

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on June 4, 2003 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:30 PM

CONDUCTING: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford.

PRAYER: Councilman Terry Ficklin

PLEDGE: Derk Palfreman

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford
Councilman Reid W. Nelson
Councilman Terry A. Ficklin
Councilwoman Vicki H. Peterson
Councilman Dale R. Wills

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeff Nielson, City Recorder
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
Junior Baker, City Attorney

Excused from City Council Meeting.

Councilman Dale Boman
David Johnson, Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT

Karen M.H. Palfreyman
Michael Sanchez

Derk Palfreyman
Burke Tervort

Ed Green
Phil Porter

1. SWEAR IN TODD MILES, FIRE CHIEF

Jeffrey Nielson, Salem City Recorder, swore in the new fire chief, Todd Miles.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Brailsford asked for a motion to open the public hearing.

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson to open the public hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilman Reid Nelson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

a PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2003 – 2004

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any questions with the budget. He stated that the total budget for next year is \$4,928,978, an increase of \$246,895. Mayor

asked the public if they had any questions. Someone wanted to know again what the increase from last years budget was. Mayor read the amounts again. There were no more questions.

b AMEND BUDGET FOR 2002 – 2003

Mayor Brailsford asked Jeffrey Nielson to explain amending the budget. Jeff stated, in regards to the general fund account, the state does not want funds to be overspent. If the general fund is overspent in areas, then the budget for the general fund will need to be amended. He also explained that the state is not as critical with the enterprise funds: water, power, sewer, or solid waste, because they treat those funds each as their own business entity. Jeff handed out a paper showing some of the accounts that would need to be amended so that the general fund will balance. He reported that next week he will have the budget done for May, and would have a better understanding of the budget at that time. He would like to hold off amending the budget until next council.

Mayor Brailsford recommended to the council, to approve the preliminary budget, and then continue the public hearing for amending the budget at the next council meeting.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2003 – 2003

MOTION BY: Councilman Reid Nelson to accept the preliminary budget for 2003/2004.

SECONDED BY: Councilman Terry Ficklin.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

Mayor Brailsford asked for a motion to close the public hearing for the preliminary budget.

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson to close the public hearing for the preliminary budget.

SECONDED BY: Councilman Dale Wills.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

AMEND BUDGET FOR 2002 -2003

Mayor Brailsford asked for a motion to continue the public hearing on the amending the 2002/2003 budget until next city council meeting.

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson to continue the public hearing on amending the 2002/2003 budget until next council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilman Dale Wills.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

3. ORDINANCE ADOPTING A MUNICIPAL ENERGY SALES & USE TAX

Mayor Brailsford stated that in the 16 years he has been mayor, he has only had one tax rate increase, and that was the \$1.00 tax for cell phones. There has also not been a power rate increase. The water rate was just changed this last year. There has been an increase in personnel in the power department, to help with the new substations that we bonded for. There have also been other increases in expenses, like motor fuel prices for public safety and city crew vehicles have gone up. The cost of power to pump water for the wells has also increased. Sewer plant costs have increased since getting new aerators put in. Most cities have a franchise fee, and an energy tax, except for Salem City. The last few years the budget has been hard to balance. Increases in recreation, Pond Town Christmas, and other areas have not helped this issue. Salem City is not big on being a taxing entity. With Neways leaving the city, we will lose money from the power they used. When Neways was discussing expanding their corporate offices to a big new building, a couple of years ago, many people that came to council protesting it stated they like having the full service city, (power, sewer, water, recreation, cemetery, public safety, etc.), and would be willing to pay extra taxes. All of the departments really watch the expenditures. The tax really should not affect the older residents that are on a fixed income, they already conserve, so their power bills are low. Mayor feels that it is something we need. The city can not keep cutting when expenses keep going up. Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any questions, or concerns from the public, or council. Councilman Nelson stated that Salem City power rate is still lower than other cities around. UP&L just applied for a 12% increase in their power rates. Mayor stated that commercial business will look at power rates, and if we raise the rates, it could affect their decision between Salem and another city. Having lower rates can help attract some commercial business. Property taxes, when they are raised, benefit the county more than the city.

Mayor Brailsford asked if the council wanted to make a motion on the ordinance.

MOTION BY: Councilman Reid Nelson to approve ordinance 6403 adopting the municipal energy sales and use tax.

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

Mayor Brailsford stated that Councilman Boman told him earlier in the day, that he was in favor of the tax.

4. WASTE COLLECTION POLICY ON SECOND GARBAGE CANS

Mayor Brailsford turned the time over to Attorney Baker. Attorney Baker stated that a few months ago the council talked about the second garbage can and what should be charged. It was mentioned then that we could charge around \$40 to set up the second can. The office staff stated that a \$25 set up fee would work better, for the second can, but if a second can is ordered at the same time as the first can there would not be an

additional \$25 fee. They also wanted to have a minimum of one year period a person had to have the second can, and the customer would be billed for that full year if they turned the can back in. This will help to eliminate those residents who order a second can in the summer time. The set up fee for the second can would be \$25, unless it is ordered with the first can.

MOTION BY: Councilman Terry Ficklin to accept resolution 6403 establishing rates for multiple garbage receptacles.

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

5. UMPA SCADA AGREEMENT

Mayor asked Councilman Nelson to explain the agreement. Councilman Nelson stated that the agreement is an interlocal agreement with UMPA (Utah Municipal Power Agency). Because of the new substation, Salem City now has the opportunity to track its power system. Working with UMPA, we are getting a great deal, and this is something we could not do on our own. UMPA will be doing the dispatching for us, and we will be able to track reports over the internet. The initial set up of the SCADA system is about \$13,000 and the monthly service charge from UMPA would be just under \$200 a month. Attorney Baker stated that for a city our size this is a great opportunity. Councilman Nelson reported the Darrell Miller, Power Superintendent, has been working very hard at getting this ready for Salem. Mayor Brailsford stated that this is something that Salem needs. He asked if there were any questions.

MOTION BY: Councilman Reid Nelson to authorize Mayor Brailsford to sign the contract between Salem City and UMPA.

SECONDED BY: Councilman Dale Wills.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2003.

Mayor Brailsford stated that on line 209 it should read “Mayor stated that he would want Steve to work with the riding club to work around the riding club’s schedule and to address any concerns they might have.” Councilman Wills stated that on line 417, it was the mayor who noticed the grass clippings, not him.

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson to approve the minutes of May 21 with said changes.

SECONDED BY: Councilman Reid Nelson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Brailsford stated he would like to come back to the bills later.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Chief James reported that Officer Bird is off on medical leave. He had his back operated on, and he is hoping to come back in July. Officer Jackson resigned; his last shift was last night. Right now his department is down two officers. He is excited about Fire Chief Todd Miles; he works at the fire academy in Provo. Councilman Nelson had a question on Officer Bird's injury, was it related to the prior injury. Chief James stated that it is a separate injury.

COUNCIL REPORTS

9. MAYOR RANDY A. BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford was asking the council if they could come to a work session with Planning and Zoning next Wednesday, June 11, 2003, at 7:30 PM. Dave Gardner is coming to talk about some of the different ordinances in other cities.

10. COUNCILMAN REID W. NELSON

Councilman Nelson went over SUVPS' (South Utah Valley Power System) budget for this next year. He is glad to see that the budget is back to normal size after the building of the new Dry Creek Substation, costing about 6 million dollars. SUVPS is made up of Springville, Payson, Spanish Fork, Salem, and Strawberry. SUVPS has the big 46k line that feeds these cities. During the next SUVPS meeting the budget will be approved.

11. COUNCILWOMAN VICKI H. PETERSON

The office hired a new janitor, Dawn VanNosdol. She is doing a great job. She has been coming in at nights to clean, then on the weekends to do deeper cleaning. Councilwoman Peterson was also wondering about the front lawn of the city office. Mayor stated that they fertilized it and then did not get water on it in enough time.

12. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilman Dale Wills to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

13. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mayor Brailsford asked Karen Palfreyman if she had anything for the council. Karen stated that for the last year and half she has been doing the Family Literacy Center in Salem, held at Salem Elementary School. The center has been helping both kids, and adults. Karen handed the council some information. She then turned the time over to Ed Green. Ed stated that he goes all over the country helping people like Karen to set up literacy centers. There is about 20% of the population in Utah Valley that can not read, or write. Currently there are about 1,000 people that are being tutored in the valley by these literacy centers. Ed stated that he wanted the council to know that the board over the centers is there to help support Karen; they have really helped her out in the past. There are a lot of resources available, and the board is willing to do a lot to help the center. Karen reported that she is here tonight to see if the council would be willing to help her center out financially. She handed the council a break out of some of the cost associated with the center. Councilman Nelson was wondering about private donors and also Ed Green. Ed stated that private donors have been helping support the program in the past, and they will continue to help with books and supplies. Karen stated that she would also like to expend to the Mt. Loafer School. Mayor Brailsford stated that there are only about 22% of Salem residents that go to Mt. Loafer School. Next school year, Woodland Hills kids will be going to Salem Elementary. Mayor told Karen that this is a great idea, but he would also like to see the other communities (Woodland Hills and Elk Ridge) help to participate. It could be a venture between all of the cities. He would like her to go and talk to the other cities also.

Michael Sanchez applied for a home occupational license. The license was approved in the prior council meeting. The business is a personal training, dealing mostly with boxing. Michael wanted to let the council know that it is not going to be a fighting club. He handed the council a sheet of paper showing the rules for the training.

14. COUNCILMAN DALE R. WILLS

Councilman Wills wanted to update the council regarding the school district and the retirement center. The other night, the mayor and he met with the residents at the retirement center. Mayor Brailsford did a great job talking to them. They felt okay about the road being used as a through road for the high school; it was actually their preferred choice, after reviewing the other options. There would be no busses routed through there. Their possibly could be, but not guaranteed that there would not be a lot of faculty or visitors. The parking would be designed so they would have to come out to a stop sign, so it would not be a straight through road. There would be a water way half way up the road. There would be trees and landscaping and Nebo School would put a fence, they are not sure what type yet, it has not been decided. They voiced their concerns, and wanted to make sure their rights are protected, and they would be involved with the planning. They also talked to some of the members of the school board. They saw a need for a new

school in Salem. Mayor stated that a lot of retirement homes are looking at spots like this, because of the quiet time. He also felt it went very well.

Councilman Wills stated that with the roads, there are some bids that have been made; he has spent some time with Dave and Todd. One thing that Jeff Nielson found out is that the city can put the money that they have not spent for the year into a savings account, but it has to be tagged for B & C road. This might not be a bad idea, to put some money away each year for a big project. There are many roads that need to be repaired in the city. Mayor Brailsford stated that the school is willing to help put in curb, gutter, and sidewalk on Center Street, from where Dave Simons (Simon's pool and spa) ended the sidewalk to 100 west. Councilman Wills stated this last year the city did not spend a lot of money on B&C roads because of the budget, and was not sure what Governor Leavitt was going to do with the road money. Mayor Brailsford stated that we need to make sure that we tag the money for B&C, that we can show it will be used for bigger projects. A city may also bond using B&C road money. The only problem with that is that Santiquon City did that, and now their roads are in need of major repair, but their money has been tagged for the bond.

Councilman Wills also reported that the South Valley Water Board met with the mayors group to discuss the next phase of the regional sewer plant. Looking at working with all of the cities that are involved, and informing them before the bid gets awarded.

15. COUNCILMAN TERRY A. FICKLIN

Councilman Ficklin reported that the sewer treatment plant is coming along. The power department employees have been busy down there working on the conduit. There should be enough power to help feed the old aerators using the new power lines. There was a new charger put on the generator, and some service work was done on it.

Upcoming events; several weeks ago Elaine Hansen from UVSC (Utah Valley State College) came to the council explaining how they are going to put on the production of Aladdin at the Hare Krishna Temple. She is wondering if a message could be put up on the marquee. The city also committed to help with some chairs; he stated that he would work with Todd Gordon and Dave Johnson regarding the chairs. He also apologized to Chief Brad James; he should have notified him sooner. UVSC is working with Hare Krishna's to get this production to be a big success. UVSC has paid for the cost to put it on and perform, but they were looking to get support from the cities. They are concerned with public safety, and looking for assistance there. Chief James stated that his is concerned because it is not in his jurisdiction, and both law enforcements that have jurisdiction did not want to be involved. He is also down two officers, so he is short staffed as it is.

Councilman Nelson was wondering, although we can not help support it financially, what about looking at getting a Salem Community theater. Spanish Fork city supports their local community theater.

16. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Did not have anything to report tonight.

CLOSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilman Reid Nelson to close city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilman Terry Ficklin.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:40 PM

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder