

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on August 2, 2017 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

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

### **AGENDA ITEM DISCUSSION**

Mayor Brailsford thanked Matt Marziale and Jen Wright for all the work they are doing for Salem Days.

Matt reported on the proposal to change the ordinance in the historical section of town regarding curb and gutter. We now have the staff, tools and a master plan to make sure that curb and gutter are put in the right place so there is no need to have this special district. The staff would like to see this changed as soon as possible. If we don't have them pay for it now then the taxpayers have to pay for it later when we need to do the improvements. The proposed changes were discussed, there were a lot of questions in the instance of a remodel. There was no question on a new building, this would be treated like anywhere else in the city. The mayor asked Matt to work on the points that had been brought up in the discussion.

Matt stated that we have a grader that needs to be put on surplus. He isn't sure how long we have had this grader but it is no longer feasible to keep repairing. Mayor Brailsford stated that we have had it for 24 years. Matt would like to look into getting one that is serviceable in the next budget year. We do have a high need for the grader.

Matt stated that he has a list for the roads that need to have an overlay done in this budget year. He stated that Eckles Paving has agreed that they will honor their last bid. Matt feels like it worked out well to have our crew work with their crew to get them done.

Councilperson Soren Christensen stated that he would like to see more transparency at how we are choosing which roads to overlay. Matt stated that he has a list with 21 roads on it, he will get the list with explanations sent to the council.

**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

#### **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**

Howard Chuntz, Jon Ward, Janie Christensen, Kelly Peterson

## **1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

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

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

Mayor Brailsford 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 MT. LAND FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO SENIOR CENTER**

Jeff Nielson stated that this is the same contract that we approved a few months ago, we need to approve it again for the fiscal year 2018. This is for reimbursement on the senior lunch program.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the contract with Mt. Land for services provided to the senior center.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

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

## **4. APPROVE SOUTHAM WATER AGREEMENT**

Mayor Brailsford stated that he and Councilperson Christensen had been working on this for several months and feel comfortable with the agreement.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve the Southam Water Agreement.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

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

## **5. CURB/GUTTER/SIDEWALK DISCUSSION**

This was discussed in the work session. Matt and Bruce will work on the issues brought up by the council and will get back to them.

## **6. APPROVE SURPLUS OF CITY EQUIPMENT**

### **a. GRADER (ROADS DEPARTMENT)**

The surplus of the grader was discussed in work session.

**b. POLICE VEHICLE**

Chief Brad James stated that there is currently a 2014 Ford Interceptor VIN# 1FM5K8ARXEGA80655 that he would like placed on surplus. This vehicle is equipped with K-9 equipment. He thinks that if we keep it another year there will be no value left in it. He stated that any money they get for this vehicle will go towards a new K-9 unit.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the surplus of the grader and the police vehicle.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons.

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

**7. APPROVE OVERLAY OF ROADS**

Matt stated that we are in a new budget year, there is money available to do some road improvements. He stated that Eckles paving is willing to honor the bid that they gave us for the last improvements. This worked out well, with them supplying half the crew and the equipment and us supply half a crew and the asphalt. The staff recommendation is to approve the bid to Eckles and do the overlay on the roads discussed in work session.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve the overlay of roads, subject to seeing the criteria used to determine which roads will be worked on in the future.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren.

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

**8. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2017**

Councilperson Soren Christensen stated that there was an error on the minutes it said Nebo Well and it should have said Maple Canyon Well.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the minutes of July 19, 2017 with said changes.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

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

**9. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Councilperson Soren Christensen had one question on the bills, there was a \$5000.00 payment made to the Dart Law Firm, he asked what this was for. Attorney Baker stated that this is our public defender. He is new and has more experience than the lawyer we used previously.

**AMOUNT:** \$666,682.66

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

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

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

## **10. YOUTH COUNCIL**

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

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

Chief Brad James stated that they had been to a meeting today with Utah County about the damage caused by the flooding from the rainstorm that we had a couple weeks ago. It did not look promising. There is not much relief for residential, it is mostly for commercial and infrastructure damage. He stated that we go to the county and they take it to the state, they asked if we wanted to push it up to the state and we said yes. He stated we don't want to give residents false hope, but we do want to do everything we can for them. He stated that we are not giving up and are still trying.

At the last council meeting, Chief James had explained his concern about candy being thrown from vehicles in the parade. There was a committee put together and it was decided no candy could be thrown from vehicles. If an entry would like to throw candy the throwers must be walking and they must have 2 spotters with their entry. If they do not comply with these rules they will be kicked out of the parade. We want the parade to be safe.

Chief James reported that a car had went into the pond last week. No one was in the car and no one was injured. A young woman and her boyfriend were going fishing. As she left the car she forgot to put it in park. They are trying to recoup the cost for this, there were a lot of resources used to get the car out.

He stated they have held public safety meetings and are ready for Salem Days.

Councilperson Christensen asked if our police department had been affected by the recall by Ford about the carbon monoxide problems they have had. Chief James thanked him for his concern and stated that we have not been, but we are monitoring our vehicles.

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

Dave Johnson stated that there had not been a DRC meeting held today, so he did not have anything to report.

## **13. ATTORNEY JUNIOR BAKER**

Attorney Junior Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

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

Jeff Nielson went over the budget summary report for fiscal year 2016/2017. He complimented all the departments, they spend wisely. He stated the auditors will be here the last week in August. The mayor thanked Jeff.

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

Matt reported that they are almost ready for Salem Days. He would love to see the council at all of the events. He stated that the open house for the Activity Center will be held on Saturday August 12 during the Fair in the Square.

He reported that the pumps at the lift station by Stokes both have to be replaced. The pumps down there are residential pumps, they were not planning on the lift station being there that long. They were \$1000.00 each.

Matt stated that the county had tested the pond yesterday and the tests came back very good. The county will be back to test on Monday for the duct tape boat regatta, unless it rains that day.

Matt remarked that the pond has a lot of residue and looks pretty bad in spots. He would like to bring in a recreational size boat on the pond, like they did last year, on Wednesday. He will let the homeowners around the pond know that this is being done.

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

Clark Crook told the council that the line truck that had been placed on surplus had been purchased. It sold for \$7200.00, which is more than we had planned to sell it to Levan City for. The estimate that we had received from Altec was between \$5000 and \$8000.

He stated the power department was getting ready for Salem Days. They are setting up the lights and speakers at the stage.

He reported that the power system is holding up well to the heat. He stated that we have experienced one overload that affected 3 to 4 subdivisions. They are reviewing fuse coordination. We are just growing and picking up more of a load with additional heat and more homes. We are peaking our system. Mayor Brailsford thanked the crew.

#### **17. BRUCE WARD, ENGINEERING**

Bruce Ward stated that he is working with planning and zoning on the 55 and older overlay that was discussed with the council in work session a week ago. He mentioned that at the next meeting we will need to officially adopt the wastewater treatment resolution. If the council would like a copy to let him know. They will also try to put a copy on the web page.

They also need to do a rate structure resolution for the sewer at the August 16 meeting. He is trying to set up a meeting with the High Line Canal Company for Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. and asked if the mayor and Councilperson Christensen could be available that day. Both stated they could attend that meeting.

#### **18. WADE REYNOLDS, STORM DRAIN/SAFETY COORDINATOR**

Wade Reynolds was excused tonight.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### **19. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD**

Mayor Brailsford asked Chief James to have our nuisance abatement officer check on the house at Center Street and Main on the northwest side, it looks pretty bad. Chief James stated that after a lot of effort he finally cut the weeds down, but they will look into it again.

## **20. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

Councilperson Sterling Rees reported that the golf tournament will probably have the same good turnout. He stated that the UMPA summer social will be on August 23, 2017 at the Provo Recreation Center. The councilmembers and their families are invited.

## **21. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS**

Councilperson Cristy Simons stated that the chamber is always busy in the summer. They are currently working on a video and she will let the council know when it comes out. She reported that there were a lot of details that went into the concert that will be held Monday night. There will be a meet and greet held at 6 p.m. and a VIP section for the council and Miss Salem Royalty. When the concert starts this will be removed and the council can move to the bleachers to sit with their families. Councilperson Craig Warren stated that they should not move bleachers there, just use chairs. Matt will be taking flyers to the homeowners that live close to the football field where the concert will be held. They are bringing in portable bathrooms to put by the entrance. There will be food trucks there. The mayor thanked Cristy for all of the work she has done on the summer concerts.

## **22. COUNCILPERSON SOREN CHRISTENSEN**

Councilperson Soren Christensen gave an update on the PI, in the past two weeks we are averaging 12-acre feet per day. There has been no change in the wells and water looks pretty good.

Mayor Brailsford stated that he is looking into the Maple Canyon Well, Woodland Hills owns 40% of the well and we own the other 60%. We only get a report saying what they owe us for the power used there and he would like to know how much water they take out of the well. He is interested in buying their share out when they finish their new well.

## **23. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD**

Councilperson Aaron Cloward reminded the council of the open house on Saturday August 12, and hoped they could make it there. He stated that the parks department is doing curbing at the soccer park. He expressed this is a pretty active time for the recreation. Coed softball has 14 teams which is 6 more teams than last year. Women's soccer is up 1 more team to 6 teams. Cheerleading has 88 participants and it will continue through the fall. Football has been drafted and teams have received their pads.

## **24. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN**

Councilperson Craig Warren has attended the SUSWD meeting and the good news is they are operating in the black.

Mayor Brailsford stated that the green waste was open after the storm to help residents with clean up. It was well used. He stated he had a concerned citizen state that both of their cans, garbage and recycle, were dumped into the same truck. Jeff stated he will check into that. He thanked Kelly Peterson for attending the meeting. Kelly is the electrical director in Spanish Fork. The mayor appreciates the relationship we have with them.

**25. CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren to go to closed session.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons.

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

**a. PERSONNEL DISCUSSION**

**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:** 9:35 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder