

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on January 2, 2019 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

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

## **1. AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION**

Bruce Ward stated the connector agreement with Robert Nelson is for the required improvements that he did for the Loafer Mountain View Subdivision Plat E and F. He was required to install 750 feet of sewer, water, PI and electric, and also to pay for some SESD infrastructure. The developer on the other side of the road will have to pay half of what he paid. The agreement will be for 30 years, but should be done sooner, as Cliff Hales is developing Deer Hollow on the other side. Dave Johnson asked Bruce to explain how that agreement will work. Bruce replied the agreement is between the city and Robert, so we will invoice Cliff, then he will pay the city and the city will pay Robert.

Chief Brad James commented at the last council meeting they had retired K-9 MJ. Tonight, he has a small presentation and is asking for council to approve the contract to donate her to the Smith family.

Chief James mentioned that Captain Erman Stone is retiring, when will be up to him and Karen Booth. He stated they will be having a retirement dinner on January Thursday 24, 2019. He will let them know the time.

Dave Johnson did not have anything to report tonight. The mayor asked Dave if Steve had started working with him. Dave replied he started today, he will be working towards getting certified by April 1, 2019. Councilperson Sterling Rees asked if that was Dave's retirement day. Dave replied it was.

Attorney Junior Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

Jeff Neilson did not have anything to report tonight.

Matt Marziale stated Troy Tischner has been working on a maintenance program for all the city vehicles and equipment. They will be implementing this next Monday.

Clark Crook reported the temporary power at the new school site is ready to go. Jeff mentioned at the next council meeting they will be looking at the Barrett annexation, he asked Clark to get those prices.

Bruce asked if the council would be okay with Forsgren coming to do a sewer plant update at the next meeting and if they want it during council meeting or work session. The mayor replied in work session.

Mayor Christensen did not have anything to report.

Councilperson Sterling Rees did not have anything to report.

Councilperson Cristy Simons reported they held a winter softball tournament last weekend, they had 7 teams participate and 8 inches of snow. Youth basketball is starting this weekend, and signups for youth soccer are beginning soon. Pond Town Christmas was awesome, we need to get some donations to build it up.

Councilperson Howard Chuntz stated the water report says we are average for the year.

Councilperson Seth Sorensen commented there is a new chamber board coming in the end of this month. It is a good group coming in.

Councilperson Craig Warren reported they are looking to move the transfer station from Springville to Spanish Fork. Spanish Fork City Council approved the zone change. Terry Ficklin, at the Transfer Station, is putting together a conditional use permit. On January 23, 2019 they will be voting whether to purchase the property or not. He said everyone was on board except maybe Springville. It will be a nice building and it will be fully enclosed. Councilperson Rees asked what they will do with the old building. Councilperson Warren replied it would probably be demolished and the property would be sold. He said Salem City will be voting in favor of the new building unless anyone has objections. Bruce mentioned that it would be good if Terry emailed the financials out to the cities.

**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**

Jan J. Ward, Patti Smith, Jim Smith, Makenzie Simons, Brenlynn Smith, Carter Smith, Shae Smith, Greg Smith, Greg Gurney, William Burk, Calvin Pearson, Stacy Bliss

**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**

Mayor Christensen 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 ROBERT NELSON'S CONNECTOR'S AGREEMENT**

This item was discussed in work session. Mayor Christensen asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen to approve Robert Nelson's connector's agreement.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons.

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

#### 4. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH GREG SMITH FOR CARE OF K-9

Chief James commented tonight is fun, we get to retire one of our own. He is excited to have Sargent Smith and his family Shay, Carter and Brenlynn here, along with their friend Mackenzie and Sargent Smith's parents Jim and Patty Smith.

In November 2013, a local boy scout, Michael Bunker raised the money from special events & fund raisers for a new police K9 for Salem City Police. K9 Mary Jane, better known as MJ, was donated to Salem City from this scouts determined efforts. Sergeant Greg Smith was selected to be the new K9 handler for MJ. Unbeknownst to many, K9 MJ was a blessing and helped fill a huge hole in the Smith family who, only eight days before getting MJ, lost their stillborn baby girl. MJ earned her place in the Smith Family home by providing them her unconditional love and companionship during this difficult time.

K9 MJ and Sergeant Smith became very successful early on in their partnership together. Through numerous hours of training and success on the street, they became very well-known across not only Utah County but across the State of Utah as being an efficient and remarkable narcotics detection team. In 2015, K9 MJ and Sergeant Smith competed in the Las Vegas Metro Police K9 competition in Las Vegas Nevada where they competed against K9 teams from all over the Western United States and Mexico. In this competition, K9 MJ and Sergeant Smith took 3rd Place in Narcotics Building Search which was a direct reflection of great partnership between Sergeant Smith and K9 MJ as well as the high quality narcotics K9 MJ had developed into.

Throughout her career, K9 MJ has numerous drug finds both large and small with successful convictions at both the state and federal levels. The most notable finds in MJ's career is 10 pounds of methamphetamine located inside the rear fender of a vehicle, 3 pounds of methamphetamine and ¼ pound of heroin in the side wall of an SUV, and 186 pounds of marijuana found in four large duffle bags inside of an SUV.

Besides her work on the streets searching for and finding illegal drugs, one of the most rewarding opportunities had by MJ was the opportunity to interact with the citizens of Salem, specifically the children. K9 MJ did countless demonstrations for community organizations such as elementary schools, senior citizen groups, church groups, and even birthday parties. Because of K9 MJ's sweet demeanor, the citizens of Salem were able to interact closely with MJ by petting her and playing tug-of-war with her.

K9 MJ has had a rewarding and successful career with Salem City Police Department. It's unfortunate that MJ career has been cut short. MJ looks forward to her retirement and is excited to continue her loving relationship with Sergeant Smith, Sergeant Smith's wife Shea and children Carter & Brenlynn.

He appreciates the Smith family and MJ.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the agreement with the Smith family and to retire MJ.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Howard Chuntz.

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

The mayor told the Smith's MJ was officially theirs.

**5. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2018**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons to approve the minutes of December 12, 2018.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

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

Jeff mailed out the minutes of the RDA meeting held at the last council meeting. Those minutes will be approved unless he hears back from the council.

**6. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

The mayor asked if the audit cost was \$18,200. Jeff replied that it was. The mayor asked if the attorney fees were just our third. Councilperson Craig Warren asked what the time period for the bill was. Jeff said it was just for our portion and that was for a month.

**AMOUNT:** \$2,710,575.21

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren to approve the bills for payment.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Howard Chuntz.

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

**7. YOUTH COUNCIL**

There was not a representative from the youth council available.

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

Reported in work session.

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

Reported in work session.

**10. ATTORNEY JUNIOR BAKER**

Reported in work session.

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

Reported in work session.

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

Reported in work session.

**13. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR**

Reported in work session.

**14. BRUCE WARD, ENGINEERING**

Reported in work session.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**15. MAYOR KURT CHRISTENSEN**

Reported in work session.

**16. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

Reported in work session.

**17. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS**

Reported in work session.

**18. COUNCILPERSON HOWARD CHUNTZ**

Reported in work session.

**19. COUNCILPERSON SETH SORENSEN**

Reported in work session.

**20. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN**

Reported in work session.

The mayor asked if anyone had anything else to discuss.

**ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen to adjourn council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Howard Chuntz.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 7:14 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder