

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on August 1, 2018 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

**Work Session:** 6:30 p.m.

## **1. HANSEN, ALLEN, AND LUCE**

Bruce Ward introduced Steve Jones with Hansen, Allen, and Luce Engineering. He asked Steve to introduce himself and answer any questions the council may have on the water masterplan. Steve stated that he works for Hansen, Allen, and Luce which is an engineering company that was started in 1974 by a Utah State professor. Steve graduated from BYU and has been working for them almost 20 years. He has been doing masterplans his whole career. Hansen, Allen, and Luce have traveled all over the U.S. doing water modeling. They know what they are doing, and they do it right the first time. He mentioned they have several PHDs on staff and most of their engineers have master's degrees. He stated they will create a masterplan to make our water system efficient and sustainable. He is excited to work with Bruce. He mentioned Bruce has quite a comprehensive scope of work, and that he is doing things in the right order.

## **2. AGENDA ITEM DISCUSSION**

Jeff Nielson recommended we renew the contract that we have with the Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra. It would be the same contract that we have had with them for the last 4 or 5 years. We allow them to hold their rehearsals at the community center and they perform 2 concerts for the city and do 2 deep cleanings of the community center. Jeff commented that it had worked out very well. Betty Herbert, with the orchestra, stated they are very grateful. Chief Brad James asked if there were any questions on the purchase of the new defibrillator. He mentioned the one they are using is from 1996, and a new one is a necessity. The mayor stated that the new one would be bi phasic. Chief James said if it saved one life it would be worth it. This is the same kind as the officers have in their cars so they would be compatible. Mayor Christensen said the Physio is by far the best.

Chief James asked for direction on some illegal signs that are on Elk Ridge Drive and the highway. He stated that Officer Christensen is spending a lot of time on signs. He mentioned that they did contact the owners of those signs and asked them to submit for a permit. Only one of them even applied. Attorney Junior Baker stated that signs are a mess. There was a brief discussion on the sign ordinance and how to enforce it. It was decided to cite them and have them apply for the permit.

The mayor stated they have a developer that wants to help with the masterplan down by Revere Health. They would like to front the money for the masterplan and then be reimbursed by the city. Bruce stated they would probably take credit in development fees. The council felt like this would be a conflict of interest. Bruce commented that he would call them and let them know that we are not interested. Councilperson Craig Warren stated that we need a masterplan for that area. We need to find the money and zone it. Jon Ward said that was a great idea. Bruce mentioned that in his scope of work with Hansen, Allen, and Luce he has asked to have a planner to help come up with some ideas. He said they are getting him some information on that. There are proposed interchanges on both sides of us and we need to make an informed decision on what we do out there, we only have one shot. He said that we can't control time but we can control the destination.

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

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor Kurt L. Christensen

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Kurt L. Christensen  
Councilperson Cristy Simons  
Councilperson Seth Sorensen  
Councilperson Howard Chuntz  
Councilperson Sterling Rees  
Councilperson Craig Warren

**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**

Jon Ward, Betty Herbert, Rusty Smith, Rustin Smith, William Burk, Heather Youd, Evelyn Christensen, Jen Watson

**1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

Mayor Christensen 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**

Betty Herbert 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. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH NEBO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA**

Betty Herbert, with the Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra asked if the council had any questions. Councilperson Sterling Rees asked if the contract was the same as previous years. Jeff Nielson replied that it was. Betty stated they appreciated us letting them use the community center. They enjoy doing the Pond Town Christmas lighting ceremony. She commented they have members from Santaquin to Provo and are a nonprofit organization. They are not paid, they are just having fun and keeping their talents going. She is thankful for all the help they receive.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the contract with the Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

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

#### **4. APPROVE PURCHASE OF DEFIBRILLATOR FOR SEMA**

Chief Brad James reported the Salem Emergency Management Association (SEMA) is currently using a 22-year old LifePak 12 Monitor /Defibrillator that was purchased in 1996. Defibrillators are a vital link between EMT's in the field and physicians in the emergency room. Emergency Room Physicians are able to see vital patient information transmitted from the LifePak and can make life saving decisions after viewing the transmitted patient information. His recommendation is to replace the old and outdated LifePak 12 Defibrillator with a LifePak 15 V4. The funds for this purchase were approved in the budget for 2018/2019. The cost will be \$40,536.30.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen to approve the purchase of defibrillator for SEMA.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren.

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

#### **5. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2018**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren to approve the minutes of July 18, 2018.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons.

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

#### **6. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**AMOUNT:** \$2,070,743.56

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen to approve the bills for payment.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Howard Chuntz.

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

#### **7. YOUTH COUNCIL**

There was not a representative available tonight from the youth council.

#### **8. CHIEF BRAD JAMES, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR**

Chief James reported they held a safety meeting prior to council meeting for Salem Days. The meeting was attended by Chief James, Sergeant Smith, Chief James Ealey, Captain Erman Stone, Mayor Christensen, and Randy Brailsford, who is in charge of the fireworks. They went over each event and they are prepared for them. He commented that this is his 29<sup>th</sup> year and he would like to talk about the hazards of the parade and the fireworks. He is still opposed to throwing candy in the parade. No bag of candy is worth a hurt or dead child. This has always been his stance and the council has always overridden him. Councilperson Craig Warren stated that he would say yes, we should still allow the candy. Mayor Christensen commented that is part of being Salem. Chief James mentioned that they had

moved from letting candy be thrown from a moving entry to saying they need to be walking and have spotters. He wants them to know where he is coming from as their safety director. He said a lot of cities are not letting candy be thrown. Last year there was a girl killed in Nephi and it happens all over the country every year. Councilperson Rees asked what the council will be riding in for the parade. He said in his opinion he would rather ride in the golf carts for safety reasons. The rest of the council agreed. The chief mentioned that all the parade entries know the rules. He stated that Salem puts on a wonderful firework show, but he is concerned because we are getting more people coming, but we don't have anymore ground. He showed the fallout area that they need for the fireworks, he mentioned that is normal fallout with no wind. At some point he feels the council will need to decide to downsize the fireworks or move the location to keep residents safe. He stated that once the fireworks start they cannot be stopped, they are fired electronically. One year because of the wind they ended up with 19 people either burned or with debris in their eyes. They are very limited at this location. The year that they had the fireworks at the high school was the only time he has enjoyed them. They had the space there so that there was little danger to the citizens. As the public safety director, he is letting them know this is a real issue. He mentioned in 2012 he was approached by a citizen of Payson City asking us to participate in Communities that Care. One of the original founders has move to Salem and approached him again to see if we would like to participate. He stated that there is a 140-question test that the kids would need to take, and he doesn't think some of the questions are appropriate. They would ask the schools to give this test, and the schools he has talked to have said they will not give it. He stated that we already have programs that cover a lot of the things they do. He asked the council for direction. The mayor asked him what he thought. He replied that he isn't for it. Mayor Christensen said he hasn't heard any overwhelming reasons to do it. The council directed the chief to tell them we are not interested.

#### **9. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING OFFICIAL DIRECTOR**

Dave Johnson did not have anything to report tonight.

#### **10. ATTORNEY JUNIOR BAKER**

Attorney Junior Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

#### **11. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY RECORDER**

Jeff stated he is working to close out the budget for last year. He is getting June taken care of. He mentioned the auditors would be coming in October, which is later than they have come in prior years.

#### **12. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Matt Marziale reported they held a meeting with the director of the young performers. The meeting went well and they spelled out benefits and expectations from both parties. She was very receptive to what they said, and she wants to continue with the city. They let her know there will be a budget and she will need to stay in that budget. They will work with Jeff on

that. Matt attended a performance and it was a great show with a lot of local youth and adults. Councilperson Cristy Simons stated she attended a performance as well. Matt said he has arranged to have the golf carts on Thursday, there is not a problem keeping them until Saturday, but he will need to let Gladstan know. The council said they would need 6 for the parade.

### **13. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR**

Clark Crook did not have anything to report tonight.

### **14. BRUCE WARD, ENGINEERING**

Bruce Ward reminded the council the groundbreaking for the new wastewater treatment plant is tomorrow at 10 a.m. The mayor has a copy of the agenda. The mayor will speak, Erica Gaddis, from the Department of Environmental Quality, will also speak. Then they will rotate through the shovels for the groundbreaking. The mayor stated that it should only be about 15 to 20 minutes. He asked if someone would do a benediction. Councilperson Howard Chuntz stated that he would do it.

Bruce stated they had went over a draft contract with Payson City for the use of the plant, they need to have their lawyer review it. Councilperson Warren asked how many in Spanish Fork they would be taking. Bruce replied that Spanish Fork is looking to come off of our system and build a pump station.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **15. MAYOR KURT CHRISTENSEN**

Mayor Christensen reported the city employees are doing good, we haven't had any problems. He commented that Miss Salem has been going to all the parades.

### **16. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

Councilperson Rees asked if the family fireside was at 7 p.m. at the high school. Matt replied it was. Councilperson Rees reminded the council they are invited on August 22, 2018 to the UMPA summer social at the Provo Rec Center. He stated the power is doing okay.

### **17. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS**

Councilperson Simons asked if anyone had any questions about Salem Days. She asked that the council attend all the events that they could. She said people have worked hard and we need to let them know we appreciate it. The mayor asked if certain council members would like to present certain awards. Councilperson Rees said that in the past the mayor has let them know the ones they will be awarding. Matt stated he will have a hard copy available for them at the events. Councilperson Rees commented that it is nice to see what you are reading in advance. Matt said that Jen will email them to the mayor and he can forward them to the council.

### **18. COUNCILPERSON HOWARD CHUNTZ**

Councilperson Chuntz reported the water flow in the spring is still down, but not as low as it has been. Councilperson Warren asked how low it was. He replied the flow is 175.

Councilperson Chuntz said the library board changed their minds and would like the council to be the spotters at the auction, if they could all be prepared to do that. The mayor asked if they had received all the donations that they need. He did not know. Councilperson Simons said it all comes together at the end.

The mayor asked about the youth council. Councilperson Simons said they are planning to do what they always have, and will be very involved with Salem Days.

### **19. COUNCILPERSON SETH SORENSEN**

Councilperson Seth Sorensen mentioned they had the chamber meeting in morning. Heather Youd, with the chamber, stated that they had moved to 67 East 100 North. The August business of the month is Summit Motorsports. There will be a groundbreaking for the IHC hospital on August 13, 2018 at 3 p.m. and the noon networking lunch will be held on August 15, 2018. She commented if they could get her a calendar of events for Salem Days she will get it sent out.

### **20. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN**

Councilperson Warren did not have anything to report tonight. He will have more on solid waste at the next meeting. The mayor commented that the roads are great. Councilperson Warren stated that James and his crew have done a great job.

Mayor Christensen asked if there were any comments or questions from the public. There were none.

### **ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren to adjourn city council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 7:45 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder