Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on January 7, 2009 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work Session: All council and mayor present: Closed work session discussion pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Council had a discussion on the sign ordinance. It was stated that it was discussed in DRC today, and will be going before Planning and Zoning. The question with the ordinance is allowing commercial business to have a sign that is on a pole.

Council also discussed strip malls and how it would be possible to allow a tenant to own the building that they are using instead of renting it. It was stated that it is possible, that it would need to be approved as a commercial subdivision or condo in order for them to own the building rather than renting it.

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 Stanley W. Green
Councilperson Todd R. Gordon

STAFF PRESENT:
Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
David Johnson, Building Dept.
Junior Baker, City Attorney
Bruce Ward, City Engineer

OTHERS PRESENT
Lana Crer-Harris
Keird Cook
Ashley Christensen
Zack Beck
Janelle Davis
Regan Ripple
Tyson Robertson
Matt Lundell
Veda Kaiser
Clyde Bradford
Ryan Hyatt
Alexis Marble
Heather Rowley

Skyler Hankcock
Sarah Clark
Jess Mathews
Clarysa Julian
Jeff Compton
Mekenna Oss
Lyndsey Robertson
Cyndie Dinkins
Katelyn Unsworth
Eva Bradford
Brenda Findlay
Sheii Preece
Sarah Alanis

Ashley Tingler
Jeff Christensen
Schyler Ellsworth
Kylie Stiles
Phillip Lundell
James Jairl
Danielle Jones
Jessica Hoffman
Jessica Allman
Reed Cornaby
Delite Orton
Kaila Poulson
1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Henderson asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Reid Cornaby 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. Clyde Bradford – Carriage Ride

Clyde Bradford stated that this is his fifth year doing the carriage rides. About 80% of the people that rode the carriage were repeats from prior years. He also has a lot of people who are from out of state who are here visiting friends and family. This year was a little slower than prior years. He presented the city a check for the cities portion of his earnings to help pay for the electrical cost of Pond Town Christmas. He stated that his contract is good for another year.

Councilperson Hanks mentioned that Chief James placed the traffic trailer for a week at the pond to track how many people went to visit Pond Town Christmas. The average per night was 270 cars and the average speed was 17 MPH.

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

Mayor Henderson explained that this resolution is authorizing Salem City to grant money to the RDA, so that it then helps with the improvements for the grocery store.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve Resolution 10709 Authorizing a grant of funds to the Salem City RDA.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks.
VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0)

5. Adjourn to RDA Meeting

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks to adjourn to RDA meeting.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin.
VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0)
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6. Settlement Agreement & Mutual Release with Neways

Mayor Henderson stated that this agreement has been in the works for a while. He stated that Councilperson Green, Bruce Ward, Attorney Baker and he have been working with Neways on this agreement.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks to approve the settlement agreement and mutual release with Neways.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Stanley Green.
VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0)

7. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2008

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the minutes of December 10, 2008 as written.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Stanley Green.
VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0)

8. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilperson Stanley Green to approve the bills for payment.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin.
VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0)

9. PUBLIC SAFETY

10. OPEN DISCUSSION

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

CJ asked about snow plowing for the city. Councilperson Brent Hanks explained the process, and how the city has a policy that is on the web page. He stated that we have six trucks that do the snow plowing, two large trucks and then four smaller ones. Mayor Henderson stated that it takes a lot of the budget to keep the snow plows running.

Another question was asked about Pond Town Christmas. Councilperson Hanks explained how it came about and how a lot of people donated money to get it started.
COUNCIL REPORTS

11. MAYOR J. LANE HENDERSON

12. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

Councilperson Durrant explained that the recreation department is doing very well. Matt Marzille has a lot of new programs going for the youth in the city.

13. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

14. COUNCILPERSON STANLEY W. GREEN

Councilperson Green stated that there were some water line breaks on the east side of town that kept the guys working late on Christmas Eve. They were able to repair them.

15. COUNCILPERSON BRENT V. HANKS

Councilperson Hanks thanked everyone that participated in the light parade, and the fireworks. Felt that they both went very well. He also thanked the snow plow crews for their work; they have worked a lot of hours.

16. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON

Councilperson Gordon thanked everyone that participated in the candle light vigil on Christmas Eve at the cemetery, it went very well, and the Youth Council did a great job helping out with it.

The new dispatch center will be getting their director soon.

Mayor Henderson introduced Morris Crisp, who is the owner of the new grocery store that is being built in town. Everyone is excited for the opening.
17. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

Dave Johnson stated that we received our ISO report and for the building department portion, we went from a four to a three, which is very good. The better rating we have as a city, it helps with the home owner insurance for the residents. This number is very good for a city our size.

18. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

19. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Stanley Green to adjourn city council meeting.
SECONDED BY: Councilperson Brent hanks.
VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:35 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder