

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on March 17, 2004 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:30 PM

CONDUCTING: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

INVOCATION: Councilperson Dale Boman

PLEDGE: Councilperson Paul Hair

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford
Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin
Councilperson Dale Boman
Councilperson Dale R. Wills
Councilperson Lynn Durrant
Councilperson Paul J. Hair

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeff Nielson, City Recorder
David Johnson, Public Works
Junior Baker, City Attorney

Excused From Council Meeting:
Chief Brad James, Police Chief

OTHERS PRESENT

Jill Fellow
Brandon Lemon
Ron Lake
Reed Cornaby
Patricia Palmer

Amanda Palmer
Paul Lemon
Russell Lake
Lucy Cornaby
Christy Hardman

Derek Lemon
Gary Warner
Jeff Higginson
Phil Porter

1. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to open public hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Dale Boman.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

a. Recreation Impact Fees

Mayor Brailsford asked the council if they had the opportunity to read the ordinance and if there were any comments regarding it. Mayor Brailsford stated that it is recommended that we double our current recreation impact fees, from \$1,000 to \$2,000, this money will be used to help pay for facilities and property. Dave Johnson stated that LEI engineering did a feasibility study on the impact fee. They recommended that the fee could be raised to \$2,400, but the council

agreed to only raise it to \$2,000. Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any questions from the public. There were no questions or comments. He stated we have spent a lot of money for new property and facilities, we want to make sure that we don't have to raise our recreation program rates to help pay for the new facilities or property.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Dale Boman to close public hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

a. RECREATION IMPACT FEES

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve Ordinance 31704 changing the recreation impact fee from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Dale Boman.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

2. BRETT PENROD - SIGN

Mayor Brailsford asked if Brett Penrod was present, he was not so Mayor went on to the next item.

3. DORIS GREENWOOD – JR. MISS PAGEANT

Mayor Brailsford turned the time over to Doris Greenwood. Doris stated that this last year the Miss Utah Pageant went in a direction that a lot of people did not like (requiring the girls to do the swimsuit competition on stage during the pageant). A group of them looked around to find another scholarship pageant. They found the Junior Miss Pageant. The Utah County South Junior Miss Pageant is made up of girls from Springville, Spanish Fork and Salem. Last year four girls, out of 12, were from Salem, and one of them went on to the Miss Junior Utah pageant and won 1st runner up. The winner of the Utah State Junior Miss was a girl from Spanish Fork. The pageant is held at UVSC, many of their workshops are held in Spanish Fork. The girls in the South Utah County Pageant compete against the girls from the three cities for an opportunity to receive scholarship money. They have come to council tonight to explain what the pageant is, and to inform the council of it. They are also asking each of the three cities to donate \$1,000 towards the pageant. Mayor Brailsford was wondering if the city would also have to sponsor a float for parades. Doris stated they have the girls ride in a car during parades so a float would not be needed. The Mayor also does not feel we should do away with the Miss Salem Pageant. Doris stated she agrees, but feels the two pageants can work together. The Junior Miss can prepare the girls for the Miss Salem Pageant if they decide to compete in it. The girls competing in the Junior Miss are only juniors in high school. Mayor Brailsford stated that this year he does not feel we have the money in the budget, but next budget year we could look at putting it in as a budget item.

Amanda Palmer, who was the 1st runner up in the state pageant explained to the council about the seven standards of the Junior Miss Program. Those standards are: eat the right foods, stay fit, get a good education, live by moral principles, serve the community, set goals, and work to reach those goals. She has gone to different schools and presented to the schools these standards. It was stated that the average ACT scores of the girls who participated in the South Utah County Pageant was 27, their average GPA was 3.91. They are very extraordinary girls. Mayor Brailsford was wondering if there is a certain grade point average requirement. It was stated that the girls need to have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Doris handed out a program from last year's pageant showing the council what the girls are judged on. Amanda also showed the council a poster stating the theme "Be Your Best Self", and explained a little bit about it. There was discussion on the two programs (Miss Salem and Junior Miss) and focusing on how they can work together, and not be in competition with each other. Mayor Brailsford stated the council can look at adding it in the budget next fiscal year, and thanked them for coming into council meeting.

4. BRETT PENROD - SIGN

Mayor Brailsford asked if Brett Penrod had shown up yet. He was not present, so the mayor turned the time over to Councilperson Dale Wills to discuss what Brett Penrod wants to do. Councilperson Wills stated that Brett wants to put a sign out by his landscaping business. The sign fits our sign ordinance, except he wants to have the sign higher than what the ordinance allows. The sign would be one that has the removable lettering on it, and he does not want them stolen. Dave Johnson read to the council the portion on the sign ordinance. The council felt they did not want to change the ordinance to allow a height change.

5. CAPITALIZATION THRESHOLD LIMIT \$5000 (GASB 34)

Jeffrey Nielson explained to the council the new law from GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board), Statement 34. This statement requires cities to account for infrastructures in the city (roads, sewer lines, water lines, etc.). This year Salem City needs to begin the process. The first part of the process is to determine a threshold limit. It has been suggested to make that limit \$5,000.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to change the capitalization threshold limit to \$5,000.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

6. SPRING CLEAN UP

Mayor Brailsford stated that Spring Break for the school kids is the 15 & 16 of April. We usually will have clean up the week after. If the council is okay, let's have spring clean up the week of April 18. Also residents can only put debris out 10 days prior to pick up. Once the city crew has picked up in an area, they will not be going back to that area. Only yard waste will be picked up. The council agreed on the date.

Mayor Brailsford stated he wanted to take this time and have Jeffrey Nielson swear him in his new office for the Central Utah Water Conservancy District Board of Directors. He could have had this done at the capital, but felt he wanted to have it done here at city council meeting. Jeffrey Nielson then swore Mayor Brailsford into his new office.

7. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2004

MOTION BY: Councilperson Dale Boman to approve the minutes as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Dale Wills.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

8. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Paul Hair.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

COUNCIL REPORTS

9. MAYOR RANDY A. BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford stated that last year the council passed a resolution allowing military discounts for utilities. This resolution gives a discount to military personnel who have been activated. We need to extend the date on the resolution for another year.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to extend resolution allowing military discounts for utilities, for another year.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

Mayor Brailsford asked Dave Johnson to get with Todd Gordon about having the state get a sweeper on the state road. He also stated that the Outdoor Wetland Classroom is looking good. He received some information on a grant that will be able to help us out on the project.

10. COUNCILPERSON DALE BOMAN

Councilperson Boman wanted to remind the councilmembers of the Salem Days Committee meeting on March 24, 2004 and to make sure they have their committee members there.

Councilperson Boman stated that since there will not be a rodeo this year for Salem Days, there may be another event worth looking into for Friday Night. He asked if Gary Warner (Recreation Director) could explain an option for an event to the council. Gary stated that he was approached by his neighbor who talked to him about a soap box derby. The neighbor also sent him emails on rules, and how to host the event. Gary forwarded them onto Councilperson Boman. Some ideas would be to have the city purchase the frames, this way everyone has the same type, and the participants would be able to design it themselves. The cost for the frames is about \$50.00. The city could charge people who want to participate in the event for the cost of the frame. Some of the roads he feels might work are 300 South, coming east towards the pond, or starting at the head of the pond and coming north towards Main Street. Gary then explained what a soap box car is. The council felt this would be something to look into, and to have Gary's neighbor get a hold of Councilperson Boman.

Mayor Brailsford asked Gary how the Recreation Department was going. Gary stated that the Fish and Game have donated a handicap fishing dock; it is about 20 feet by 10 feet. When we get it, there will need to be some repair work on it; this might be a good Eagle Scout Project.

With baseball, we are down about 150 kids from last year, but we usually will get some people signing up late. The accelerated baseball teams have grown and taken away some of our kids. Another issue that has been brought up with the accelerated teams is that usually they play their games on Saturday, but it looks like this year they are going to try to play during the week. We need to look at fees to charge them, right now we charge \$40 a day for the field, but this was for Saturday. There are three teams located in Salem and Elk Ridge, and one other team with Salem kids on it located in Spanish Fork. The accelerated ball teams want to hold another tournament the first week in April.

Councilperson Ficklin stated we need to make sure it does not conflict with the Easter Egg Hunt on the 10th of April.

Gary had to set a limit of about 55 kids for the fishing. This is because there are not enough instructors, and also for safety reasons around the pond. We have about 80 kids who wanted to participate.

11. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

Councilperson Durrant asked Mayor Brailsford about the UDOT building that was offered to Salem. Mayor stated that Darrell Miller (Power Superintendent) was going to

look into it to see if SUVPS (South Utah Valley Power System) wanted to use it. Still waiting to hear back from them.

12. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

Councilperson Ficklin reported that Provo City no longer wants to run their mulching facility. They have offered the mulching facility to the South Utah Valley Solid Waste District. The board will be voting on it the following day.

13. COUNCILPERSON PAUL J. HAIR

Councilperson Hair stated that he met with Mayor Brailsford, Dave Johnson, Todd Gordon, and Mike Pritchett today regarding the sewer muffin monsters. We have two of them, both are 17 years old, and the one went out on us the other day. Mayor Brailsford explained what a muffin monster is; it is the brand name of the grinder for the sewer plant. Councilperson Hair stated there is only one company that makes these types of grinders. We need to purchase a new one that will take the place of the one that is broken. We will also see if we can repair the old one so it can be used as a back up. The cost for a new one will be around \$11,000. We need to have a grinder, without one, debris gets caught in the pumps and causes them to malfunction. There is money in our state treasure saving account; we also may be able to use some impact fees. Attorney Baker stated that we need to see if our study analysis states we can use impact fees for new equipment.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Paul Hair to approve the purchase of a new grinder for the sewer plant.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

Also during that meeting, we did an evaluation on Mike Pritchett; he is doing a great job for us at the sewer plant.

Mayor Brailsford stated that he and Todd Gordon looked at putting another access into Knoll Park; we will need a new one when the wetland park is completed. We also looked about putting a white fence along 300 South in front of the parking for the park, instead of using the telephone poles.

14. COUNCILPERSON DALE R. WILLS

Councilperson Wills stated he met with Todd Gordon and Jeff Nielson to discuss what roads we would like to work on this budget year. On some of the roads we need to complete the water laterals first.

Mayor Brailsford stated he met with Councilperson Wills to discuss possible locations for holding ponds for our pressurized irrigation. He also stated that we will need to relook at the new reception center plans.

CLOSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Dale Wills.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:45 PM

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder