

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on January 4, 2017 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

**Work Session:** 6:45 p.m.

Bruce Ward reported on the resolution for the Watersmart water and energy efficiency grant, this is a grant we are applying for to help fund the metering of our PI system. With this grant, the Bureau of Reclamation would pay 41% of the cost to set up the meters, up to one million dollars. Applying for this grant does not bind us to anything, the resolution is saying that the council knows we are applying for this grant and supports it. If we get the grant we would have 3 years to finish the project. When we have the metering in place we will have more knowledge about the usage of our PI. The metering system we would use is an AMI system. There is a lot of power with this system, we can read about 200 to 300 meters with the push of a button. We could easily monitor any watering during the hours of 10 to 6, or on non-watering days, this would help with our conservation efforts. It would help us with leak detection and we can also make more educated decisions on our infrastructure with correct data. At this time, we do not need to set rates, all we are doing is moving forward with applying for the grant. Bruce stated he will send out a final draft to the council when it is done. The grant application is due in two weeks.

**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**

Heather Youd, Summer Christensen, Adam Mason, Alexander Mason.

**1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

Mayor Brailsford 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**

Councilperson Craig Warren 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 RESOLUTION FOR WATERSMART WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS**

This item was discussed in work session.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve resolution for Watersmart water and energy efficiency grants.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren.

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

**4. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2016**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve minutes of December 14, 2016.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons.

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

**5. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**AMOUNT:** \$531,267.35

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

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

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

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

Chief Brad James reported that we have new members of our ambulance and fire department, we are working on getting them trained. The police department has applied and received two grants, one for an in-car video camera, and another for 5 portable breathalyzers.

Mayor Brailsford stated that the police department did an excellent job through the Christmas season and he appreciates it, they do a good job.

The Mayor also commended the Roads department, they have done a great job, and have had to leave their families on Christmas to keep the roads safe and drivable.

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

Dave Johnson did not have anything to report tonight.

**8. ATTORNEY JUNIOR BAKER**

Attorney Junior Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

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

Jeff Nielson reported that the opt out recycling program is doing well, we have had about 100 people opt out so far. We will be sending out another message next week. Mayor Brailsford asked how the feedback has been. Jeff said it has been mostly positive.

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

Matt Marziale stated he will pass on the appreciation to the road crews. James Thomas does the majority of the planning for the snow removal and he has done an outstanding job. He stated that the plow drivers are doing the best they can to make the roads drivable and safe for travel. They are not maliciously filling the driveways back in, which has been a complaint from a few residents, but the snow has to go somewhere and they are just trying to keep the roads clean.

Matt also reported that he had sand delivered for sandbags, they have looked at the weather forecast and think we could get some flooding in the coming week with the warming temperatures after all of the snow. Councilperson Soren Christensen stated that if they are anticipating floods we should make sure we clear the grates.

**11. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR**

Clark Crook reported that we had received the results from the pole inspection we had done. The pole inspection was done by an outside source and they tested the poles with a resistograph tester, they also labeled the poles and take two pictures of the poles from both sides. The labeling will help us know where we are on the infrastructure and what connections are on which pole. They tested 1005 poles, we only had a 2.8% failure rate, so we have nine poles that need immediate replacement. Councilperson Craig Warren asked if these poles would be replaced this year. Clark stated that they would. Councilperson Sterling Rees asked Clark if we have had any problems with trees and the snow this year. Clark said we have been fortunate this year and had not had any major problems.

**12. BRUCE WARD, ENGINEERING**

Bruce reported in work session.

**13. WADE REYNOLDS, STORM DRAIN/SAFETY COORDINATOR**

Wade Reynolds was excused tonight.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **14. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD**

Mayor Brailsford did not have anything to report tonight. He stated he had a lot of compliments on the old fashion wreath that was hung, it looked better when more lights were added. Councilperson Soren Christensen asked if we would be doing more trees for the pond next year. The Mayor stated that he would see what the budget allowed, this year we had to replace wire and other supplies, he would like to get a boat out on the pond for next year.

### **15. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

Councilperson Sterling Rees did not have anything to report tonight. He asked Chief James how they were doing on keeping cars off of the road. Chief James said that they had tried warning people for 3 weeks and they were not getting results, so they started writing tickets and people have responded and moved the cars. Councilperson Rees asked if we had sent out alerts to neighborhoods to clean up snow around fire hydrants. Chief James says it has been discussed but it has not been done. Matt Marziale said that he has a couple of guys out clearing around fire hydrants. Councilperson Craig Warren asked how much needed to be cleared out if the neighborhood did it. Mayor Brailsford stated it needed to be a five-foot radius.

### **16. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS**

Councilperson Cristy Simons welcomed Heather Youd, the Chamber of Commerce Director. Heather reported that chamber member Tabitha's Way hosted a dinner for families in need from Spanish Fork, Salem and Springville. They provided dinner and toys for the children, it was a lot of fun. The chamber will be having a networking luncheon on January 27, 2017. She stated the business of the month for January is the American Legion Post 68. The installation banquet is January 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chillon and she hopes to see the council there.

### **17. COUNCILPERSON SOREN CHRISTENSEN**

Councilperson Soren Christensen reported that we have received the data on the PI for the past watering season. The graph shows we are the middle of the road from the last seven to eight years, but we have added approximately 200 households. This shows an average decline per connection, and that our conservation efforts are working. He asked that Bruce Ward send this graph out to the council.

**18. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD**

Councilperson Aaron Cloward reported for recreation we have youth basketball starting this weekend, hoopsters and clogging are in their second sessions, and the hunter's safety class starting soon. The recreation building is progressing and should be sealed from the weather next week. He also reported the parks department that they are taking down the Pond Town Christmas and will be picking up Christmas trees.

**19. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN**

Councilperson Craig Warren did not have anything to report tonight.

**ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons to adjourn council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 7:35 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder