

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on June 2, 2010 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Jeff Nielson went over the budget with council, explained that there were a few minor changes from the tentative budget presented at last council meeting.

Council had invited the Salem business owners/managers to come to work session to get some ideas about temporary signs. Some photos were shown of some of the temporary signs that have been placed in front of business, and how right now they are illegal signs.

Some ideas that were discussed:

Want to be able to promote business; If multiple tenants look at allowing bigger signs; Doing a permit to allow temporary signs, and have the ability to apply online; Look at ways to promote shopping locally: City to set money aside to help promote businesses or attract people to Salem; Look at doing a chamber for Salem; Creating an economic development committee.

It was decided that another meeting would need to be held, invite business owners again, and see about creating a committee, maybe an economic committee.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Councilperson Lynn Durrant Mayor Pro-Tem

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Councilperson Lynn Durrant
Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin
Councilperson Todd R. Gordon
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:

Councilperson Sid Jorgensen

OTHERS PRESENT

Celsie Long
J. Reed Cornaby
Brent Jensen
Clyde McKean

Cary Hanks
Sydnie Eppley
Nyle Jacobsen

Lucy Cornaby
Paula Eppley
Chris Wright

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Councilperson Lynn Durrant asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Councilperson Terry Ficklin stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilperson Lynn Durrant invited those who would wish to participate, to stand and say the pledge of allegiance with her. She then led the pledge of allegiance for those who wanted to participate.

3. OPEN DISCUSSION

Cary Hanks, the Director for the Chamber, stated that there will be a ribbon cutting for Salem Hills Dental at 12:00 noon tomorrow, and she would like to invite the council to it.

Celsie Long, the new Miss Salem, stated that with her platform she would like to do concerts in the park. She would like to do one a month if possible. She will work with Councilperson Jorgensen and Jeff Nielson to see when the park is available. She is also wondering about putting money in the budget to help pay for the sound, she does not think she will need that much. She would also like to help out with the Salem's Got Talent for Salem Days, and see how her platform can help out with it.

Bruce Ward stated that he has been approached by someone who would like to plant trees at the rodeo arena. This person would like to go around and ask people to donate money towards it. It was stated that if he does that, that he should not do it as representing the city, also he could ask people he knows if they would like to donate, but that they would need to donate at the city office or at the recreation office. Matt Marziale stated that he would like to purchase a certain type of tree; he likes to purchase the flowering pear trees. Matt stated that right now he asks people to donate \$250 towards the tree program. This will purchase about eight trees. The city can put information in the city newsletter letting residents know if they would like to donate money for trees at the rodeo arena, they can contact the city office or the recreation department.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

Open

MOTION BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon to open the public hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

A. Donation of Fire Truck to Cedar fort, Utah

Chris Wright from the fire department stated that last month they came to council to see about the donation of the yellow pumper truck. The city is going to donate it to Henryville, but they were able to get funding to get a truck. Cedar Fort heard about it, and stated that they would like to have the truck if the city is still willing to donate it. He stated that they would like to ask the council to donate the truck to Cedar Fort.

Chief Nyle from Cedar Fort Fire Department was present, and stated that they are in need of a truck. Their main engine is a 1970 truck. They provide fire protection for Fairfield and could really benefit from it.

Councilperson Durrant asked if there were any other questions or comments.

B. Approve Preliminary Budget for fiscal Year 2010 – 2011

Jeff Nielson presented the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2010/2011. He went over some main highlights on the budget.

2010/2011 Budget Public Hearing Discussion

General Fund

Building/Subdivisions still down

Impact Fees (Public Safety) not enough to pay for bond, General Fund cover difference.

State Retirement changing for Public Employees from 11.66% to 13.37% and for Public Safety Employees from 24.91% to 28.82%.

Employee Insurance changed (PEHP Preferred to Summit) cost savings of \$174,000.

Business License fees changing for commercial. Currently \$25 changing to \$50 (Home Occupation currently \$50).

No raises for employees (cost of living or merit).

Dividends from Insurance Company \$10,000.

Insurance Company had a cost savings of \$3,000.

No new hires (only to replace if someone leaves).

Police vehicle will not be replaced this year.

Donations of \$300 to Boys & Girls State program, \$500 to Junior Miss, and \$500 Misc.

Water Fund

Impact Fees are down, needing money from water utility rates to pay for bond payments.

Transferring \$35,000 to General Fund and \$4,240 for fire truck lease

Improvements on hold

Sewer Fund

Users and Elk Ridge hooking onto sewer.

Transferring \$38,500 to General Fund and \$4,240 for fire truck lease.

Power Fund

UMPA increased their rates to the cities. Salem is especially hit hard because our power load is driven by residential and not commercial. Residential pushes our demand up.

UMPA projecting an increase of \$255,000 in power.

SUVPS increase of \$46,000.

Transferring \$37,000 to General Fund and \$4,240 for fire truck lease.

Need of a new utility truck for the power department (\$40,000 - \$50,000), looking into a lease so payments will not happen until next year.

User's rates increase, beginning in September (may need to do another increase next year).

Current

\$11.00 base rate

0 – 700 KW h \$0.07465 per KW h

701 - KW h \$0.10000 per KW h

Proposed

\$11.00 base rate

0 – 500 KW h \$0.077659 per KW h

501 – 999 KW h \$0.091650 per KW h

1000 KW h \$1.50

1001 – 1499 KW h \$0.11000 per KW h

1500 KW h \$2.50

1501 - KW h \$0.11750 per KW h

Avg KW h in Fall 1002 (cost \$5.40)

Avg KW h in Winter 1154 (cost \$6.96)

Avg KW h in Spring 877 (cost \$4.44)

Avg KW h in Summer 1407 (cost \$9.84)

2000 Electrical Revenue Bond is paid off this year, able to use bond reserve fund to go into the budget \$117,000.

Solid Waste Fund

SUVSWSD increasing rates, \$1.00 per house top per month and a \$4 increase per ton charge (\$32 per ton).

Allied Waste increasing rates, of first can by \$0.10 and second can by \$0.32.

Allied Waste also has a fuel surcharge, with fuel prices going up.

Transferring \$2,000 to General Fund and \$4,240 for fire truck lease.

Charging for new can hook-up from \$25 - \$50.

Increasing rates \$1.55 per can (1st and 2nd can) New rates 1st can \$12.05 and 2nd can \$10.05

P.I Fund

Transferring \$25,000 to General Fund and \$4,240 for fire truck lease

C. Amend Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010

Jeff Nielson stated that he would request the council to continue the public hearing to amend the budget for fiscal year 2009/2010 budget year until the June 16 council meeting.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to continue the public hearing for item C Amending Budget for Fiscal year 2009/2010 until next council meeting on June 16th. **SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

Close

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

A. Donation of Fire Truck to Cedar fort, Utah

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the donation of the fire truck to Cedar Fort Utah Fire Department.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

B. Approve Preliminary Budget for fiscal Year 2010 – 2011

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to approve the Preliminary Budget for fiscal year 2010/2011.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

5. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

The youth council reported that they helped out with the Salem Elementary School carnival. The names of the seniors who have served on the youth council were also mentioned.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF May 19, 2010

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the minutes of May 19, 2010 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

8. PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Chief Brad James stated that the Salem Spring Triathlon is Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

COUNCIL REPORTS

9. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT (Mayor Pro-Tem)

10. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

11. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Rees mentioned about the Weather Track and the article that was written. Bruce Ward mentioned how the Weather Track works, and how it adjust for all different types of weather. The city has installed it in all of the city sprinkler systems. Since we have done that, we have saved a lot of water. Bruce mentioned that he is working with the conservation district and the Board of Water Resources, and seeing about the possibility of making the systems available to residents.

The high school has asked the city if they would like to help participate in a weather station. Bruce stated that he is looking into using some of the money from the P.I. Bond to help with it. Councilperson Rees stated that in the agriculture community it is a big thing having a weather station close by. It would be very beneficial to the community.

12. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

13. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON

Councilperson Todd Gordon wanted to thank the city employees, especially Steve Cox and his crew. He stated that the cemetery looked great, and the Memorial Day service went well.

14. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

15. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

16. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:55 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder