto their property.

Bruce Ward made the comment that this is a setback issue and should be addressed for every corner lot, not just the corner lots on Canal Road. Salem Canal Road is the only east/west corridor that Salem City has, besides the State Road. He feels we need to look at this city wide, and take into account the possibilities of Canal Road. He thinks this is something that Planning and Zoning should look into.

Attorney Baker stated we have setback laws so homes are lined up and for safety issues on corner lots. He also stated with Canal Road, this corner lot will be a little unique, because of the width of the road and with the easements. Feels this lot the setbacks for safety reasons may not affect them. He stated with the limited circumstances, the city could do the ordinance to address those lots with unique circumstances.

Mayor Brailsford asked the council what direction they wanted to go. The council asked Attorney Baker to rewrite the ordinance to have the setback changed for certain circumstances.

Steve Griffiths stated that they are looking at doing curb and gutter on Canal Road to have the gutter flow onto 500 east. He stated this will help with their circumstances they have had with the flooding.

COUNCIL REPORTS

7. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Reported at the end of council meeting.

8. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Rees reported the power department has been working on the cement for the Arrowhead Substation addition. He also reported on the Eagle Scout projects that Matt Marziale has going on. He stated we need to have them come to the council and report.

9. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Christensen reported the Library received an \$8,000 grant for technology improvements at the Library. The chamber is doing a ribbon cutting on Thursday at 2:00 p.m. for Los Rancheros restaurant. The sewer plant is still having some issues with foaming bubbles at the E-Fluent, after it passes through our lagoon system. We had to double the amount of our chlorine use because of the chemical interference. It looks like another pass through of an industrial interference that was similar to the ones back in February through April this year that is causing the foaming. This happened during the first week of September, and testing results and photos were sent to the state. The spare

pump motor for the Flygt pump needs to be replaced, and there are five aerators that are needing some major repairs and or replacement.

10. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Cloward did not have anything to report tonight.

11. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

Councilperson Jorgensen reported the PI usage has been decreasing in use over the past four weeks, the rain has really helped. The water from Water Canyon Spring has not been increasing this year like in years past, usually around August the springs will start to pick up.

Mayor Brailsford recommended to the council to set a date to shut off the PI water so it can be noticed in the newsletter. After some discussion on dates, October 7th was determined to have it shut off. It was commented the Highline Canal will shut down on the 1st of October.

12. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Warren was excused from tonight's council meeting.

13. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES

Chief Brad James reported the last few rainstorms we have had really tested our storm drain system. He thanked the public works and the fire department for going out and clearing debris away for the storm drains.

14. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

Dave Johnson was excused from tonight's council meeting.

15. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Bruce Ward did not have anything to report tonight.

16. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Attorney Junior Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

17. JEFF NIELSON – CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR

Jeff Nielson did not have anything to report tonight.

18. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION DIRECTOR

Matt Marziale reported on youth soccer, flag football, and tackle football programs. We have 714 youth participating in those programs, and about 80% of them are Salem youth. Girls' volleyball will starting up in a couple of weeks. There is about 40 yards of concrete left to pour on the maintenance building, installing the doors and lights, then the building should be completed. The recreation department is also going to paint the high school football field for the homecoming game.

19. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR

Clark Crook was excused from tonight's council meeting.

Mayor Brailsford reported he received a letter from Alan Hales which talked about the executive order the mayor and council put in place on August 21, 2013 during council meeting regarding the PI use on pastures. Alan stated he was glad that the city did that, but was concerned about the executive order and how the mayor should not have the right to do that. Mayor Brailsford called Alan and explained to him that the executive order is different than the Federal Government Executive order. He went onto explain to him that the city council approved this, it was not just the mayor making the order.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:45p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder