

Minutes of the Salem City Council meeting held on October 3, 2001 in the Council Chambers.

Meeting convened at 7:30 p.m.

Conducting: Mayor Brailsford

Prayer: Junior Baker

Pledge: Mayor Brailsford

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford
Councilman Earl M. Davis
Councilman Gary L. Warner
Councilwoman Vicki H. Peterson
Councilman Reid W. Nelson

STAFF PRESENT:

Paul J. Hair, City Recorder
Junior Baker, City Attorney
David Johnson, Public Works Dir.
Jeffrey Nielson, New City Recorder
Chief Brad James, Police Chief

Councilman Terry A. Ficklin was excused from City Council.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dave Christensen
Scott Barlow
Derek Steadman
Janis Nielson
Todd Roeller

Max Walters
Phil Porter
Dale Wills
Reed Cornaby

1. David Christensen & Todd Roeller – City Web Site

Mayor welcomed David Christensen and Todd Roeller and thanked them for the great work on the new city web page. Todd displayed the web page with a projector while David walked the council through the web page. The first page would welcome visitors to the city. From the first page the visitor may select to see: A history of Salem, upcoming events, latest newsletter, information about the Mayor, City Council Members, and City Officials (with a little information about each of them). The web page would also post city council meeting minutes, upcoming agendas, public notices and when and what meetings are being held. The recreation department could put information of upcoming programs. There is a photo page showing different scenes of the city. There is a place where the visitor may contact Salem, (currently there are no emails set up, but there is a link to David Christensen for the web page design that people could comment on). David C. and Todd R. are looking about getting the Mayor and the Council Members an email address so visitors could comment or email them. The council members could also place any information they seemed fit through David C. A suggestion was also made to have cemetery plots placed on the web page.

Other information that would be a good idea to place on web page would be: Emergency planning information and what is happening with the zone planning.

In order for this to work it would need to be updated at least every two weeks. If anyone has information that they would like to be placed on the web page, they will have to contact David Christensen, because he will not go looking for the information. David C. maybe contacted by email at dchristensen@banta.com. Was mentioned that updates could be given to the City Recorder who would update David C. when needed, through email.

The question was brought up about security. David Christensen and Todd Roeller are the only two with the password to access the web site. With emails; those who will have their email located on the web page, they would be the only one who would have passwords to get their own email.

Police Chief Brad James would like to have a link for the Public Safety; he feels they could really utilize the link.

Mayor Brailsford would like to see the next time letterhead is ordered to place the web site address on it. Mayor Brailsford was also wondering about getting a counter, to see how many people visit the web site. Hats off to both David and Todd, they have done a great job.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – IMPACT FEE REVISION

Public hearing regarding the impact fee revision was not ready for the public hearing. The revision will have to be reviewed, there were some miscommunications when the analysis was made, more research will need to be made. Currently the water impact fee is \$2,500.00 this amount would stay the same. The sewer impact fee currently is \$960; the new impact recommendation would be to raise it to \$1,800.00 that would almost double the current fee.

The Public hearing will have to be rescheduled for another date in the future. A notice will go out.

3. AMBULANCE RATES:

It has been about a year since the last revisions on the ambulance rates were made. Cost of equipment, gas, and medical supplies has gone up. The base rates that are allowed by the Utah State Bureau of Emergency Medical Services are \$327.00 for transporting calls and \$12.09 per mile from point of pickup to drop off. Other surcharges include \$27.39 for emergency response, \$27.39 for night response between 8pm and 8am, \$22.81 for off road travel of ten miles or more, per mile, and \$228.24 response for a non-transport rate.

Recommendations to raise the rates to \$320.00 for transportation and \$11.50 per mile from point of pickup to drop off. For senior citizens of Salem City that are on Medicaid or Medicare, city would only charge for what Medicaid or Medicare would cover, unless the individual has a secondary insurance company, then the secondary would be charged for the remainder amount.

If the ambulance goes on a response call and there the individual is not transported the individual will not be charged, unless the individual has had more than three response calls per year (budget year), then a \$50.00 response charge would be charged each time after the initial 3 responses (most cities are charging a call out fee). This is for residence of Salem City; non-residence would be charged the \$50.00 fee for a non-transported individual.

Would also be implemented that instead of the issue to raise ambulance rates each year, that the city would automatically raise the rates to what the percentage increase each year from the states recommendation from the prior year.

A new issue, in the past when the ambulance would transport individuals and have to use IV or any medications that were used, Mt. View hospital would replace what was used by the ambulance then charge the individuals insurance on what was used. A new state law now states that this procedure can no longer be done. The city will have to start having a supply on hand and charge the individual or the individuals insurance for any usage at retail prices. Would be effective January 01, 2002.

MOTIONED BY: Councilman Reid Nielson if: 1. Rates for the non-transport, if after 3 call outs per year (budget year), individual would be charged \$50.00, none residents will be charged the \$50.00 each time. 2. For senior citizens will accept what Medicaid or Medicare will pay and bill secondary insurance (if any) the reaming amount. 3. To allow the rates (index) to be adjusted each year for according to the states suggestion. Rates will be raised depending on the states suggestions, but we could break away and review if it gets out of hand.

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson

VOTE: All Favor (4-0).

4. SWEAR IN NEW CITY RECORDER:

Paul J. Hair is the current City Recorder is retiring; Jeffrey D. Nielson will be taking Paul's place. Paul J. Hair swore in Jeffrey D. Nielson to be the new City Recorder.

5. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2001

Change to Councilwoman Vicki Peterson on item number 11 regarding the library. A change to be made to the last sentence stating that Jill Jensen be added with Mary Sivertsen and Janet Alanis to remain on the committee.

MOTIONED BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson if: 1. Addition on library item number 11 is changed.

SECONDED BY: Councilman Gary Warner

VOTE: All Favor (4-0).

6. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

An invoice for BFI for \$4,387 we over paid/doubled paid a month ago, they need to refund our money. We need to see the credit. Employees are charging amounts over \$500.00 again without the approval of the department head and City Council Members. Need to issue memo out again reminding employees. Invoice for Maric Sales for the pump at the sewer plant not on the sewer truck, needs to come out of the sewer department and not motor pool.

MOTIONED BY: Councilman Earl Davis

SECONDED BY: Councilman Gary Warner

VOTE: All Favor (4-0)

7. PUBLIC SAFETY

COUNCIL REPORTS

8. MAYOR BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford mentioned the concept about a new treatment plant that was presented in the workshop. Mayor Brailsford would like to see the company in Las Vegas who is currently using it. Looking into the future, if this concept works, might be a good idea for new business coming into the community to use this concept before their waste is sent to the city treatment plant.

9. COUNCILWOMAN VICKI H. PETERSON

Nothing to report

10. COUNCILMAN REID W. NELSON

Bids were out for a new accounting system proposal; they are due back on the 12th. Ed Stewart is looking and evaluating one of the systems.

The new substation for power was supposed to be ready by Thanksgiving 2001, will not be able to meet that deadline, Mayor Brailsford suggested a meeting should be set up with Strawberry to see what the hold up is. Initial push was for the summer of 2001, it seems that there is not the same urgency now. There should be an equalization of labor between Salem City and Strawberry; we need to have a balance between the two. Paul stated that currently Strawberry is one payment behind.

Mayor Brailsford mentioned we need to keep an eye on the overtime wages of the power department.

11. COUNCILMAN EARL M. DAVIS

Make sure we keep up on the billing of Woodland Hills water usage. We have the 60/40 split with them. It may be time to review this again.

Garbage pickup on East side of town was changed to Tuesday; BFI was going to go around this Friday for anyone who was missed. The pick up went a lot smoother than originally thought.

Reed Cornaby has gone to two meetings in the last week and a half, discussing water for the future, the year 2030 was used. Will we have enough water for the year 2030, will all of our water rights be used up. The population for the Salem City in the 2000 census was 4,372; they estimated the population of 16,120 in the year 2030. Where will the water come from to support the 16,120, do we need to look at drilling more wells. Reed would like to have a copy of what Sunrise has researched for the city.

Mike Nielson with the water department is checking the water takes each day. Making sure no one has tampered with the tanks, if any thing looks suspicious, he will shut the tanks off, and then make the necessary phone calls.

12. COUNCILMAN GARY L. WARNER

Last Wednesday Mayor Brailsford and Councilman Warner met with the citizens on the East side of the canal about putting a bike rout next to the road. There has been a problem with a lot of bikes up on that road. Ron Knight with Valley Asphalt has put a bike route in Mapleton.

Robert Nelson's new subdivision on the West side of town needs to have easier access to the school crossing guard. There is a little roadway by the subdivision that would put the kids closer to the crossing guard, but we will need to get approval from owner.

Sidewalk will not be put in by the Texaco gas station, but will use that money to put a culvert under the highway for the pond. Frank Johnson owns property to the West of the Texaco gas station on the highway and would like to give up a portion of his property for curb and sidewalk and put curb and sidewalk himself. In return Frank would like to put up some two stories office spaces with apartments on the second level. This would help to lower cost of the office space and bring business into town. Behind the buildings he would like to put storage units. The zoning is for commercial; a lot of changes would have to take place. With current zoning a fence has to separate a business and a residential area.

Lions Club and other pavilion rental is \$50.00 with \$15.00 refund if clean. Other cities charge more for rental of their pavilions (Saniquin is \$125.00). Need to look at a separate rate for non-residence, an additional \$25.00 for non-residents. We can also eliminate the \$15.00 cleaning fee. We will have to have a contract made up, stating that the person renting will be responsible for any damages and cleaning charges if it was left in mess. The contract would also remind them that there is no smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages. Anyone renting the facilities must have a Utah Drivers License, (place on the contract to put the number) and must be 21 years old to reserve any of the facilities. If they do not qualify they may not reserve the facility. Pricing will be left at \$50.00 then with no refund, and \$75.00 for non-residents.

13. COUNCILMAN TERRY A. FICKLIN

14. DAVE JOHNSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

The County approved the annexation for the Farley Johnson property.

Asked Mike if he would review price list for inspections for the sewer line on SR 198.

Never assessed Brent Hanks for power for new storage unit on SR 198. Brent says he will not use power. Comment was made about outside lights, security lights, etc.

15. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER

16. PAUL J HAIR, CITY RECORDER

Paul Hair brought before the city council an issue from back on August 15th City Council Meeting, Paul was getting approval on the sewer line to connect on Beet Road and go to his property. Paul has met with the DRC and got approval to proceed with the utility easement with the Hanks. Agreement was made would do the digging after last crop for

the season. Coles will be doing the surveying, and would like to get it finished before he leaves for a mission. The line will be either 10” or 8”, then man holes will be buried and kept underground, so farming could still take place. Paul will be responsible for replacing any crop that was dug up during the construction. Paul has received all of the necessary approval. In the future, if anyone decides to hook on would like to charge a connection fee. There is no problem with the pond ditch; the line will be over the ditch.

Motioned by: Councilman Earl Davis

Second by: Councilwomen Vicki Peterson.

Vote: All Favor (4-0)

Closed

Motioned by: Councilman Reid Nielson

Seconded By: Councilman Gary Warner

Closed at 9:21 PM

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder