

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on September 2, 2015 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Worksession 6:45 p.m.

Bruce Ward, from Forsgren Engineering, talked about the sewer permits for Circle V Meat.

**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 Soren Christensen  
Councilperson Craig Warren

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder  
Chief Brad James, Police Chief  
Junior Baker, City Attorney  
David Johnson, Building Dept.  
Matt Marziale, Public Works/Rec,  
Clark Crook, Power

Excused:

Councilperson Sterling Rees

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Curt Paskett, Nona Paskett, Mike Paskett, Smith Nielson, Seth Berrett, Karen Werwood, Ferrin Werwood, Wyatt Graham, Cristy Simons, Clark Caras, Rebecca Andrus

**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**

Janie 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.

**3. SWEAR IN NEW POLICE OFFICER**

Chief Brad James introduced Kellen Worwood as the new police officer for Salem City. He comes from Juab County Sheriff and has seven years of police experience. He feels he will be a great addition to the police department.

Jeff Nielson then swore in the new police officer.

Mayor Brailsford turned the time over to the Salem Youth Council

Seth Barrett and Smith Nielson stated they helped with Salem Days activities, their upcoming activity is to help at the cemetery and put flags for the veterans.

Clark Caras from the chamber, handed out invitation to the council for the chamber summer social that will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Salem Community Center. The Play unplugged year und summer party will be on September 12 at Spanish fork North Park.

#### **4. APPROVE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES**

Mayor Brailsford stated this item will be on the next council agenda.

#### **5. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2015**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren to approve the minutes of August 19, 2015 as written.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

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

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

Mayor Brailsford stated the amount of the bills tonight to be approved is \$941,647.50

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Janie Christensen to approve the bills for payment.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen.

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

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### **7. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD**

Mayor Brailsford reported on the partial breach of the Strawberry Canal. It stated it was called a partial breach because the water was only coming from one way, in a full breach the water is coming from both upstream and downstream. The canal was flowing at 150 CFS (Cubic Feet per Second), the breach was estimated at 75 CFS. Mayor Brailsford stated he was very proud of the response from the citizens, employees, and all who came to help out. The command center was set up and everything went very well. We received a lot of compliments from a lot of different entities. A follow up meeting was held the following

day to talk about what went well and then what we needed to improve on. Mayor Brailsford thanked Police Chief Brad James, he did a great job.

Councilperson Soren Christensen also wanted to thank everyone, he too was very proud of the citizens and employees. He is glad it happened during the day and not during the night.

Police Chief Brad James thanked the Mayor for his role in the situation. He stated the mayor and himself have been meeting on this situation for many years. Not that long ago the two of them stood about where the breach was and asked what if the canal broke here. He stated we do a lot of those scenarios when we are driving around, the “what if’s”. We had a lot of people respond and do a great job, from the citizens, employees, contractors, school district, etc. Chief James also wanted to thank the mayor for putting together an emergency management team, made up of volunteers.

Councilperson Craig Warren stated he was very impressed with the mass notification system and how well it went.

Mayor Brailsford stated he felt it was a great training opportunity. If this would have been a county wide disaster, he feels it would have been a different outcome. We had a lot of resources available to us from all over the county. He also thanked Clark Crook for spotting the breach and reporting it.

## **8. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

Councilperson Sterling Rees was excused.

## **9. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN**

Councilperson Janie Christensen reported the sewer plant is running well. Next council we will have a sewer management plan to approve.

The Library is hiring a new part time employee.

## **10. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD**

Councilperson Aaron Cloward reported the parks crew is fertilizing and aerating the parks. They also have just finished the shore line improvements at the pond.

## **11. COUNCILPERSON SOREN CHRISTENSEN**

Councilperson Soren Christensen reported when the PI was back up and working on Monday, we used 5.8 acre feet. We still continue to run high on the water usage, and need to watch our usage. Looking at the graphs, most people are doing great.

**12. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN**

Councilperson Craig Warren reported their will be a Solid Waste Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**13. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES**

Police Chief James reported that Officer Blair Kerby is going to be retiring on September 30. There will be an open house from noon to 2 at the Community Center.

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

Dave Jonson did not have anything to report tonight.

**15. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.**

Attorney Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

**16. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/RECORDER**

Jeff Nielson did not have anything to report tonight.

**17. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Matt Marziale did not have anything to report tonight.

**18. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR**

Clark Crook complemented the city crews and all who helped with the canal breach.

He also reported on his trip to Oregon to review a nuclear power plant. It is a new approach to nuclear power. They went to a model that showed what the plant would look like and how it would run. The plant is the future of the nuclear power plants. It was very informative trip.

**19. WADE REYNOLDS, STORM DRAIN/SAFETY**

Wade Reynolds was excused tonight.

Mayor Brailsford asked if there was anything from the public.

Nona Paskett asked about a neighbor of theirs who has property that is considered a nuisance, she also handed out photos of the property. Chief Brad James reported the property has been given a notice, they have 30 days to clean up, they have also been cited for illegal renters. He feels we will be going to court with this one, and if not then they will be in content of court and we will have to deal with it. Chief James and Attorney Baker explained how the law works. Attorney Baker stated we run into a lot of delays when the judge wants to work with the property owners. We cannot do anything until the judge gives us permission, which can take a while. If the judge sees that it is a repeat property owner, then they usually will move forward a little bit faster. The Paskett's were concerned about their property value of their home being devalued, thus causing the taxes to go down in the area. It was stated the county assessors are the ones who determine the value for the taxes.

Mayor Brailsford reported he met with the Salem Pond Committee the other day, we had a couple of people from the state, one from the county health, and then others who were asked. We will be testing the springs, wells and the pond water. UVU will be doing the testing for us at no cost. Felt that the meeting was a productive meeting. When the results come back the committee will be meeting again.

## **ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen to adjourn city council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Janie Christensen.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 7:50 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder