

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on January 3, 2018 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford/Mayor Kurt Christensen

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

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

Lew Christensen, Evelyn Christensen, Ross Christensen, Kristie Christensen, Jessie Taylor, James Taylor, Whitney Graham, Brylee Ivers, Jenny Graham, John Peterson, Char Layne, Duane Curtis, Susan Warren, Howard Chuntz, Alison Chuntz, Jeff Peterson, R. Sheldon Maughan, Lana Parker, Camden, Owen H., James Peterson, Kayzden Lerwill, Tripp Kay, Asher Mecham, Jaxson Quittner, Grady Pingel, Kaaren Pearson, Maxine Christensen, Greg Christensen, Rod Christensen, Justin Strong, Cynthia Rees, Melissa Forbush, Heather Youd, William Burk, Marc Roberts, Joseph L. Summers, Brent M. Tischner, Reta Tischner, Glenda Lyman, Keith Lyman, Nancy Christopherson, Ed Christopherson, Jason Peterson, Jordan Munns, Josh Doherty, Michelle Doherty, Mindi Wiscombe, Mike Anderson, Jeremy Sorensen, Ryan Sorensen, Heather Sorensen, Linda Evans, Lee Evans, Kelly Peterson, George Curtis, Nedra Curtis, Brant Tuttle, Michele Rolfe, James D. Walker

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

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

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Scouts, Kayzden Lerwill and James Peterson, invited those who wish to participate, to stand and say the pledge of allegiance with them. They then led the pledge of allegiance for those who wanted to participate.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2017

MOTION BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons to approve minutes of December 13, 2017.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

4. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

AMOUNT: \$565,067.30

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

Mayor Brailsford thanked the super council that he has sitting with him. They are a tremendous council, they have reviewed and studied on issues before voting. There has been good debate about things, but once it becomes an ordinance or a standard then they move on. He hopes that kind of democracy stays in this chamber for many years to come. He encourages citizens to come to the meetings, read the newsletter, look for the red alerts. He mentioned that Councilperson Soren Christensen will be gone tonight and he will be missed. He always studied on the issues they were dealing with. He is proud to call Soren his friend. He stated that doing this for 21 years, this council right here is one to be very proud of. He thanked them for their service. He thanked the citizens and volunteers in our community, the volunteers are the heart of this city. He is thankful for the 21 years he has been mayor and for the people he has met during that time. Serving the community has been a big part of his life. He hopes the new administration is very successful and that the council continues to study and do what is right for the city. He advised Kurt Christensen that it is a lot of work and that prayers help and help guide the city. He is thanked everyone for his 24 years of serving Salem City.

Councilperson Soren Christensen thanked Mayor Brailsford for all the work and service he has given the city for 24 years. When he started he wasn't sure how they would get along, but found they could differ but still work well together. He thanked his fellow council and wishes them all the best. He thanked the staff and city employees. He thanked Jeff Neilson and stated that he is the heart and soul of the city. He knows the financials better than anyone. He thanked Chief Brad James, he has done outstanding in his career, and is a great mentor to the Fire and SEMA departments. He thanked Attorney Junior Baker for always keeping us out of trouble, his is an unsung job. He thanked Bruce Ward for keeping the city strong and growing the right way. He thanked Matt Marziale, he doesn't know anyone with more plates and balls in the air, he is in charge of both recreation and public works which are big jobs. He thanked Clark Crook for keeping the continuity of power we use, it is amazing what he does. He thanked Dave Johnson for keeping the buildings up to code. He thanked all those that supported him in his run for mayor. To the incoming mayor and new council, despite the unwarranted assassination of his character, he wishes them well. He said with that he would give up his seat.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mayor Brailsford turned the time over to Jeff Nielson, Salem City Recorder.

5. COUNCILMEMBERS

Jeff Nielson swore in Sterling Rees and Howard Chuntz as city council members.

6. MAYOR

Jeff Nielson swore in Kurt Christensen as Mayor.

Mayor Kurt Christensen adjourned council meeting for refreshments.

RESUME COUNCIL MEETING at 7:42 p.m.

Mayor Christensen thanked those that had supported and helped him in his run for mayor. He thanked Randy for his service. He stated that it had been hard to run against Soren. He decided 4 years ago to run for mayor, but he didn't tell anyone but his wife, and here he is now. His family was a big part of his campaign and even though it ruined their summer, he thanked his daughters and wife for their great support. He said he will work hard to make Salem a great place.

7. YOUTH COUNCIL

Whitney Graham reported that for December they had done Sub for Santa and it was very successful and they helped a few families. She stated that they had received a lot of help lighting the luminaries at the cemetery on Christmas Eve and it had been the fastest they had gotten them done. She thanked everyone and wished them a Happy New Year.

8. PUBLIC HEARING (CONTINUED FROM DECEMBER 13, 2017) (to open)

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to open the public hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

a. Northern Engineering – Request for Zone Change on 2.54 Acres of Property located at 1000 South 880 West from R-15 to R-12

Bruce Ward reported this is a zone change request for Skyview Estates, located by Elk Ridge Drive and the charter school. Brant Tuttle stated that he appreciated the opportunity to

come before the council. He wanted to have the developer here but had he had a problem again and couldn't make it. They started this project in 2007 and have had 3 different developers. Since that time the county has changed the right of way from 66 ft. to 90 ft. and they lost some of their property. They are asking for a zone change on the 8 lots that this property loss would affect. If they do not get the zone change they will lose 2 lots, which is critical to them because they have a lot of infrastructure costs. There are 50 lots in the subdivision. Bruce noted that DRC had felt like too much time had gone by since they have done anything with this subdivision. DRC felt this zone change should be denied. The zone change request then went to Planning and Zoning and they concurred that it should be left the R-15 zone. Attorney Junior Baker stated that the county is purchasing the right of way, so that should soften the blow. Councilperson Sterling Rees asked what the other lots in the area were zoned. Bruce answered that everything in the area is R-15. Mayor Christensen asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

(to close)

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to close the public hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

Councilperson Seth Sorensen asked how much time has lapsed. Bruce stated it has been many years. Mayor Christensen asked Bruce what his thoughts were. Bruce stated that he would go with the recommendations from DRC and Planning and Zoning.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to deny the zone change from R-15 to R-12 on property located at 1000 South 880 West.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

9. JEREMY SORENSEN – REPORT ON UPCOMING ASSESSMENT FROM STRAWBERRY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION FOR 2018 IRRIGATION

Jeremy Sorensen with Strawberry Water Users asked the council for more snow. He stated that he is here to report good news for the city. He has been meeting with Bruce and Matt Marziale on the water assessments and they will be lowering them to 15.5 per acre ft.

10. APPROVE 300 WEST CANAL ROAD – IRRIGATION/ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Matt reported that there is a road failure at 300 West and Canal Road due to the Salem Canal pipe rotting away. It has failed at the seams. It is barricaded so that no one drives into it. The majority of the repair falls on the canal company. We own 22 percent of the shares of the company, so the repair cost will come back to us through assessments. We are ready to move forward with the repair, but they are not ready to fund the project. Matt is presenting 3 options to the council tonight. Option 1 is for the city to go in and pulling out the old squash metal pipe and put in a new squash pipe at the cost of \$35,000. This option will result

in similar failure 12 to 15 years from now. Option 2 is for the city to pull out the old squash pipe and replace it with a concrete pipe at the cost of \$45,000. This will reduce future maintenance issues and failures. Option 3 is to refuse to front the cost and wait for the Canal Company to raise their water assessments on all users. Once they collect the funds they will then repair the canal with metal squash pipe. This option leaves us with a road issue for 3 to 4 more months. The staff recommends going with option 2 so that we do not have the same problem in 12 to 15 years. Matt stated that the canal company has received 3 bids and all are around the \$45,000. Councilperson Craig Warren asked if Matt and Bruce were both comfortable with the design and plan for the pipe. Bruce stated that the design is correct, and the pipe size would be identical to what it is now. Councilperson Howard Chuntz asked if there was anything happening on this road in the future that would make this repair irrelevant. Bruce stated that Central Utah Water could come down that road but they are not sure on the timing. Matt stated that even if they came in and changed it, we would seek to keep the old canal for our storm drain system. Mayor Christensen stated that he thinks that the concrete pipe is the right way to fix it. Matt advised that the funding would come out of the water fund and the road repair fund.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the repair of the road failure at 300 West and Canal Road with the concrete pipe at the cost of \$45,000.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

11. DIRECTORS REPORTS

Mayor Christensen asked if any of the directors had anything to report.

Bruce stated that at the last council meeting they had approved the amendment to the water ordinance for cash in lieu of culinary water. He has had two developers Kevin Kuhni, with Whisper Ridge, who is short 2.77 acre feet, and Tyler Roberts, with Salem Park, who is short 11 acre feet come to him and ask to be allowed to pay in cash. He has done some research and found the average price to be \$3500 per acre foot for water. Councilperson Sterling Rees asked if this was for culinary water. Bruce replied that it was, we will not accept cash in lieu of on secondary water. Bruce stated that this money we receive would be ear tagged to go towards a specific project, the need for master planning. It would be in this account until we have enough to fund the whole masterplan. Councilperson Rees asked if we would have any problem with developers coming back, upset that they couldn't do this. Bruce stated that the ordinance just went into effect. Councilperson Chuntz asked if Bruce had checked with any water brokers, he feels like that might be a low price. Bruce replied that he had called but had not heard back from them. He stated that he could research this further. He stated that Whisper Ridge is fully completed and sitting, waiting on this small amount of water.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to accept Bruce working with Mayor Christensen towards coming up with a fair market value for the cash in lieu of water.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

Chief Brad James reminded the council that the police department along with the Utah County Department of Drug & Alcohol Prevention & Treatment will be doing a special training on opioid overdose that is free to the public. It will be held on Thursday January 18, 2018 at the Salem Hills High School. He hopes to fill the high school, educate residents, and save some of our citizens.

Matt stated that the crews will be going around picking up Christmas trees that are out on the curb this week through Friday. They will park a trailer at the Activity Center for 2 weeks after that and people can bring them down. He stated this information has been put on the website.

12. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Christensen asked if there were any council reports tonight. There were not any.

13. MAYOR/COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Kurt L. Christensen

Public Safety
Finances/Budget
City Employees
Development Review Committee (DRC)
Miss Salem

Councilperson Sterling Rees

Mayor Pro Tem
Electrical- UMPA - SUVPS
Mayor Council Advisory Board
Memorial Day Program

Councilperson Howard Chuntz

Water (Primary and Secondary)
SUVMTA & Mt. Nebo Water Representatives
New Sewer Plant Representative
Youth Council
Library

Councilperson Seth Sorensen

Sewer
New Sewer Plant Representative
Chamber of Commerce Representative
Green Waste
Easter Egg Hunt

Councilperson Cristy Simons

Recreation
Concert for Salem Days
Senior Dinners
Halloween Trunk or Treat

Councilperson Craig Warren

Solid Waste/Recycling
Storm Drain
Roads
Pond Town Lighting Ceremony

Councilperson Warren asked for clarification on the assignments, if the mayor wanted the directors to report to them or to do it a different way. Mayor Christensen replied that he would like the directors to report to them.

Mayor Christensen stated that city council meetings can vary a bit, he has been reading about them. He wants to make sure there is a chance for public comment. He feels the public should always have a chance to speak, anyone that wants to. Jan Watson asked how to know when public comments are welcome and when they are not. Mayor Christensen replied that the public would be invited to comment. She asked if the public could ask questions about things being discussed. He answered they could.

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: 8:21 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder