

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on October 5, 2011 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

WORK SESSION: 6:30 p.m. Diana Cannell from Allred Jackson CPA firm presented and reviewed with the mayor and council, the findings of the audit and financial report for fiscal year 2010/2011. Diana reported that the city is doing well financially. She explained the tax rate, and how the mill levy in 1995 was .002041 and how it had gone down to .001246 just prior to the recent increase. With that increase, the current mill levy is at .002003, which is still less than what it was in 1995. She recommended that a city look at doing a truth in taxation adjustment at the very least, every 5 years. Especially if we are to provide the necessary funding to pay for roads and other improvements the city needs.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Jonathan F. Cope

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan F. Cope
Councilperson Lynn Durrant
Councilperson Todd R. Gordon
Councilperson Sterling Rees
Councilperson Sid Jorgensen

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 Terry A. Ficklin

OTHERS PRESENT

Randy Brailsford, Dani Brimley, Shaylee Balls, Marilee Balls, Aaron Cloward, Janie Christensen, Brian Miller, Sydnie Eppley

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

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

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cope invited those who 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. MARK BUFFINGTON – Community Covenants

Mayor Cope noted Mark Buffington was not present at council meeting.

4. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Brian Miller and Sydnie Eppley reported for the youth council. On the 15th of September the youth council helped with the Mount Loafer Elementary Schools fall festival. It went very well. Last Monday they handed out flyers for the scarecrow contest, and on October 13 they will be doing a service project, they are going to clean up the area west, of the west city entrance sign.

5. APPROVE YEAR END AUDIT 2010/2011

Mayor Cope explained that during the work session, we had Diana Cannell from Allred Jackson CPA firm present to the council our audit findings and financial report for fiscal year end 2010/2011. Jeff Nielson reported that the city is doing well financially.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the 2010/2011 Audit.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

6. LONG TERM DISABILITY FOR VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

Chief James stated that during the last Legislative session some changes were made to the volunteer firefighters Long Term Disability Program. Volunteer Fireman hired prior to July 1, 2011 will not be affected by this change. Fireman hired after July 1, 2011 are now required to use, PEHP's Long Term Disability Program. This insurance is paid for by the Utah Fire Insurance Premium Tax. In order for Salem Volunteer Fireman to participate in this program an agreement between Utah Retirement System and Salem City Corporation needs to be signed. Failure to sign this agreement with the PEHP LTD Program will forfeit coverage. He recommends having the mayor sign the agreement.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the Agreement with PEHP for the Long Term Disability for the Volunteer Firemen.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

7. SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY

Mayor Cope reported the city has some old equipment that we need to get rid of. In order to get rid of it, the items need to be listed as surplus. There is an old Salt Dogg Sander, (2 cu. yd.) (no serial # on it), a 1991 Chevy S-10 Blazer, VIN # 1GNDDT13ZOM2237436, a 1963 Ford Pumper Fire Truck – VIN # C85RU401580, and a Bore Machine.

Bruce Ward reported that there is an auction web site that deals with government surplus. It is free for government entities to place items on the web page, but it is open to the public for bids. Bruce recommends putting these items on the web page.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the surplus list as it was described.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

8. APPROVE ORDINANCE ADDRESSING TERMINATION OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS FOR NON-PAYMENT

Attorney Junior Baker stated that last council meeting the council approved a shut off policy for past due utility accounts. He stated that the policy allowed the city to terminate a past due account if it was 20 days past due. The city code states 30 days, so this ordinance is changing the city code to 20 days, so it will match the policy that was adopted. Also, the code changed to allow the City to terminate service on each of the utilities.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to approve Ordinance 10511 addressing termination of utility accounts for non-payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

9. APPROVE RESOLUTION AMENDING PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF TERMINATION OF UTILITY BILL

Attorney Junior Baker stated that around the first of the year, we adopted a resolution stating the procedures for termination of a utility bill. This amendment to the resolution also changes the days allowed from 30 days to 20 days so it matches the policy and the ordinance which was just approved.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve Resolution 100511 amending procedures in the event of termination of utility bill.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

10. APPROVE ELECTION JUDGES

Jeff Nielson explained that for each election we need to have 3 judges at each of the polling locations. The judges need to be approved by the council. All of the voting will take place at the civic center, but we will still need two sets of judges. We will also need to have one set of counting judges to count the ballots. The poll workers are: Lorelee Rees, Connie Biggers, Colleen Hatch, Marsha Edman, Jalene Pope, and Mavis Nybo. The alternate will be Heather Brindley. The counting judges are: Mindy Lemon, Lori Bradford, and Sid Cardon. The alternate will be Erman Stone.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the election judges as presented.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

11. ADJOURN TO RDA MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to adjourn city council meeting and enter into a RDA meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

12. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7 AND SEPTEMBER 21 2011

MOTION BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon to approve the September 7 and September 21, 2011 Council minutes.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

13. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

Mayor Cope asked if the Chamber had anything for the council. Yolanda Moser from the Chamber stated that they have changed the location of the Trick or Treat to be held at the Veteran Ball Park. They will get fliers out noting the change. They are also going to open it up to all businesses belonging to the chamber.

Yolanda spoke with John Stokes; they are anticipating a soft opening of the grocery store on October 20th and a grand opening on October 26th. She also talked about the flyer that the chamber is mailing out to the residents of Salem, and the fact that there may be a possibility of mailing a 1/3 sheet flyer with the news letter and utility bills each month to help promote the businesses. November 3, 2011 will be the meet the candidate night for the Salem City Candidates.

14. PUBLIC SAFETY

COUNCIL REPORTS

15. MAYOR JONATHAN F. COPE

Mayor Cope reported that the state is redistricting the State School Board boundaries, and the proposed boundary splits Salem City. He stated that the map is on www.redistrictutah.com web page. He asked that resident go online to view the map, and then call our local representative and expresses your opinion. We would like to keep all of Salem in the same district.

16. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

Councilperson Durrant reported that UMPA is lacking funds for unplanned events. They are looking at doing a line of credit rather than bonding for events. She stated that they are working with Zions Public Finance for the line of credit.

17. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

18. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

19. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

20. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON

21. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

22. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Bruce Ward reported that the water is out of the Highline Canal, but we are keeping water in our PI system for approximately 2 to 3 weeks, depending on the weather. Both ponds will have water in them until we shut the system down. He encouraged residents to turn their sprinklers down so they are not watering as much.

23. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Todd Gordon.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:40 pm

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder