

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on July 20, 2016 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

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

Council reviewed items on the agenda.

**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

**Excused:**

Matt Marziale, PW/Recreation  
David Johnson, Building Dept.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Betty Herbert, Andrade Christensen, Clark Caras, Donald Cole.

**1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

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

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

Don Cole 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. ANDRADE CHRISTENSEN – APPROVE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR RANCH MEADOWS PLAT D LOCATED AT 180 N. 710 E.**

Mayor Brailsford reported the preliminary plat for Ranch Meadows Plat D had been approved by DRC and Planning and Zoning. The development is for 20 lots. Mayor Brailsford stated there would be a need for help with a safety sidewalk for the kids to get to school safely and how we would need the help of the developer to get it completed. Mr. Christensen mentioned the reason the road is on a slight angle, is because of the high

pressure gas line running through the development. The empty lots to the west are not part of the subdivision, and will possibly remain empty lots. Mr. Christensen stated he feels the development will be a nice addition for the area.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the Preliminary Plat for Ranch Meadows Plat D.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

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

#### **4. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH NEBO PHILHARMONIC**

Mayor Brailsford stated the Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra has been using our Community Center for practices. This agreement allows them to do it, but they need to provide a deep clean to the Community Center twice a year and also do a couple of free concerts for the city. He stated they have been very good to work with the past couple of years. This agreement will be for one year.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren to approve the agreement with the Nebo Philharmonic Orchestra.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons.

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

#### **5. APPROVE MAYORS SIGNATURE BRIDLEWOOD SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Mayor Brailsford stated this last week he has been working with the representatives from Bridlewood Pond on a settlement agreement. He stated he contacted each of the councilmember's on the agreement, which needed to be signed last week so the construction could continue. Tonight we are here to ratify the mayor's signature.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the mayor's signature for the Bridlewood Pond settlement agreement.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen.

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

#### **6. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2016**

Mayor Brailsford asked for approval of the minutes of July 6, 2016 as written or with changes.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the minutes of July 6, 2016 as written.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons.

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

## **7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Mayor Brailsford asked for approval of the bills for payment.

**AMOUNT:** \$363,665.77.

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

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren.

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

## **8. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS**

Councilperson Cristy Simons reported the concert in the park on July 11 went very well and was glad Matt Marziale was able to get a food truck there. The last concert of the summer will be on August 8<sup>th</sup>, during Salem Days. The youth council will be getting ready to help out with Salem Days.

The Chamber and the library were able to work with Chick-Fil-A in Spanish Fork to help with donations for the Library. She wanted to thank Clark Caras from the chamber. On Monday August 15, when people go to Chick-Fil-A and order, if they tell the cashier they are there for Salem City Library, then the profits will go towards the Library.

Clark Caras from the chamber wanted to thank Chick-Fil-A for their help with the library. He also reported that Colt Sampson from State Farm Insurance will be moving his office from Spanish Fork to Salem. He will be a great benefit to Salem City.

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

Mayor Brailsford talked about the police force and how they are always in harm's way. With everything that is going on in the county, he is very thankful for our police officers. Chief James stated he is very grateful for the citizens of Salem. This last week we have seen great support to our police officers. He really appreciates the support.

Chief James talked about a couple of scams that are going around. The IRS scam is where someone will call stating they are representing the IRS. The IRS will not call you, they will contact you through the mail. The other scam is dealing with a free stay at a hotel or resort. If the call ever sounds too good to be true, don't fall for it.

Chief James handed out the results from the deer survey that some residents have completed. After reviewing them he feels at this time that we do not need to do anything with the deer population.

Chief James discussed the recycling bins by Stokes and how they are becoming a nuisance. We have people from other cities that are using this free service to our residents. After some discussion, it was determined to get rid of the bins at this time.

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

Dave Johnson was excused tonight.

**11. ATTORNEY JUNIOR BAKER**

Attorney Baker did not have anything to report.

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

Jeff Nielson reviewed the budget for June with the council.

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

Matt Marziale was excused tonight.

**14. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR**

Clark Crook reported on the new line truck for the power department. It should be ready around the middle of August. Jeff Nielson stated that we will work on a lease (loan) for the truck along with the water department utility truck when it is approved.

Councilperson Cristy Simons was excused.

**15. BRUCE WARD, ENGINEERING**

Bruce Ward reported at the end of the meeting.

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

Wade Reynolds was excused tonight.

Mayor Brailsford asked if there were any questions from the public.

A question was asked about why the curb on 750 North was painted red in front of the new town homes. Chief James stated it was for safety issues, we told the developer of the town homes we did not want the owners parking on the side of 750 North, but instead having them park within the subdivision.

Don Cole stated he has seen the water for the pond drop; currently it is 3.1 cubic feet per second where we used to have 5 – 7 cubic feet per second. Also the water table is down about 12 feet at his property. The well at the top of Knoll Park is dry, he is cannot remember if the city has water rights for that well either. He is very concerned about the other neighboring cities using dry water rights, would like the city to write to the governor's office letting them know of the concern. Mayor Brailsford stated the city is very concerned about the water also, and how our springs are also down.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **17. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD**

Mayor Brailsford reported we are having the pond tested weekly for Salem Days. We want to make sure we are okay.

Mayor Brailsford discussed the issues and concerns that are going on right now with Payson, Spanish Fork, Salem, Strawberry Highline Canal and working with Strawberry Water. He talked about an audit the entities have requested for Strawberry Water. He will continue to inform the council of the situation.

### **18. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

Councilperson Sterling Rees reported the UMPA summer social will be on August 24. He would like to invite the council to attend the social.

### **19. COUNCILPERSON SOREN CHRISTENSEN**

Councilperson Soren Christensen reported on the water usage so far. We need to be cautious and make sure we are conserving water; we are using a lot of water.

### **20. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD**

Councilperson Aaron Cloward did not have anything to report tonight.

### **21. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN**

Councilperson Craig Warren reported the Solid Waste District is in the black financially in each of the departments. It has been a while since they have been in the black in all departments. He thanked Terry Ficklin for his work. He reported the district is going to surplus their loaders. He also asked if we are having problems with green waste and any nuisances. Chief James stated we have had a couple of issues, but not very many.

Councilperson Sterling Rees asked Chief James about the vacant lots and nuisances. Chief James reported we have sent out notices on them and to let him know if they see a lot that is a nuisance with the weeds.

Bruce Ward reported he has reached out to Boyd Warren about the Relief Mine springs and is waiting to hear back from him. The 400 North storm water drain project has the last two storm drain boxes installed and then allowing the ground water to go to the Bridlewood Pond. The project should be completed in a couple of weeks.

Bruce talked to the state about the industrial permit for sewer. Bruce recommended doing the permit ourselves and not waiting on the state. With the Bearson property, will be working with the owners and Forsgren engineering to get the environmental study completed on it. The study will require a task order for Forsgren to do the work.

**ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Aaron Cloward to adjourn City Council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Craig Warren.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 8:30 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder