

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on August 3, 2011 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work session: 6:00 p.m.

Two budget options were presented, budget option A and budget option B. After some discussion on the budgets, the option A was the majority consensus recommendation by Councilperson Rees and Durrant, Councilperson Jorgensen liked budget A but recommended removing the COLA.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Jonathan F. Cope

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan F. Cope
Councilperson Lynn Durrant
Councilperson Sterling Rees
Councilperson Sid Jorgensen

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Excused:

Councilperson Todd R. Gordon
Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin

OTHERS PRESENT

Yolanda Moser, Rachel Fitzgerald, Carol Walher, Willy the Wolverine, Kyle Curtis, Chris Curtis, Janie Christensen, Brent Warren, Maureen Warren, Karlee Jo Hales, Lydia Warren, Garth Hill, Grant Moore, Guy Jr. Farley, Edward Solie, Randy Brailsford, Margaret Brailsford, Matt Marziale

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Cope 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

Mayor Cope 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

Lidia Warren and Charlie Hales from the youth council discussed some of the activities they have been doing over the last month. They had their summer retreat where they did different activities to get to know each other. They have also been assisting the library with the craft activities. They are also looking forward to helping with Salem Days.

4. APPROVE PROCLAMATION FOR UVU DAY

Yolanda Moser discussed UVU Day and how it will be a day that UVU will be helping Miss Salem, Rachel Fitchgerald with her service project. Rachel stated that she has planned a “Find Your Greatness Day” for September 24. She will have 10 different workshops to be held at the high school. Each workshop will help the youth of the community discover their different talents. She is excited that UVU will also be helping out on that day.

Carol from UVU presented a UVU flag to each member of the council. She is excited to work with the city, the Chamber of Commerce, and Miss Salem. She also stated that they will have a booth at Salem Days.

Mayor Cope then read and signed the proclamation declaring September 24th, 2011 as UVU Day.

5. APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GENERLINK AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ELECTRICAL SUPERINTENDENT TO SIGN IT (METER FOR EMERGENCY POWER CONNECTION)

Attorney Baker explained the resolution. He stated that this resolution makes it possible for residents to have a device which allows them to hook an emergency power source such as a generator up to their electrical meter during emergencies. Clark Crook from the power department has looked into these devices, and has found a company that manufactures them, which he feels would work well and would be safe. The company is Generlink, and has been approved by the power department. The second part to the resolution is the agreement for a resident to use the Generlink device on their power meter. This way each person that decides to purchase one of these devices would not have to come before the council for approval to attach it to their meter. If there are other

companies that have the same type of meter, they would have to go through the same process of approval from the Power Department and then the City Council.

Clark Crook reminded the council that he had shown the device to them a few months earlier. Residents would be required to go through the inspection process when connecting to their existing meter. Only certified electricians would be allowed to attach these devices to any of our meters. This emergency power source would not provide enough electricity for the whole house, but it would be sufficient to run some of the necessities. The price is about \$600 - \$800 and could be installed in about 30 minutes. Chief James stated that this would be a great resource for people who have special needs during power outages.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve Resolution Approving the GenerLink agreement and Authorizing the Electrical Superintendent to sign it.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

6. RATIFY MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ON THE CONTRACT FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING MATERIAL AND RECLAMATION PLAN FOR THE WOOD GRAVEL PIT.

Attorney Baker discussed the Woods Pit and its location along with a little background history. He stated the city has been working for many years trying to get it reclaimed. The city was approached by Condie Construction Company a couple of weeks ago regarding the removal of some of the existing materials in that pit. Attorney baker explained the contents of the agreement. He stated that the city will be paid \$6 per ton for any material that is taken out, and that that money will be placed in an escrow account to help with the reclamation of the pit. Because of the timing of the project, we had the mayor sign the agreement prior to this meeting.

Councilperson Rees asked if they will have scales at the pit to weigh the material being removed. Attorney Baker stated that there is an old set of scales on the premises, and that if there is a question on the accuracy of those scales, Condie has the right to challenge the weight.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the ratification of the mayor's signature on the Contract for the Removal of the Existing Material and Reclamation Plan for the Wood Gravel Pit.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

7. RESOLUTION CREATING CHANGES ON ANIMAL CONTROL VIOLATIONS

Chief James stated that this resolution is for the animal control fees. He then explained the different fees, and stated that in comparison to other cities in the county, this would put us in about the middle of the fees being charged.

Councilperson Rees asked how many dogs a person can have. Chief James explained that a person is allowed to have three dogs before being required to have a kennel permit.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the resolution creating changes on animal control violations.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

Mayor Cope then opened the council meeting up to the public.

Ed Solie stated that he has a petition that has been signed by 400 residents that he would like to present to the council. He then read the petition regarding the Salem Days fireworks being moved from the pond to the high school, and how they would like them moved back to the pond.

Randy Brailsford stated that this is the first he has heard about the petition. He then spoke to the mayor and council about the history of the fireworks and why they were moved to the pond. He also explained how different fund raisers were held to help raise money for the fireworks. He stated that people are upset about the fireworks being moved from the pond, because they feel it is part of the pride in Salem. The residents of Salem take pride in the Salem Days fireworks, and feel that a sense of pride has been taken from them.

Mayor Cope turned the time over to Mark Buffington from the Utah National Guard. Mr. Buffington explained what the Community Covenant is, and showed a short video of some other cities that have participated. He stated that on Sunday evening, as part of the Salem Days Fireside, he will present the covenant to the mayor, council, and other city leaders for their signature. The covenant states that the leaders of Salem City support the men and women in the armed forces who are serving our country.

Yolanda Moser from the Chamber talked about the booth that the chamber will have during the Salem Days celebration on Friday and Saturday. She informed them of the Customer Appreciation Day that Capital Community Bank will be hosting on August 9th. They were also recognized as the business of the month. She reported that the Salem Business Coalition will be meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. here at the city office. She would also like to have something from the Chamber in the newsletter each month.

8. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2011 AND JULY 20, 2011

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the council minutes of July 6th and July 20th as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

9. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

10. PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief James expressed his concern about parade participants throwing candy from vehicles, and he would recommend that no candy be thrown from the vehicles in the parade.

COUNCIL REPORTS

11. MAYOR JONATHAN F. COPE

Mayor Cope went over the events for Salem Days and explained how the information can be found on the city web page.

12. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

Councilperson Durrant reported that the UMPA Social is set for August 26th at 5:45 p.m. at Knoll Park.

13. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

14. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Rees reported that he has been talking with some of the farmers in the area, and so far this year, they have not had to use any water from the Strawberry Reservoir this year.

15. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

16. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON

17. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

18. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

19. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Randy Brailsford asked if the people attending the Salem Days pageant, will have ample opportunity to move from the park to the high school to see the fireworks. Mayor Cope stated that there will be plenty of time given to allow people to move over to the high school.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:00 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder