

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on April 5, 2017 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work Session: 6:00 p.m.

1. XERISCAPE LANDSCAPING

Bruce Ward reported on the proposed landscaping incentive program to xeriscape and to change the way our citizens landscape. Bruce presented the recommendations to the council. There was a brief discussion about the recommendations. The council likes these recommendations and are ready to move forward with the incentive program. Bruce will work with Attorney Junior Baker to work on an ordinance. It was decided to have a cap on the amount the city will pay out for the first year and see how it goes.

2. WATER RIGHT REQUIREMENT FOR SUBDIVISION

Bruce reported on the water right requirements that we have for new subdivisions coming in to town. These requirements fit most of the subdivisions, but we do have some situations where these requirements do not fit. Some of the lower density subdivisions need to bring in more water to be more accurate and fair, so Bruce is recommending that we use an application rate on these larger lots. Bruce and Attorney Baker will work on an ordinance for these changes

3. BRENT BLUTH- SELF HELP HOME & CONCEPT DISCUSSION

Brent Bluth, with The Self Help Home Organization, presented the proposed use of the land that his company has purchased north of Stokes Market. These are smaller single family homes that families help build under the supervision of the company's contractor. The families are required to work 30 hours per week on the homes. Their clientele is mostly medium income families. They are organized into 8 to 10 families and no one moves into them until all the homes are finished. The current zoning of this property is R-15, they are proposing to ask for a zoning change to R-10. The concept they work with is more suited to an R-10. The funding for the mortgages comes from the USDA through rural development, and the mortgage value is set by them. He gave the council some addresses so they could go and look at the quality of homes they build.

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone else had anything to report.

Terry Fiklin stated he wanted to make sure that someone covered the change in dispatch and asked if Chief Brad James would cover that. Chief James stated that he would. Terry stated that he had sent a letter to Jeff Nielson and Reece from Republic services and asked Jeff to cover that with the council. Jeff stated he would do that. Terry stated he was looking forward to Salem Days. Mayor Brailsford thanked Terry for his participation in the city.

Jeremy with Strawberry Water users of Payson stated the city staff are excellent to work with. They put the citizens first. He appreciates the staff we have.

Attorney Junior Baker reported that someone is interested in buying the lot in Orchard Farms with the old house on it. They would like to tear down the old house and build a new one. This is what was approved earlier in council meeting with a different owner. If they meet the setbacks that were required then, they would be ok to build. The council was in favor of the new house being built.

Bruce reported the sewer self evaluation report is required every year. This is an evaluation of our sewer system that our operator, Mike Pritchett, fills out. Mike had no complaints in his report. Bruce stated that our guys do a good job, there is a lot of effort in maintaining the system.

Bruce reported on the Georgetown Development, these are minor amendments dealing with separating the commercial mixed use units. This would change when they have to build the mixed-use units and gives the option of changing these units to straight commercial. Attorney Baker did put in if it goes straight commercial the fence would need to be changed from wrought iron fence to a masonry fence.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford
Councilperson Cristy Simons
Councilperson Aaron Cloward
Councilperson Soren Christensen
Councilperson Sterling Rees
Councilperson Craig Warren Excused

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
Junior Baker, City Attorney
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
Clark Crook, Power
Matt Marziale, PW/Recreation
David Johnson, Building Dept.
Allison Taylor

OTHERS PRESENT

Heather Youd, Whitney Graham

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Matt Marziale stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bruce Ward 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. GEORGETOWN DEVELOPMENT- REQUEST FOR A MODIFICATION TO THE CENTRAL PARK DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the request for modification to the Central Park Development Agreement as discussed in work session.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

4. APPROVE COURT CONTRACT

Jeff reported on the contract the court. Heather Brindley is our clerk. Mayor Brailsford recommended we approve this contract.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the State Court Contractual Agreement.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

5. APPROVE SEWER SELF EVALUATION PROGRAM

The sewer self evaluation program was discussed in work session.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve Resolution-40517 a municipal wastewater planning program.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2017

MOTION BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons to approve the minutes of March 15, 2017.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

AMOUNT: \$686,453.54

MOTION BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

8. YOUTH COUNCIL

Whitney Graham, the youth council representative reported that the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 15, 2017. She stated that applications for the youth council will be available on April 24, 2017.

9. CHIEF BRAD JAMES, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

Chief Brad James handed out a packet of the things they give to the young citizens that come to visit the police station. When they visit they always want to see the jail, but since we don't have one they get a police car demonstration. The police always keep the badge stickers in their cars and the children love to get them. He stated this is a good thing for the police and the young citizens. He reported that the fire department and youth council are working on the Easter Egg Hunt, that will be Saturday April 15, 2017. Chief James stated that on April 20, 2017 Officer Marbery would be graduating the academy, and they also have Nova graduation that same night at 6 pm. He stated that the annual fishing day at Salem Pond would be held on May 9, 2017. He also reported on what Terry Fiklin had brought up earlier, Debbie Mecham is retiring May 11, 2017, she has been the Executive Director at the dispatch center. They have been through the interviewing process, which Chief James was invited to be a part of, and offered the position to Regina Nielson. She has accepted the position. Chief James thinks she will do a great job. He appreciates all Debbie has done, she has done a great job. Mayor Brailsford thanked Chief James and the police department for the good job they all do.

10. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING OFFICIAL DIRECTOR

Dave Johnson did not have anything to report tonight.

11. ATTORNEY JUNIOR BAKER

Attorney Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

12. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY RECORDER

Jeff Nielson reported on the issue Terry Fiklin had mentioned in work session, Republic Services would like to take the last load that they pick up to Pleasant Grove to dump it. This hurts the district, which we are a part of. Our contract requires them to dump in Springville unless the two parties agree that it can be dumped elsewhere. As long as we don't agree they will keep dumping in Springville. Councilperson Sterling Rees asked why they wanted to dump in Pleasant Grove, is it closer to home for them. Jeff responded that it is their reasoning. The council stated that they will continue to support Terry and the district. Jeff reported that recycling went well, it took a little longer because some of the cans were so full.

13. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Matt Marziale reported that the construction of the Recreation Activity Center is complete, they have touch ups and the punch list left to do. They have moved in and the staff loves the space. They have already held meetings there. They have had about 5 or 6 senior citizens come in and sign up for the senior program that will start in May. Matt stated that they have held the first Salem Days meeting, the theme this year will be “Family, Friends and Sunshine”. He stated that the green waste will be open April 17 through April 29, and that the details were on the website if they had any citizens with questions.

14. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR

Clark Crook stated that he and Bruce Ward had been addressing the solar issue, they have some people interested in coming to look at our roof space. They have also met with some wholesale suppliers and will meet with them again to help us design our own system. He stated that the power crew has been out replacing poles.

15. BRUCE WARD, ENGINEERING

Bruce Ward reported that he is working with planning and zoning on changes discussed in the directors meeting.

16. WADE REYNOLDS, STORM DRAIN/SAFETY COORDINATOR

Wade Reynolds was excused tonight.

COUNCIL REPORTS

17. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford reported on that the minutes for the work session held on March 8, 2017 were almost wrapped up. He will email these to the council on Monday morning for them to look over.

18. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Sterling Rees reported that that UMPA building should be ready in May. He reminded the council that the UMPA conference in Midway was coming up on April 20, 21, and 21, 2017 for anyone that had signed up to go.

19. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS

Councilperson Cristy Simons welcomed Heather Youd with the Chamber of Commerce. Heather reported that the April business for the month was Stokes Marketplace. The celebration that was supposed to be earlier that day was canceled, it was rescheduled for Wednesday April 12, 2017 at noon at the store, she invited the council to attend. She stated that the Easter Egg Hunts are coming up, the chamber has some eggs and toys to donate to Salem's. On April 26, 2017, the chamber will have their golf tournament, there are a lot of scholarships available.

Councilperson Simons stated that she and Jeff had been approached by Connie Manwaring, about a Messiah performance that she wants have at the high school around Christmas time. They had a meeting with her and she asked the city to help sponsor the event, she asked for a donation of \$2000. They felt like this was too much to donate, but wondered if we could donate some money? Jeff gave her some suggestions about where to get some more donation money. There would be one performance held at our high school and one at Maple Mountain High School. Attorney Junior Baker stated that if they decide to donate money to this we would need to have a public hearing. Councilperson Simons stated that the performance will have professional actors and this is what the money will be used for. Councilperson Rees asked if we could budget in money for donations. Mayor Brailsford stated that we already do that. Jeff Neilson stated that we have \$500 in that account now. Attorney Baker stated that it is state law to do a public hearing for donations unless it is specifically in the budget for an event. He also stated before we become a sponsor we need to look closely at her agenda. He felt better being a donor to the event, instead of a sponsor, they are different. Mayor Brailsford asked if it was the \$2000 or nothing donation. Councilperson Simons stated that Connie is mostly looking for support to put on her banner. The council felt like we should put into the budget \$1000 for this event. Councilperson Simons stated that the Miss Salem Pageant would be held June 3, 2017. She will not be able to attend, and asked if someone else from the council would be willing to hand out the scholarships for her. Mayor Brailsford stated that he would do that.

20. COUNCILPERSON SOREN CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Soren Christensen stated that they have been monitoring the wells and springs. These seem to be marginally up, but we won't feel impact for several months. We will keep the water restriction of no watering on Tuesday, but will lift the Friday restriction, with the option to add it back if we need to. Councilperson Rees asked why we would not just keep both days restricted. Councilperson Christensen stated that when the water situation is better we need to reflect that. He stated we will still keep the no watering between 10 am and 6 pm on all days. Matt Marziale will get signs ordered stating the restrictions. Councilperson Christensen stated that the PI will be turned on between April 15 and 30, 2017, this depends when we can get the water from the canal company. He asked Bruce Ward to report on the trip they took to Mesquite to tour their wastewater facility. Bruce reported that the wastewater treatment plants has a lot of components, and a different level of complications. He stated it is much different system than what we have now, with the potential to pump the treated water back into the PI system. He will be taking our operator, Mike Pritchett to tour one of these treatment plants.

21. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Aaron Cloward did not have anything to report tonight.

22. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Craig Warren was excused tonight.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:40 pm

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder