

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on January 20, 2010, in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work session: Work session began at 6:00 p.m. Sunrise Engineering presented to the council the study for Culinary Water and Sewer Impact Fees. They also went over the Pressurized Irrigation to the council and presented to the city the “as built” documents for the P.I. system.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Stanley W. Green

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Stanley W. Green
Councilperson Lynn Durrant
Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin
Councilperson Todd R. Gordon
Councilperson Sid Jorgensen
Councilperson Sterling Rees

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:

OTHERS PRESENT

Lana Creer-Harris
Laurie Burrows
Bob Stutz
Skyler Bell
Matt Marziale
Lindsay Welsey
Erman Stone
Lucy Cornaby

Rodger Hardy
Ken Burrows
Mitchelle Stone
Benjamin Davidson
Hunter Vance
Randall Stay
Clyde McKean

Jasmine Archuleta
Morgan Davis
Tristan Holman
Joe Roberts
Kody Ford Kenwin
Wesley Stone
Reed Cornaby

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Green asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Councilperson Durrant stated she would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Green 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. ROD CHRISTENSEN – Accessory Building Ordinance Change

Mayor Green turned the time over to Rod Christensen. Rod stated that he would like to build an accessory building so he could put his trailer in it. Looking at the size of building he would need, he would need to have a 21 foot set back from the property line, according to the ordinance. He feels that it is a lot of empty space that would be behind the building. He is wondering about changing the ordinance so there is a maximum setback, especially in the older part of town, where the lots are larger and it would make sense. It was stated that the building would be about 25 feet high, and 40 feet by 60 feet.

Councilperson Jorgensen stated that the ordinance was changed back in 2006 to require setbacks. He looked at what some of the other cities around have for their setbacks. Some were very comparable. One city had a setback of 10 feet for a max. He stated that when this ordinance went to planning and zoning he thought that a maximum setback was talked about, but never agreed upon.

Councilperson Gordon stated that with the setback being so many feet, it is a waste of property.

Councilperson Jorgensen stated that he lives next to Rod, and he feels he would not have an issue with Rod building this building.

Councilperson Ficklin stated that this ordinance was created because of a neighbor of someone had an accessory building built that was very large, and it did not have the setbacks that we require now. The neighbor was very upset that such a large building was built, and it blocked their view. This is when the council and planning & zoning looked into it.

Councilperson Jorgensen stated that he would like to see a maximum setback, that when a building got to a certain height, that the setback would be set, and if the building was built higher, that the setback would not change.

Councilperson Rees was wondering if we change the ordinance for Rod, are we going to have problems in the future with other situations. We are looking out for the neighbors.

Councilperson Jorgensen recommended having the maximum setback at 15 feet.

Attorney Baker stated that he could draft an ordinance together, with the maximum set back. The height of the building would be regulated by the zoning. He will get something together and give it to the council, and then it can go before planning and zoning.

4. APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Green stated that according to the city code a Fire Chief and Ambulance Captain need to be appointed after each mayoral election.

a. Fire Chief

Mayor Green stated that he has spoke with Police Chief James about the Fire Chief and Ambulance Captain and at this time he would like to appoint Chief Clyde McKean as the fire chief. Clyde has been the fire chief the last couple of years and has done a great job.

b. SEMA Captain

Mayor Green stated that at this time he would like to appoint Erman Stone as the Ambulance Captain. Erman has also been the ambulance captain for the last few years and has also done a great job.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon to approve the appointment of Clyde McKean and Erman Stone.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

c. Planning & Zoning

Mayor Green stated that we have had to replace a couple of people who have served on the Planning and Zoning and at this time would like to appoint James Simons and Steve Fauscett to serve on the Planning and Zoning committee.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve James Simons and Steve Fauscett to be members of the Planning and Zoning.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

d. Library board member

Mayor Green stated that the Library Board has asked Bob Stutz to be a member. At this time he would like to appoint Bob Stutz to the library board.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve Bob Stutz to serve on the library board.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

5. ADJOURN TO RDA MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon to move into the RDA meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

6. RESUME COUNCIL MEETING

7. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Green:

Public Safety

Finances/Budget

New City Improvements

Development Review Committee (DRC)

Chair Mayor & Council Advisory Board

Chair Public Safety Committee

Chair Economic Development Board

City Employees

City Website

Salem Days

Salem Wetlands coordinator

Councilperson Lynn Durrant:

Electrical

UMPA Representative

Miss Salem Pageant

Library Board Representative

Recreation

Mayor Pro Tem

Co-Chair Mayor Council Advisory Board

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Co-Chair Utility Board

Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin:

Solid Waste
Solid Waste Board
Chair Utility Board
Sound Technician
City Office

Councilperson Todd Gordon:

Cemetery/Luminaries Program
Easter Egg Hunt
Senior Citizen Programs
Eagle Projects
Youth Council
Chamber of Commerce Representative
Solid Waste Tech Board
City Float
Dispatch Representative

Councilperson Sid Jorgensen:

Roads/Sidewalks
Co-Chair Economic Development Board
South Utah Valley Municipal Water Association Alternate (SUVMWA)
Parks
City Shops
Community Center
Chair Pond Town Christmas

Councilperson Sterling Rees:

Sewer
Motor Pool
Water/Pressurized Irrigation
South Utah Valley Municipal Water Assoc. (SUVMWA) Representative

8. CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS

Jeffrey Nielson stated that in our cemetery rules, we thought that it or the state law required cemeteries to have vaults. When we got looking into it we found that it was not required. We feel that a vault should be required in the cemetery; this will help so the graves do not sink after the ground has settled. So, we have added it into our rules. We have also added a couple of other rules. These rules are no more than four plots can be purchased by a family unless it is approved by the cemetery superintendent. All burials need to be in the ground and not above the ground. Also changed a couple of grammar

errors and put in that the city is not responsible for damages that may happen to headstones.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the cemetery rules & regulations as they have been presented.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

9. AGREEMENT WITH RANCH MEADOWS – Connectors Agreement Payable

Bruce Ward stated the Salem Heights subdivision has a connector's agreement for the culinary water and sewer lines that were installed on 400 North. Ranch Meadows Subdivision fronts 400 North with a portion of it subdivision. The portion of the subdivision that fronts 400 North is for a park and it will not be completed until phase two of the subdivision. There is 314 feet for the park frontage. Ranch Meadows developer is asking if he can pay the portion on 400 North that is completed and wait to pay the portion for the park when phase two of the subdivision is done.

It was stated that in the original minutes for the subdivision that the park would be completed with the second phase of the subdivision. Before the second phase can be recorded the remaining amount of the connector's agreement would need to be paid.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the agreement with Ranch Meadows regarding the connector's agreement payable to Doug Yates and Salem Heights Subdivision.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

10. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2010

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the minutes as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

11. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

12. PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Police vehicle.

Chief James stated that there were two police cars involved in a wreck this winter and we have finally heard from the insurance company. The car that was damaged the most, the insurance company determined that it would be totaled, and the value that they would give for it was just over \$10,000. This car is up for rotation in two years, and wondering if the council would want to take the \$10,000 and fix the car, or take the money and put it towards a new car. We have had a car in the past that was involved in an accident, and it should have been totaled, but it was not. We had it repaired, and we spent a lot of money each year keeping it running. It was never the same. A new car would be about \$23,000 and then maybe about \$1,500 to install the equipment. He would like to take the money from the insurance and apply it to purchase a new police car. It is not in the budget to purchase one, but he has talked with Jeff Nielson, and he is looking at the budget to see if we can put some money together to purchase one.

Chief James would like to propose to the council to take the money the insurance company will give us for the car, and then work with Jeff and the Mayor to see if we can find money in the budget to purchase a new car.

He also reported that the other car that was involved the estimated cost to repair it would be about \$1,300.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the purchase of a new police car, if the Mayor and Jeff can find some money in the budget to cover it and not to have the cost exceed \$25,000.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

Chief James reported on the emergency management meeting that was held on Tuesday, and the scenario about the earthquake was discussed. He stated that it went very well, mostly because of what has happened in Haiti with the earthquake. He reported that with the city, the main responsibility will be to restore utilities to the residents.

13. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mayor would like to change open discussion, read the info we gave them.

COUNCIL REPORTS

14. MAYOR STANLEY W. GREEN

15. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

Councilperson Durrant reported that UMPA will be sending some representatives back to Washington D.C. to lobby for Public Power.

16. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

17. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON

Councilperson Gordon suggested that before items come up for council meeting, if they have gone before in Planning and Zoning or DRC to let the council know about the items when they go to these committees. The agendas could be emailed to the council.

18. COUNCILPERSON SIDNEY JORGENSEN

19. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

20. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

21. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Bruce Ward reported that there is an economic efficiency grant that is available. He stated that he has filled out the application for the grant. He indicated that the money would be used for solar panels that would be placed on the south side roof of the city office, and then also for an area by the sewer lagoons. On the application you can ask up to \$250,000. He wanted the council to be aware that he has put the application in for this grant, and he will keep them informed.

22. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:45 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder