

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on March 17, 2010 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

**Work session:** 5:30 p.m. Utah County Public Works called the work session for discussion on the Elk Ridge road being extended. A map was presented with some of the options for extending the road. One of the options was not feasible because it would be too close to the freeway off ramps. There was also discussion about how many vehicles drive on the roads in the area each day, and that it will only increase in the future. It was discussed how each option would affect the wetlands in the area. The two options being looked at, one going straight through to connect to Arrowhead (2.5 miles), it would affect about 14 acres of wetland, the option of connecting to Beet Road (460 West) (2.9 miles) would affect about 7 acres of wetland.

It was stated that the construction cost for either option would be about the same. The only difference would be the mitigations of wetlands and right-of-ways. The road would be limited access; it would be like Woodland Hills Drive. There was also discussion that any utilities that would need to be installed, would need to be done by the city as the county would not install them.

There was some discussion on the roads. The option to go straight rather than have the road curve onto Beet Road (460 West) is what the majority of the people present wanted. A concern that was brought up is that Beet Road (460 West) needs to be replaced, and this would be a great opportunity to have it done without the city fronting the money. Many times the best way is not the most cost effective way, and cost is a big issue. If the connection to Beet Road (460 West) happens, then the intersection at Arrowhead and Beet Road (460 West) would need to be squared up as much as possible.

**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**

See Attached

## **1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

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

## **2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A local scout 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. OPEN COMMENT**

Mayor Green asked if anyone had anything for open comment. There were no comments.

## **4. LIBRARY FEES (NON – RESIDENTIAL)**

Kerry Loveless, Salem City Librarian, and Jason Shelly, the board director, stated that they received a call from Woodland Hills wondering about the possibility of allowing their residents the use of the library without being charged a non-residential fee. Kerry had contacted the Utah State Library Board to see if other cities have a similar agreement. They stated that there are a few cities that do allow a neighboring city the use of their library, but they will charge the city for the use. Kerry stated that we want to be fair to the Salem City residents. It is estimated that each Salem City household hold pays about \$51 per year for the library. Woodland Hills has about 371 homes, if they were to pay the same fee it would cost about \$19,000 per year. Not sure if we would want to charge them that. They have about 30 library cards, and currently pay \$25 per card. Some options would be to have them pay a flat fee to the library. Something to keep in mind is that if we do work with them, they may be willing to help with donations for the library. Another option would be to charge the Woodland Hills residents \$30 per card and then Woodland Hills City could reimburse them. It was talked about that maybe we would want a cap on how many we would allow. Jason stated that he will take the information and see what the library board would want to do, and then bring back their ideas to the council.

## **5. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2010**

Councilperson Rees had a couple of changes, on line 70 to take the word “to” out, and line 72 add the work “with” to have it read “work with the”.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the minutes with said changes.  
**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0).

## **6. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the bills for payment.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Terry Ficklin.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0).

## **7. PUBLIC SAFETY**

Chief James reported that the new police car, that is replacing the car that was totaled in the accident, has arrived and will be in service soon. He also received an email about the Festival of Colors which will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March. The event has been working with the sheriff's department, they have made arrangements with the high school and Spanish Fork City for the use of parking lots, and then they have contracted with a bus company to shuttle people to and from the event.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **8. MAYOR STANLEY W. GREEN**

### **9. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT**

Councilperson Durrant stated that the UMPA meeting in St. George is coming up. She talked about the upcoming Miss Salem pageant. She also stated that with the High School being in Salem should we change the requirements for the Miss Salem applicants. Right now applicants have to have a 84653 zip code. The question is, since girls from Payson and other Cities go to the High School, should we allow them apply. Other cities in the same situation, state that if the girls spend 30 hours or more a week within the city limits, they allow them to participate in their pageant. The council felt that it would be a good idea, and liked that rule of spending more than 30 hours a week.

She also thanked all of those who helped with funeral services of the soldier.

### **10. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN**

Councilperson Ficklin stated that the Utah Valley Solid Waste District will be charging the city and additional \$2 per ton. He feels we may need get the utility board together and see about our rates.

### **11. COUNCILPERSON TODD GORDON**

Councilperson Gordon wanted to thank Steve Cox and the city employees for their work with getting the cemetery ready for the funeral. He felt that everything looked really good. He asked Bruce to tell Steve that he needs to lock the gate at the cemetery in the Southeast corner.

Councilperson Gordon also stated that the fire department has an old pumper fire truck that they really do not need. He stated that since we were able to acquire the pumper truck from Spanish Fork City, it has helped our Fire Dept. They want to donate the old pumper truck to another fire department that is in need of a truck. Attorney Baker stated that we would need to have a public hearing to donate the truck.

**12. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN**

**13. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

Councilperson Rees stated that he has met with some of the board members for the Salem Canal Company. He would like to meet with Bruce Ward and discuss the issues that they brought up. They are concerned with the Strawberry Water Shares and if someone sells the shares, and then sell the property, what do the new property owners do about the water shares and use of water.

**14. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS**

Dave Johnson stated that we have had about 60 homes that were owned by the bank, and still needed some work done to them. We are down to about a hand full of these homes now, and we had three building permits issued this month.

**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 Lynn Durrant.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (5-0).

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 7:40 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder