

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on October 15, 2008 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

**Work Session:** Matt Marziale discussed what he would like to do with the utility building at the Loafer View Recreation Complex. Many residents from the area were concerned with what has been proposed. Matt would like the building area fenced, for the protection of city equipment. It was discussed that Matt meets with Councilperson Hanks and Durrant and to meet with the neighbors and see if they can come up with a solution.

**MEETING CONVENED AT:** 7:00 p.m.

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor J. Lane Henderson

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor J. Lane Henderson  
Councilperson Lynn Durrant  
Councilperson Brent V. Hanks  
Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin  
Councilperson Stanley W. Green  
Councilperson Todd R. Gordon

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder  
Chief Brad James, Police Chief  
David Johnson, Public Works  
Junior Baker, City Attorney  
Bruce Ward, City Engineer

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Marie Shepherd  
Adam Lee  
Levi Lewis  
Stacey Holmes  
Scott Bennett  
Michelle Anhder  
Bruce Lewis  
Trevor Williams

Jodi Dietz  
Karen Lee  
Kathleen Jones  
Marcia Ealey  
Jon Cope  
Amber Eidem  
Erman Stone  
Micah Richins

Abe Dietz  
Mark Cope  
Jen Wright  
Carla Loveridge  
Brian Boden  
Devin Wheeler  
Rodger Hardy  
Joel Nelson

**1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

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

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

Mayor Henderson 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. BLAINE BALLARD – PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION AT ELK RIDGE DRIVE AND SR 198**

Blain Ballard explained that he went through the annexation process a while ago, but he forgot to have the property divided before the annexation was approved. He wanted to split it off for commercial lots. He is here for preliminary approval of the plat, so he can divide the property to have a commercial lot. It has been approved by DRC and Planning & Zoning.

Mayor Henderson asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Stanley Green to approve the Preliminary Subdivision for Blain Ballard for Commercial Subdivision.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Brent Hanks.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0)

**4. ROBERT & REBECCA KIRK – COST OF IMPROVEMENTS FOR CHRISMAN DR.**

Robert & Rebecca Kirk are doing improvements on what used to be a portion of Chrisman Drive. There was a developer who had some property by the road who was going to help with the improvements. The developer has not been participating, and they have not been able to contact of him. The Kirk's wanted to do the improvements and in turn receive the property for the whole road, instead of half as it was agreed upon before (the other half going to the developer). The reason they are here, is the improvements are going to cost a lot more than what they anticipated. They were wondering if the city would be willing to pick up some of the costs, or if there is something that can be done. One of the improvements would be light at a park by the pond, and wondering if the city could do that.

There was also a discussion on allowing a connectors agreement for some of the improvements. Mayor Henderson felt that a connector's agreement would be a good idea.

Councilperson Gordon arrived.

Bruce Ward recommended to the council that the city could participate and pay for the light by the park and install the wire for the light, which would go under the road (Salem Lake Drive). The council felt that participating with the light would be good and then also felt that the connector's agreement for some of the improvements would also be a good idea.

It was the recommendation from the council that the Kirks meet with Bruce Ward and discuss the options of a connector's agreement, and to come up with the information needed to write the agreement.

## **5. RESIDENTIAL WATER RATE CONCERNS**

Mayor Henderson stated that with the new water rates that have gone into effect we have had a few people who were concerned. Some of the concerns come from people who live above the Highline Canal, and where Pressurized Irrigation (P.I.) is not available. The other concerns are from residents who have not hooked up to the P.I. They have used a lot of culinary water for outdoor water use and their utility bills were very high.

Jeff Nielson explained that over the last couple of years the city has reported in the news letter numerous times about the coming P.I. project, and how residents would need to connect, and that water rates would be increasing.

Council explained that the water rates went into effect because the city has obligations that needed to be paid. As part of our \$5,000,000 grant from CUP, the city had to come up with ways to conserve water. CUP suggested using a tier water rate structure to get people to conserve their culinary water usage. Also, the operation and maintenance of the culinary water system still needs to be paid, and we needed to come up with the same amount of revenue that we had before the P.I. system went into place.

Bruce Ward explained about the two different types of users and rates. Residents who do not have P.I., and those who have P.I. He handed out, to the public and to the council, a spread sheet comparing how much a residents will be paying who has P.I. and culinary water, verses a resident who is not hooked up to P.I. but is only paying for the culinary water. If you look at a one year period, a person who has P.I. will be paying about \$55 a month, (this is including both culinary and P.I. water, which is about \$660 a year.) People, who are just on culinary water, will pay a lot more money in the summer months, but in the winter their water bills will be lower. Over a years period, people who are just on culinary water, their bills will be about \$600, which is less than the people who are on P.I. and culinary. When the city looked at the new rates, they felt that they should be fair between the two groups of residents. We feel that we have accomplished that.

Some of the concerns are that some of the bills went up 100%, and wondering if the water meters are working correctly. It was stated that the water meters do work correctly, and that a work order will be done to go look at the meter.

Jon Cope felt that the water rates are not fair, and feels that people who are not on P.I. should have a different rate, because they do not get unlimited water use of the P.I. system.

## **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Henderson stated that he would like to move the executive session to the end of council meeting.

## **7. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2008**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the minutes of October 1, 2008.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Stanley Green.

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

## **8. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Brent Hanks to approve the bills for payment.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Terry Ficklin.

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

## **9. PUBLIC SAFETY**

Chief James reported that public safety is doing well. He also reported that the new high school is going well, and that there have not been a lot of problems.

## **10. OPEN DISCUSSION**

There was a question about what was discussed during work session about the utility building at Loafer View Recreation Facility. It was stated that Councilperson Hanks and Durrant will meet with the neighbors and Matt Marziale at the utility building to come up with a solution.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **11. MAYOR J. LANE HENDERSON**

### **12. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT**

### **13. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN**

Councilperson Ficklin reported that the recycle bins are completed, and they will be delivering them to the cities very shortly. Would like to put Salem's at the downtown ball park. He feels that it would be the best place. When it is in place we will be putting information in the news letter describing what can be recycled. He also reported that transfer station will be taking old computers, T.V. and computer printers.

Councilperson Stanly Green left the council chambers

**14. COUNCILPERSON STANLEY W. GREEN**

**15. COUNCILPERSON BRENT V. HANKS**

Councilperson Hanks explained that the new playground equipment has been installed at the Loafer View Recreation Complex. Also, about the parking lot at the shop, we are digging out the old parking lot and replacing it with material so it will not be so muddy.

**16. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON**

Councilperson Gordon reported that he is working with Steve Cox regarding the cemetery and looking at possibility of piping the irrigation ditch that feeds the Sabin Orchards.

**17. DAVE JOHNSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

**18. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER**

**19. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.**

**CLOSE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant to close city council meeting and enter into executive session to discuss “Red Flag” program and the land acquisition.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Brent Hanks.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0)

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Terry Ficklin to approve the Red Flag policy and to allow the mayor to sign it by executive decision.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0)

**ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Terry Ficklin

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (4-0)

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 8:40 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder