Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on December 10, 2008 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor J. Lane Henderson

COUNCIL PRESENT: 

Mayor J. Lane Henderson
Councilperson Lynn Durrant
Councilperson Brent V. Hanks
Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin
Councilperson Todd R. Gordon

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
Junior Baker, City Attorney
Bruce Ward, City Engineer

Excused:
Councilperson Stanley W. Green

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Hendrickson
Jacklyn Valdez
Taylor Lamb
A. Marta Chrisensen
Walter Arias
Randy Skinner
Shelley Hendrickson
Julie Camara
Hailey Nielson
Raegan Ripple
Mallory Byrnes
Erik Edwards
Camilla Simonsen
Morgan Hales
Jessie Christensen
Mckenna Oss
Reed Cornaby

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Henderson 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 Henderson invited those who would 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. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to open the public hearing.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks.
VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0)
A. Resolution Authorizing a Grant of Funds to the Salem City Redevelopment Agency

Attorney Junior Baker explained that last year the city granted the RDA money to help with the grocery store construction. In order for the city to grant the money, it needs to be a public hearing. He stated that the grocery store has increased its size and asking for $340,000 and improvements on SR 198, (estimated cost of $46,000).

Attorney Baker stated by increasing size we should be getting more revenue in sales tax to help offset some of the cost associated with the RDA.

Mayor Henderson asked if there were any questions from the public.

Reed Cornaby asked if this was for the benefit of the new grocery store. It was stated that it is to help out the grocery store.

Councilperson Terry Ficklin arrived at council meeting.

Close

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks to close the public hearing.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.
VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

A. Resolution Authorizing a Grant of Funds to the Salem City Redevelopment Agency

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks to approve Resolution 121008 authorizing Salem City to grant the Redevelopment Agency funds.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin.
VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

4. ADJOURN TO RDA MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to adjourn city council meeting and enter into RDA meeting.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks.
VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

RESUME REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
5. CONNECTOR’S AGREEMENTS

a. Camilla Simonsen – 750 East

Attorney Baker explained that this is a standard connector’s agreement. It is for electrical, sewer, and water lines installed for Camilla’s subdivision. It is proposed to be a 10 year agreement.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve Camilla Simonsen connector’s agreement.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin.
VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

b. Mike Hendrickson – 800 South

Attorney Baker stated that this too is a standard connector’s agreement. It is for a water line that was installed for a new home. This too will be for 10 years.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve Mike Hendrickson connector’s agreement.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.
VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

6. CHARLES EPPLEY – GARBAGE CAN PICK-UP PLACEMENT

Charles Eppley stated that he has done some calculations on how much money Allied Waste is making off of Salem City and feels that they are making a lot of money. It was stated that the cost that the city charges also pays for the garbage to be dumped, and there are other charges besides Allied Waste that is associated with the amount that Salem City Charges.

Charles is also concerned about the new pick up schedule and only picking up one side of the road. He would like something that would be a little fairer to all residents. Maybe look at every other year changing directions, so residents who have to take their cans across the road this year would not have to next year, but the residents who live on the other side would. He is even wondering about having it so they only need to be taken across the road during the spring, summer, and fall months. He stated that there are lots of people who are having a hard time taking the cans across the road.

Councilperson Gordon explained that Allied Waste looked at each road, and the routes they take to pick up the cans. Then they looked at what would be the most efficient way to pick up the cans.
Councilperson Ficklin explained that Salem City has been able to hold off the increases that Allied Waste has tried to enforce. He stated that by allowing Allied Waste to pick up on one side of the road it will help Salem to continue to keep their rates lower. He also stated that he would look into some of the request.

7. BOYD TAGGERT – DELINQUENT FEES BECAUSE OF PI PROBLEM

Mayor Henderson stated that the city staff has been able to work with Boyd and get this issue resolved.

8. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT & MUTUAL RELEASE WITH NEWAYS

Attorney Baker stated that we have been working with Neways for a while on this agreement. Wondering if there were any questions. The council felt that they would like some time to review the agreement, and would recommended tabling this item until next council meeting.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to table the settlement agreement and mutual release with Neways until next council meeting.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks.
VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

9. APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2008

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve minutes of November 19, 2008 as written.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks.
VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

10. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks to approve bills for payment.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.
VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

11. PUBLIC SAFETY

12. OPEN DISCUSSION
COUNCIL REPORTS

13. MAYOR J. LANE HENDERSON

Mayor Henderson stated that the construction on 400 North and SR 198 has been for the stop light. The city, UDOT, and the property owners at the intersection met to get easements signed. UDOT was very impressed with the property owners and working with the city. UDOT stated that the light will be operating before Christmas.

He reported that over this last year we have had about $4,000 donated to go to the utility fund donation account. There are a lot of willing people in Salem. With that money we have been able to help a lot of people.

Mayor went over the budget with Jeff Nielson today and he feels we are in good shape. We still are going to have to make cuts in places, but overall we are doing pretty well. He encourage the council to review their budgets and make sure we are in line. Mayor Henderson talked with some of the department heads about Christmas bonuses and they are willing to give up some of theirs so that we could try and give all of the employees a good bonus.

Mayor Henderson recommended to the council to go out of their way to go down and visit with the police department. Now that they are located in the basement it is not as easy to visit with them. Also, there will be fireworks over the pond after the Christmas Light Parade.

14. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

15. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

Councilperson Ficklin reported that the Solid Waste District is working with SUVMWA to help rezone the land that is located within the county, so they could build a new facility and SUVMWA can build a regional sewer plant in the future. The Solid Waste will be using the land before SUVMWA.

He also reported that recycling is at a point that it is not cost effective, and not feasible to do recycling. But the Solid Waste feels there is a need for it, and is still willing to try it. We still need a spot to place the recycling container. Mayor Henderson stated that we would like it at the lower ball park, and asked Bruce Ward to work with Matt Marzielle to find out where we want it placed.

16. COUNCILPERSON STANLEY W. GREEN
17. COUNCILPERSON BRENT V. HANKS

Councilperson Hanks reported that Pond Town Christmas is going well. He wanted to thank all those who have donated towards it and Councilperson Ficklin for supplying the sound at nights. He also reminded the council that the Christmas Light Parade will be on the 20th and will start at 6:00 p.m. Pond town Christmas is going well.

18. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON

Councilperson Todd Gordon reported that the new dispatch center will start at the first of the year. They are still in need of hiring a director. We also need to appoint someone for the tech committee.

The Candle Lights for Christmas Eve is all ready. Mr. Shellenberger from Foothills Elementary has the paper bags that the classes are decorating.

Reed Cornaby thanked the mayor and council for the Pond Town Christmas display. He stated that it is a great display, and that it is great for our community.

19. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

20. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

21. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks to adjourn city council meeting.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin.
VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:50 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder