

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on July 6, 2016 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work Session 6:30 p.m.

1. Salem Days Pageant Committee talked to the council about the pageant.
2. Miss Salem royalty introduced themselves.
3. Miss Spanish Fork & Fiesta Days rodeo Queen invited the Mayor and Council to come and participate in Spanish Fork Fiesta Days.

Chief Brad James discussed the bike path from 100 East to 500 East on the south side of Center Street. The path will be eight feet wide and made out of the aggregate asphalt with gravel between the road and the path and no curb and gutter. He stated it is staked out if the council wanted to go see it and we would like to get the council feedback. The council would like to see a drawing of it, and they were concerned about people parking on it.

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
Matt Marziale, PW/Recreation
Clark Crook, Power
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
David Johnson, Building Dept.
Bruce Ward, Engineering

OTHERS PRESENT

Clark Caras, Joh Ward, Wayne Pace, Chantel Ryan, Greg Smith

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

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

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clark Crook 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. SWEAR IN NEW POLICE OFFICER

Chief Brad James introduced Officer Brad Ryan. He is a new hire who replaced the officer who resigned. Officer Ryan has been working in the correction facility and is new to the field. We are excited to have him work for us in Salem. Jeff Nielson then swore in the new officer.

4. APPROVE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ON BEARSON AGREEMENT

Mayor Brailsford reported we had an agreement written up with Steve Bearson for a portion of the property to be given to the city for the site of our new sewer plant. He stated this has been in the works for a while and has notified the council of it. The Bearson's were really good to work with and we appreciate their willingness to give us the property. We needed to have the agreement signed before we went to the state (Utah State Board of Water Quality) to ask them for funding for the sewer plant project. We will need to take utilities to the plant and we are currently working on easements with Rex Larsen the other property owner. He too has been really good to work with. He stated we need to have the council ratify his signature of the agreement.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Coward to approve the mayor's signature on Bearson Agreement.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen,

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

Councilperson Soren Christensen also wanted to thank the Bearson family for their contribution of the property. This is a great benefit for the sewer plant project. He also thanked the Mayor and others who have been a part of the negotiations with the Bearson's to make this happen. It will save the city a lot of money.

5. PROPERTY EXCHANGE WITH CARYLEE BAKER

Attorney Baker stated on Carylee Baker's property, they are giving the city a utility easement for the Cliff Hales project and then in exchange the city will be deeding a small section of the property back to the Baker's.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve the property exchange with Carylee Baker,

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 1 AND JUNE 15, 2016

Mayor Brailsford asked for approval of the minutes for June 1, 2016 as written or with changes.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons to approve the minutes of June 1, 2016 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

Mayor Brailsford asked for approval of the minutes of June 15, 2016 as written or with changes.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to approve the minutes of June 15, 2016 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked for approval of the bills for payment.

AMOUNT: \$553,223.75

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

8. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS

Councilperson Cristy Simons reported the Library is preparing for the auction and donations during Salem Days. The July Concert at the Knoll Park is set for July 11 at 7:00 p.m. She turned the time over to Clark Caras of the Chamber. Clark reported the chamber is helping to get donations for the library auction and also the fun run.

9. CHIEF BRAD JAMES, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

Chief James reported Revere Health is keeping the ambulance department busy. He stated our ambulance department is in need of help, especially during the day. He also reported the Fourth of July he was nervous with all of the fireworks going off, but everything went very well.

10. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING OFFICIAL DIRECTOR

Dave Johnson reported on DRC (Development Review Committee) meetings. He stated Gary Proctor came in to discuss the possibility of purchasing the Sequoia Motor Sports building and doing an industrial/commercial business in there where he produces stamps for asphalt. They gave him the conditions of the C-1 Zone to see if he would qualify for it.

On June 29 the developer for Ranch Meadows Plat D subdivision came in for approval of a 20 lot subdivision. It would connect 400 North to 180 North. The development meets the R15 Zone. DRC recommended approval of it and then it will go to Planning and Zoning on July 13th and then to council on July 20th.

11. ATTORNEY JUNIOR BAKER

Attorney Junior Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

Mayor Brailsford discussed the construction on the 400 North storm drain project. He stated it is going well. He has met with Curt Paulson, who is one of the property owners. Curt stated he is concerned about the water rights that are owned by Bridle Wood Pond, and how we need to work something out so they can get their water. Mayor stated we are working on ideas so the storm drain water goes where it needs to go and the water from the water rights goes to the pond. It has been discussed about putting a couple of boxes on 400 North and Main and then in front of the Cloward's on Main Street. There will be a control gate placed in the boxes to help control the amount of water. This concept will need to have property owners agree upon and it would also hold the city blameless.

The council was concerned about cost of the project and fee we need to request the property owners at the pond to help pay for the construction. The council is also concerned about how we have started the project and have a lot of expenses for the project. It was asked how many water shares are owned. They have about 87 acre feet and appear that all of them are current.

The council felt all of the storm water needs to be diverted from the pond, but to allow the water for the water rights to go to the pond. Attorney Baker stated we will need to calculate the water rights and then write up an agreement that releases the city from any liability.

12. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY RECORDER

Jeff Nielson reported they have finished the interviews for a new hire in the city office. The new position will be a part-time for accounts payable and receptionist, and helping out doing the minutes in the future.

Councilperson Cristy Simons left.

13. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Matt Marziale reported the parks department is working on the improvements (shore line and sprinkler system) at Heritage Park. Water Department has been repairing the fire hydrant that was hit by a car, and then doing the road patching on the PI line that was damaged a few months ago. Roads department is replacing sidewalk, curb and gutter along the highway. The sewer department has been quiet, the plant is not having any problems. The Recreation department is also doing well with summer programs. We also sent a notification out to residents who live on the south side of the Salem Canal, asking them to alternate watering times, even numbers water in the evening and odd numbers water in the morning. This will help so there is enough pressure in the pi lines.

Mayor Brailsford stated he is concerned about the amount of water our springs are producing. They are down to 63 gallons per minute, which is very low. They used to be up in the hundreds of gallons per minute. He asked Bruce Ward to see if we can look at cleaning the spring area out again. We last did this back in 2002. We also need to look at the option of developing another spring in the area.

14. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR

Clark Crook reported on the power outage we had. It was a vehicle that collided with a power pole and taking it out. It was SUVPS pole that feeds our Arrowhead Substation. It was repaired very quickly and the person who hit the pole was not injured.

Mayor Brailsford stated the next council meeting we will be discussing the electric rate study and asked the council to review the study.

15. ENGINEERING

Bruce Ward reported on the meeting with the Utah State Water Quality Board to ask for approval of our sewer plant project. He reported Mayor Brailsford presented our city very well, and told them we are here because we have to upgrade our sewer plant based on the regulations enforced by the state and federal. We still have a lot of years left in our sewer lagoon system, but it does not meet the new regulations, so we are forced to upgrade. We were able to get approved for the loan at a 1.5% rate.

Mayor Brailsford expressed to the state how well Spanish Fork and Payson cities were to work with. When looking at options they were very willing to allow us to go in with them. But when we looked at the cost, it was not that much more to do our own. He wanted to publicly thank Spanish Fork and Payson. Bruce Ward reported it also helped to have the Bearson property donated, but we still need to do an environmental study on the property, which will need to be completed before September.

16. WADE REYNOLDS, STORM DRAIN/SAFETY COORDINATOR

Wade Reynolds was excused from council.

COUNCIL REPORTS

17. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford reported the aggregate asphalt from Spanish Fork main project has been used at the cemetery to help with a road for the cemetery crew. He also reported the employee evaluations have been completed. We have some really good directors in the city.

18. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Sterling Rees restated the power rate study was presented to them and encourage the council to read through it. UMPA is waiting on the closing papers for the purchase of the West Valley Power Plant.

19. COUNCILPERSON SOREN CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Soren Christensen did not have anything to report tonight.

20. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Aaron Cloward reported the summer sports are wrapping up in recreation. There is also a women soccer league, where we have seven teams signed up.

21. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Craig Warren turned the time over to Mayor Brailsford who attended the solid waste meeting in his place.

Mayor Brailsford reported on the buyout of Bayview landfill by the South Utah Valley Solid Waste District. In the meeting it was approved to move forward to looking at the sell. As the study gets closer, SUVSWD will be coming to the member city councils and presenting to the councils.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:20 p.m.