

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on September 3, 2008 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work session 6:00 p.m.:

Utah County Health Department had an organization come and discuss ordinances about not allowing smoking in public places. They gave a presentation to the council.

Spanish Fork/Salem Jr. Miss contestants came and talked about the Jr. Miss program.

Ron Rydman, from the Utah Valley Home Builders Association, presented to the council a report about the construction of new homes in the valley.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor J. Lane Henderson

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor J. Lane Henderson
Councilperson Lynn Durrant
Councilperson Stanley W. Green
Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Absent:

Councilperson Brent V. Hanks
Councilperson Todd R. Gordon

Mayor Henderson stated that Councilperson Hanks was having open heart surgery today.

OTHERS PRESENT

Attendance Roll Sheet did not get passed around.

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Henderson asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Councilperson Stanley Green 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. EAGLE PROJECT

McCall Thomas talked about his Eagle Scout Project. He would like to take photos of the headstones at the cemetery, and then link them to the names at the cemetery and put them on a web page. The council felt that it would be a big project, and felt that it would be a great one to have done.

Rick James talked about his Eagle Scout Project. He would like to replace the boards on the footbridge at the pond. He would like to put additional support beams in the middle, and then replace the boards with trax boarding. He feels he would do it in a day. He can get the angle iron for the support donated, and will work on getting the trax board donated also. The council felt that it too would be a great project.

4. CONNECTOR'S AGREEMENTS

Attorney Baker stated that we have two connector's agreements tonight. The first is for Doug Yates, at Salem Heights Subdivision. The other is with Gordy Jones, who is with Highland Homes. Attorney Baker stated that these agreements have been looked over by the engineering department. One change on these connector's agreements is that they would like to have them for ten years, and not seven years. Also, it has been suggested to put a map with the agreements so we know exactly where they are located.

Mayor Henderson stated that in order for the developers to be reimbursed, the connection has to be on the frontage of the improvements.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve the two connector's agreements with Doug Yates and Highland Homes.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Stanley Green.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

5. APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2008

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to approve the minutes of August 20, 2008 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0)

6. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilperson Stanley Green to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0)

7. PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief James explained about the prescription drug drop box in the city office foyer, and how we were able to get it from grant money. It is one of the first ones in the county. People can drop off old prescription drugs, and we will dispose of them properly. It will get rid of a lot of old prescription drugs.

He also explained that so far the traffic for the new high school has not been too bad. He is still concerned about the lack of cross walks on SR 198.

8. OPEN DISCUSSION

Jileen Meservey presented to the council an agenda of the youth council for this upcoming year. She also had a question about the sprinklers around the park and how they have been on, especially after a rain storm. Wondering if there is a way to turn them off and conserve water when they are not needed. It was stated that the city is looking into a new way to control the sprinkler systems; we are doing a beta test at the city office and library. Mayor Henderson stated that we will do better at watering the parks and be more aware.

COUNCIL REPORTS

9. MAYOR J. LANE HENDERSON

Mayor Henderson stated that there will be a High School Dedication Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.

10. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

Councilperson Durrant reported that UMPA is looking at making improvements to some power plants and help participate in building plants that will be needed in the next four years. The estimated cost for the improvements and new plants is \$500,000,000. They are looking at two coal producing power plants, one in Wyoming, improving the Bonanza plant, and improving transmissions lines. She stated that this will really impact the cities that belong to UMPA. Councilperson Green asked about nuclear power plants. It was stated that it will not happen any time soon.

A question was asked about if the city participates in the florescent lighting and promotes it. It was stated that the prior Miss Salem promoted ideas of conservation in the news letter each month. One time she did focus on the florescent lighting, and was even able to get some donated to give to the residents.

Councilperson Durrant reported that the library construction is finished, and will be reopening soon.

She also reported that SUVPS is changing the billing for the sinking fund, rather than a percent of usage, it will be a flat charge. Also, they will not allow the sinking fund to help pay for the bond payment anymore.

11. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

Councilperson Ficklin reported that the recycle bin that was on display for Salem Days, was taken back to have the details put on it. It should be finished here soon, and then will be taken to the ball park located down town (100 East and Center).

12. COUNCILPERSON STANLEY W. GREEN

13. COUNCILPERSON BRENT V. HANKS

14. COUNCILPERSON TODD R. GORDON

15. DAVE JOHNSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Dave Johnson reported the city office addition is coming along great and should be done soon.

16. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER

17. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Stanley Green.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:40 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder