

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on July 15, 2009 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work Session: 6:30 p.m.

Clark Crook, Salem City newly hired power superintendent introduced himself and his family to the council.

Charu Das, from the Hare Krishna came and discussed options about parking for their Spring Festival of Colors. Options are to park people at different locations and have them bused in. He will be working with Spanish Fork City, and will update the council on options.

Chief Brad James did a quick demonstration of the new police computer program.

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 Stanley W. Green
Councilperson Todd R. Gordon

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
David Johnson, Building Dept.
Bruce Ward, City Engineer

Excused:

Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin

Junior Baker, City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Lana Harris
Susan Taylor
Amy Connelly
Soren Christensen
Dene Yodes

Ransom Love
Doran Williams
Matt Nelson
Larry Hansen
J. Reed Cornaby

Ammon Love
Brandon Williams
Dar Christensen
LuAnn Hansen
Dave Cornaby

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Henderson asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Reed 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. SANTAQUIN ROYALTY

Santaquin City Royalty came and presented to the council information about Santaquin Days, which are held the week of July 25.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to open the public hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

A. Soren & Dar Christensen Annexation

Bruce Ward explained to the council that this is the final stage for the annexation. He stated that there have not been any protests on the annexation.

Soren Christensen explained that he wants to build a single family home on the property, and that he is not going to develop the property.

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

There was a question about the sewer and water lines. Bruce Ward explained where the sewer and water lines are located. He stated that the utilities will need to extend from 800 South, and will go north to hook onto the home that Soren is building.

LuAnn Hansen stated that she is concerned if their water line would be affected, or would they be able to hook onto that main water line that Soren is installing if something ever happened to their water supply. They have a really old water line that supplies their home. Bruce Ward stated that Soren is responsible for bringing the water line to his properties boundary line (to and through). If there ever was a problem with the Hansen's, they could continue bringing the water line from Soren's property to theirs, or they could bring the water line from 300 South to their home.

Larry Hansen was wondering if it is a problem with the property leaving the gap in the city boundary. It was stated that the property is part of a bigger gap and that this annexation is helping to close in the gap.

Close

MOTION BY: Councilperson Stanley Green to close the public hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

A. Soren & Dar Christensen Annexation

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the Soren & Dar Christensen Annexation and to zone the property as R-2 zone.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Stanley Green.

VOTE: (3 Aye -1 Nay) Councilperson Hanks: Nay; Councilperson Durrant: Aye; Councilperson Green: Aye; Councilperson Gordon: Aye.

5. RANSON LOVE – REMOVAL OF LIEN-IN-LIEU FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Ransom Love explained that their property is in Woodland Hills, but the front of their property borders a Salem City road. When they subdivided their property it was determined that at some point Ransom or the property owners would need to install curb, gutter, and sidewalk on Salem City road. Because there are no other improvements in the area a Lien-in-Lieu was recorded. At the time, it was determined the engineering company for Woodland Hills would not approve the subdivision until the Love's had permission from Salem City. At that time, the engineering firm was working for both Salem and Woodland Hills.

Now the Love's want to sell their home, but cannot because of the lien. He stated that it really does not make sense, because their property is in Woodland Hills and not Salem. He stated that they would be willing to deed over to Salem property for the road right-of-way. The city requires a 66 foot road at this location, which would require a five foot strip of land to be deeded over to Salem. There are four properties that are affected by this, and they feel that all four property owners would be willing to deed the property over in exchange to release the lien. Ransom explained how much it would cost for them to install the curb, gutter and sidewalk, and also how much it would cost for Woodland Hills requirements.

Mayor Henderson thanked the Love's for trying to clear this up. He stated that he agrees with the Love's and feel it does not make a lot of sense. He does feel that the concern with the storm drainage would need to be addressed. Feels that something in place would need to be done to protect Salem City, since the Salem City property is to the North of the Love's property.

It was determined if the council allows the release of the lien, that the property for the road right-of-way would need to be deeded to Salem City, and also an agreement to protect the city from future storm drainage problems.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Stanley Green to have the lien-in-lieu for street improvements removed, and to have an agreement that address the storm drainage in the future, and the deed of the property to Salem City for the widening of the street.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

6. HEAT TAPE BIDS FOR CITY OFFICE ROOF

Dave Johnson explained that the new city office is need of heat tape on the north side of the building. Last winter we had problems with ice on the north side. He received three bids for the work; the lowest bid is from On Electric for \$7,105. On Electric also installed the electrical for the new city office. It was stated that the two other bids were from Simco Electric and Reliable Electric; both companies are from Salem City. There was not much of a difference between Reliable and On Electric is not that much. A discussion on the different grade of heat tape.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon to accept the bid from the local company Reliable Electric for the heat tape on the city office building in the amount of \$7,475.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0) Councilperson Green abstained from voting.

7. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2009

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the minutes of July 1, 2009 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

8. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

9. PUBLIC SAFETY

a. New Police Vehicle

Chief James explained that the Police Department has tried to purchase a new police vehicle each year. He stated that this year we have in the budget a new police vehicle. He would like to replace Sergeant Dibble's Durango, with a 2009 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4x4 truck. The cost for the new truck would be about \$28,930. This is with all of the equipment.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Brent Hanks to approve the purchase of a new police vehicle.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

10. OPEN DISCUSSION

Larry Hansen was wondering about the construction on SR 198, on the west side of town. It was stated that they have a year to finish the project.

The Spanish Fork/Salem City Chamber Representative came and explained to the council what is going on with the chamber.

COUNCIL REPORTS

11. MAYOR J. LANE HENDERSON

Mayor Henderson stated that we have had two people sign declarations for Mayor. They are Jon Cope and Stanley Green. We also have had six people sign up for the two council seats; Brent Black, Dave Grant, Brent Hanks, Sid Jorgensen, Stanley Rees, and Charles Wixom.

12. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

13. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

14. COUNCILPERSON STANLEY W. GREEN

15. COUNCILPERSON BRENT V. HANKS

Councilperson Hanks would like to have a letter written to Crisps and Mt. High Credit Union to have their landscaping done.

16. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON

Councilperson Gordon asked Bruce Ward if the street department was going to have the roads swept after the chip seal. Bruce stated that they will be sweeping in the next week.

17. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

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 Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:00 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder