

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on February 4, 2004 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

**MEETING CONVENED AT:** 7:30 P.M.

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor Randy A. Brailsford.

**PRAYER:** Councilperson Dale Boman.

**PLEDGE:** Councilperson Dale Wills.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford  
Councilperson Paul Hair  
Councilperson Dale Boman  
Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin  
Councilperson Lynn Durrant  
Councilperson Dale R. Wills

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jeff Nielson, City Recorder  
Chief Brad James, Police Chief  
Junior Baker, City Attorney  
David Johnson, Public Works

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Todd Roeller  
Susan Olson  
Charley Twitchell

Travis Markham  
Ian Stiles  
Robert Davidson

Leon Olson  
Steve Hartline  
Vern Bangerter

**1. RESOLUTION APPROVING STORM WATER INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

Dave Johnson explained to the council that currently, with the size of Salem, the city is not required to have a permit for storm drains, but it will not be long before we are required. There is a group of cities in Utah County that have asked Salem if we want to be part of the Storm Water Interlocal Cooperation. The group puts out a newsletter, provides training, educational videos, and a central warehouse for holding all training material. They also have a bi-monthly meeting that would inform us of the laws and rules for storm drains. He mentioned it would be beneficial to be part of the group, like he said earlier, Salem is not required to have a permit yet, but it will not be long before we will be required. Their overall budget is about \$30,000; Salem City's portion of that is \$369 per year.

Mayor Brailsford stated that he has not heard a lot about this group in other meetings. After doing some research on it, he feels it would be a good program for Salem to belong to. Dave Johnson handed the fee structure to the council.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Dale Boman to approve Resolution 20404 Approving Storm Water Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Paul Hair.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0).

## **2. APPROVE PURCHASE OF UP&L LINES**

Mayor Brailsford stated there is a small part of Salem City, by Bart Mortensen's Dairy, where there are about 26 homes that are not on Salem City Power, but rather on Utah Power and Light. It is a problem for new home owners to build there and want to be on Salem City Power, and also a problem for UP&L to service because it is such a small section. Salem City has been trying to work with UP&L to purchase that line.

Agreements have been in the working stage for about two years. We finally were able to get an agreement worked out, along with the easements, to be able to purchase this line from UP&L. There is money set aside for this purchase. Originally UP&L wanted us to purchase the power tower on top of the mountain just above Salem, but we did not want that.

Attorney Baker stated the price agreed upon was \$47,654. He feels that is a fair price. It will switch UP&L customers over to Salem Power and also allow more growth in that area because Salem City Power is out there. He reported he has been working a lot with their attorney on this. Councilperson Ficklin was wondering if there were other places in the city under the same circumstances. It was stated that there are very few, and they are on Strawberry Power. When annexations begin to happen we could see more dealings with UP&L power.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the purchase agreement between UP&L (Pacific Corp.) and Salem City.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Terry Ficklin.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0).

## **3. 100 EAST DECISION**

Councilperson Wills expressed his appreciation to the residents, who are affected by this decision, for coming to council meeting. A couple of months ago he had a meeting with the residents involved and a lot of concerns were discussed. Some of the concerns were; if

the city decides to go with a 56' road, the residents feel the city would be taking away a lot of their property. Also, by having a wider road, there is a possibility of increased speed. There are a few homes where the sidewalk would be too close. Councilperson Wills stated these are good concerns along with other concerns they had, and he can see their point.

Councilperson Wills stated he has discussed this situation with some engineering firms. A concern that they brought up is there are really only three major roads, 300 West, 500 East, and then 100 East, to access the part of town that is south of Canal Road, and vice versa. This is also a major road for kids walking and riding bikes. Another concern is delivery vehicles, garbage trucks, and other service vehicles. If there is no room along the side of the road for them to park, it will be very difficult for service vehicles and traffic to be on the road. Councilperson Wills stated that Police Chief James had some concerns also and turned the time over to him. Chief James stated that 14 years ago, when he was hired as the police chief, one of his concerns then was 100 East. Fourteen years later it is still a concern. Traffic has changed dramatically since then too; most of the traffic now is in the South Central part of town. His biggest concern is public safety. Every time someone backs out of their driveway he is concerned because the road is too narrow. He also feels speeding will always be a problem on that road; his officers have tried to patrol that area frequently. Other concerns are kids; we need to make it safe for kids to walk and be able to ride bikes safely. Parking is another problem, if there is not parking on the side of the road, the residents will have to make accommodations for when they have visitors. This will be a problem for the residents who do not have large driveways. If we have enough room for parking it would also give a little bit more room for people to back out. It was stated that a couple of weeks ago the School District was here. They are talking about putting a new high school in on Main Street, and about 300 North area. 100 East would be a major road.

Councilperson Wills stated again that he really appreciates everyone coming and expressing their concerns. He understands their concerns, and if he lived there, he would have the some of the same concerns. But, for the overall good of the community, it would be better not to have the 46' road, but to stay with the 56' road as it is recommended in the master plan. Please remember that the city has no plans in the near future to do anything with 100 East. There are no funds available for major improvements. He does not see anything happening soon, unless it really becomes a public safety issue, but if residents want to do the improvements on their own, they can.

Mayor Brailsford opened this item up for any questions from the public.

Ian Stiles mentioned that he appreciates the city taking the time and doing studies. His question is; would it be possible to have the city mark where the improvements would be, so we can get an idea if we want to do any improvements like landscaping. It was stated

by the council, that the city could have Coles Engineering come around spring time and put some wood laths in showing where the improvements would be made.

Todd Roller was wondering about Ray Newman's existing sidewalk, would it be okay or would changes have to be made. It was stated that a big concern with some of the existing sidewalks is they are not at the correct elevation. It was also stated that Mr. Newman's sidewalk might have to be moved back about five feet. Todd also asked if the funds are not available, and the road becomes a safety issue, how would the city get the improvements done. Mayor Brailsford stated the city would have to look at borrowing the money. He also said that if the neighbors wanted to do a special improvement district we could look at doing that to get the improvements done quicker. It was stated that a special improvement district might be a pain to do with that short of distance.

Ian asked if the road would be straight, or would there be a jog in the road. It was stated that the road would be straight, but there would be a narrow neck from where the road would go from 66' down to 56'. He also wondered if there would be any homes condemned. It was stated that there are a couple of homes that would be close.

Vern Bangerter asked with the road being 56' would that allow parking on both sides, and if so, would the city look at parking for just one side. Mayor Brailsford stated we have really looked at only having parking on one side, but like it was mentioned we felt it would not be safe with delivery trucks, garbage, mail, people stopping, etc. He also mentioned another road that the city feels is a problem is 300 West, the difference there is the road is wider, but there are a lot of safety concerns.

Todd Roller asked what events would cause the road to be a public safety concern, so much so that the improvements would need to be done immediately. Mayor stated it would be when Police Chief James comes to him and says we have a big problem. He stated it would have been a problem a few years ago, if the School District had not built Mt. Loafer Elementary School. That made it so the kids on the south side of town were not coming down to Salem Elementary School.

Mayor Brailsford stated that we have really looked at this, and have spent a lot of time. We need to do what is best for the city in the future. He told the residents that he would have the road marked in the springtime; he feels that would only be fair to them. He too thanked the residents for coming to council meeting and expressing their concerns.

#### **4. BUSINSS LICENSE**

##### **a. Edward Vidmar - Vinyl Railing Installations**

Mayor Brailsford stated that Edward Vidmar, at 1218 South 480 West, wants to have a Vinyl Railing Installation business. It was mentioned that his home will only be used as an office; he will not be storing any equipment or material, only his work pick-up and work trailer would be stored there. It has been approved by all of the appropriate people. Mayor Brailsford stated that we need to see if we will be getting the sales tax from him. The council had no problem with the business and approved it.

#### **5. APPROVE MINUTES OF January 21, 2004**

Councilperson Durrant stated on line 248 “convents” should be spelled “covenants”, and on line 265 it is Wally Christensen, not Peterson. Councilperson Hair stated on line 535 it is Shirl, not Cheryl.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Terry Ficklin to approve minutes of January 21, 2004 with said changes.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0).

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

Mayor Brailsford stated he had a question on the invoice, from H.E. Davis, for the rock brought in for the outdoor classroom. He has a meeting the following day with him and will ask him about the invoice.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the bills for payment.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Terry Ficklin

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0).

#### **7. PUBLIC SAFETY**

Police Chief James handed the council a year-end report for 2003 for public safety (Fire, Ambulance, and Police). He then reviewed the report with the council.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### **8. MAYOR RANDY A. BRAILSFORD**

Mayor Brailsford stated he did not have anything to report tonight.

## **9. COUNCILPERSON DALE BOMAN**

Councilperson Boman reported that he and Todd Roller have had a hard time accessing the city's web page. Councilperson Ficklin was wondering if we should host it some other place besides with the League of Cities and Towns. He said it might be possible to have the city's web page hosted on a server at his home, where he hosts another web page for business. Mayor Brailsford stated that he had a meeting with IHC, and would like to have some links put on our web page when it is up and going again. Councilperson Boman stated that the emergency preparedness people want to put links on the web page also.

Councilperson Boman had a couple more items; first, he has met with the IHC Outreach Committee, if anyone has any concerns about IHC, you can let them know. Mayor Brailsford also stated he is still working with IHC and Payson Hospital. Last item Councilperson Boman had was he is going to see if Olson Nursery wouldn't mind sponsoring the Miss Salem Float this year.

## **10. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT**

Councilperson Durrant was wondering if the mayor had an opportunity to review the names for the library board. Mayor stated that he had and he will talk to them. She was also wondering about insurance for Kerry (the librarian). Maybe we could split the cost with Payson City. Last, she stated that in order for the library to become an Accredited Library, Kerry would have to work an extra four hours a week, and it would also need to be open Saturday. She was wondering if there is money in the budget for these items. Mayor stated that we will have to look at the budget next year (July 1, 2004).

## **11. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN**

Councilperson Ficklin stated he did not have anything to report tonight.

## **12. COUNCILPERSON PAUL J. HAIR**

Councilperson Hair stated he met with Mike Pritchett at the sewer plant to look at the back-up pump and see how much it would cost to replace the wires that were stolen. It looks like the cost would be about \$1,200 to fix. The reason it would cost so much is that the wires need to be self sealed onto the motor. It does not look like we have funds available to repair it this year, but will budget for it next year. The question was asked if

we can get by without this pump until it can be repaired. Dave Johnson explained that there are places for four pumps, we have three of them working, and the fourth one would be a back-up for when one goes down. This last week we had one of the pumps go down. The two pumps were able to keep up, but it was close. He also feels like we can get by until summer, when the new budget year starts, to get the back-up pump fixed. He then mentioned that one of the aerators is still not working properly, and will need to be repaired soon. The water to the wet land at the treatment plant is flowing again. UDOT came and repaired the pipe and turned the water back on.

Councilperson Hair stated that we have some old vehicles at the city shop to be sold. We put an ad in the paper for bids. Would like to look at the bids tonight and award the bid. Dave Johnson stated that before we look at the bids, he was talking with Todd Gordon and would like the council to think about this idea. The other day the red truck was hit by a delivery truck. The lowest bid to fix the truck was \$1,100. He is wondering about taking that \$1,100 and fixing up Mike Nielson's old truck, it only needs a new catalytic converter and tires. Then give that truck to Mike Pritchett. Mayor stated that truck needs more than a new catalytic converter and tires, which is why we bought a new truck. He feels we need to look at the bids.

After review the bids, Jeff Harris had the highest bid at \$2,500 for two Crown Vic's, two Ford Taurus', and two Ford Truck's.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Paul Hair to award the bid, for the purchase of the six vehicles, to Jeff Harris in the amount of \$2,500.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0).

### **13. COUNCILPERSON DALE R. WILLS**

Councilperson Wills was wondering if there is an official written policy for snow removal. Jeffrey Nielson stated he does not think there is an official written one, but he will check the following day. Councilperson Wills stated if not, he would like to get one written up.

He would also like to have a meeting in the next couple of weeks with Todd Gordon to go over our goals for roads. See what roads need to be repaired. If the council has any ideas please let him know. Dave Johnson suggested that we get a square footage amount of what we will need, and then get bids per square footage now. Spanish Fork does this and they are able to get that price for the whole year.

Councilperson Wills met with Gary Warner, there needs to be some changes on the recreation board. They will begin looking at some new names.

**CLOSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Terry Ficklin to close city council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Paul Hair.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0).

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 9:00 P.M.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder