Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on August 18, 2004 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:35 P.M.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford.

OPENING REMARKS: Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone would like to give an opening remark. Councilperson Lynn Durrant offered an invocation for the opening thought.

PLEDGE: Jeffrey Nielson invited all who would like to participate to stand and say the pledge of allegiance.

COUNCIL PRESENT:               STAFF PRESENT:
Mayor Randy A. Brailsford        Jeff Nielson, City Recorder
Councilperson Dale Boman        Junior Baker, City Attorney
Councilperson Lynn Durrant
Councilperson Paul J. Hair

Excused From Council Meeting:
Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin
Councilperson Dale R. Wills
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
David Johnson, Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT
Katie Secretan                   Norman Smith                Bryson Carrick
Kevin Nelson                    Phillip Palmer              Jeff Southwick
Rob Reed                        Yanzey Finkenthal          Alex Jeffries
Jake Lundquist                  Josh Vidmar                  Tyler Gebert
Mark Meservy                    Gayla Muir                   Reed Cornaby
Lucy Cornaby

1. NORM SMITH -RSVP

Mayor Brailsford turned the time over to Norm Smith. Norm turned the time over to Gayle Muir, while he passed a report out to the council to review. Gayle stated they are excited to be here. She stated that there are 21 volunteers who are 51 years and older from Salem City. They have helped out in many different places in the valley. They estimate that they had 1,123 hours of volunteer work, and the estimated cost it would have cost paying an employee is $16.60 an hour. So they figured they have saved
$18,641 in volunteer work this last year, if it were broken out into dollar amounts. They have different ways to show appreciation to the volunteers, one is that if they do over 100 hours they are given a presidential pin, and they get a letter from the president. So far in Salem, there are four that qualify in the bronze area. They are working towards the presidential. Gayle stated that she met with Salem’s Emergency Management team a couple of weeks ago; she was very impressed with it. She wanted to thank the council for allowing them to come tonight and share with the council the information.

2. GREG CHRISTENSEN – SUBDIVISION WAIVER AT 285 E. 100 S.

Mayor Brailsford stated that Greg would have to follow all of the subdivision standards, except he would not have to do a plat. He stated that DRC (Development Review Committee) and Planning and Zoning both did not have any problems with the waiver. Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone had any questions. Reed Cornaby asked if it would be one lot. Mayor Brailsford stated that for right now there is only going to be one home built, but he is sure in the future that another home will be built on the other lot.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the Greg Christensen subdivision waiver at 285 E. 100 S.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Dale Boman.
VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

3. TODD & BECKY PROVSTGAARD – SUBDIVISION WAIVER AT 60 E. 100 N.

Mayor Brailsford stated that this waiver falls under the same restrictions that Greg Christensen would. He stated that the Provstgaard’s are also aware that they would have to run a sewer line to the home, because there is not a sewer line in front of their property. So they would be responsible to install the sewer line to their property. They have to meet all of the subdivision standards, except for the plat. Attorney Baker stated that they might be able to do a connectors agreement for the sewer line. Mayor Brailsford stated that the waiver had been approved by DRC and Planning and Zoning.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Paul Hair to approve the Todd & Becky Provstgaard subdivision waiver at 60 E. 100 N.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant
VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

Councilperson Boman asked if they would still be able to keep the animal rights. It was stated that they would have to conform to what the standard states for animal rights.
4. QUESTAR GAS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Mayor Brailsford turned the time over to Attorney Baker. Attorney Baker stated that this is a franchise agreement renewal. The last one had been about 50 years ago, and expired this last year. Attorney Baker explained that a Franchise Agreement allows Questar to use our public easements. The city also has a couple of other agreements with phone and cable companies. He stated that he has been over the agreement many times with Dave Anderson, who is the Questar Lawyer. This agreement is good for 20 years, and then it will need to be reviewed again. Cities used to be able to charge for the franchise agreements, but a new law got rid of it but allowed the Energy Tax instead. Attorney Baker stated he feels good about this agreement. Katie Secretan (representative from Questar) asked the council if they had any questions for her. There were no questions.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Dale Boman to authorize the mayor to enter into a franchise agreement with Questar Gas.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.
VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

5. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2004

Jeff Nielson suggested to the council, to have word poop changed to manure.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Paul Hair to approve the minutes of August 4, with said changes.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Dale Boman.
VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

6. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the bills for payment.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Dale Boman.
VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

7. PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Brailsford stated Police Chief James was excused from council meeting.

8. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone had any comment for open discussion. Reed Cornaby wanted to express his appreciation for Salem Days. He stated everything was outstanding and the fireworks were great.
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9. MAYOR RANDY A. BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford stated he had a lady from Mapleton, whose son was part of the pageant; state to him how Salem is a great family town. She was very impressed with what Salem does for our celebration. She really enjoyed the whole night, and wished that Mapleton would do something like this.

Mayor Brailsford stated he would like to express his appreciation to Councilperson Terry Ficklin on the great job he did. He spent a lot of time getting the sound for all of the different events.

The footings for the new social building will be done by Robert Nelson. The mayor wanted express his appreciation to all of those who will be helping to build the new building. A meeting was held the other day, and it was decided not to put a basement on the building. It would have cost us over $50,000 to have the basement built. Instead we put an additional storage space on the south side of the building. The old Lions Club building has been torn down, and would like to have people stay away from the debris until it is all gone. The city will have different levels of donations, the gold, silver and bronze. If $15,000 is donated that would be the gold, $10,000 will be silver, and $5,000 will be bronze, then $1,000 will be friendship. There are a lot of people who stated they will volunteer their time to help build the building. The new building will be great for people to have family reunions, wedding, etc. It will be a multi purpose building.

10. COUNCILPERSON DALE BOMAN

Councilperson Dale Boman wanted to thank all of the city council for their efforts towards Salem Days. He also wanted to thank everyone who helped out with all of the events. He has had a lot of people come and thank him for the great job. People are proud to be from Salem, and you could see it that day. He also reported that there have been a lot of people commit to be chairs for next years Salem Days.

11. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

Councilperson Lynn Durrant wanted to thank Councilperson Dale Boman for his work on Salem Days, she thought it was great success. The library is hoping to have raised about $4,200 - $4,300 from the auction. It did really well and she wanted to thank everyone who helped and donated.

Mayor Brailsford stated he would like to see some of the local artists in town to be able to donate some of their painting of Salem to be placed in the new social building.
12. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

Excused from City Council meeting.

13. COUNCILPERSON PAUL J. HAIR

Councilperson Paul Hair would also like to thank Councilperson Dale Boman for his work on Salem Days, he too thought it turned out great.

Councilperson Hair reported that the new fence is up at the new ball park, and the asphalt at Knoll Park parking lot looks great, he was glad to see it done for Salem Days. At the sewer plant, one of the new pumps we have is defective and went out on us Saturday, during Salem Days. We hope it is still under warranty, and it was sent up to a company in Salt Lake City to check it out. The two new pumps should be here soon, he hopes that everything will be okay until they are delivered and installed. Councilperson Hair reported that he has set up a sewer meeting with Elk Ridge on the following Wednesday. The meeting will be held at the sewer plant, to show them the improvements that have been made at the plant.

Mayor Brailsford reported that he changed a responsibility; he put Councilperson Hair over the Salem/Elk Ridge sewer board. He also reported that next week, representatives from the governor’s office will be coming down to look at our wet land park.

14. COUNCILPERSON DALE R. WILLS

Excused from City Council meeting.

15. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER

Attorney Baker stated that it would be nice to have a record of what was purchased for the breakfast, so that next year we can have an idea of what to get. He also suggested having a committee person over the breakfast. Jeff Nielson stated he would get a hold of Councilperson Wills to figure out what was purchased so next year we will have the information.

Mayor Brailsford asked Jeff Nielson to put a questionnaire in the newsletter regarding the county restaurant tax. Mayor Brailsford stated that the county has stopped giving cities money from the tax, and have used it to upgrade the county parks. The county is also looking at putting an equestrian park. Mayor would like a questionnaire to ask our residents where they would like the tax money spent. He would like it in the newsletter and also on the web page if possible.
CLOSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to close city council meeting.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Paul Hair.
VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:30 P.M.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder