

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on June 19, 2019 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work Session: 6:00 p.m.

1. AMENDED BUDGET DISCUSSION

Jeff Nielson went over the amended budget for 2019. He is recommending the following reassignments:

Amended Budget Assigned Funds and Capital Improvement Funds:

Reassigned

\$35,000 Cemetery Tractor only used \$32,490 reassign \$2,510 for Fence at City Shop

Assign Funds to Capital Improvements:

\$200,000 for Power Department New Building

\$75,000 for Library Addition

\$65,000 for Salem Spring Subdivision Park

New Assigned

\$50,000 for Fire Truck for FY 2020 (money from Bald Mt. Fire)

\$10,000 for SEMA Equipment (money from Bald Mt. Fire)

New Assigned to Capital Improvements.

2. REPORT ON STORM WATER

Matt Marziale stated about 5 years ago, the state told us we needed to have a storm water program. Wade Reynolds was hired as our storm water coordinator. Wade became our water department supervisor and we hired Troy Tischner as the storm water coordinator. The state contacted Troy for a premeeting to gauge what the city has done to implement a storm water plan. She was impressed in what Troy has accomplished. Troy stated the storm water program is not so much how we handle the rain as it is to prevent pollutants from entering our water systems. He gave a copy of the report they put together for the state to the council, and they went over it. Troy commented they have made a lot of progress, but still have some work to do. Matt stated they did show her that Salem City is trying. He said they have the right man running the program and did a good job hiring Troy.

3. OPEN MEETING TRAINING/DISCUSSION

4. AGENDA ITEM DISCUSSION

Bruce Ward stated the lien in lieu for Tyler and Melinda Farley is to pay the cost for curb, gutter, sidewalk and asphalt when the time comes that they would be required to be installed.

Bruce stated the agreement with Darrell Smith is he let the city and Nebo School District do road improvements up by the new middle school by giving them some of his property. In return for the property the school district will install 2 sewer laterals, and 2 PI laterals to his property. The home is already has hooked up to city water. The city will pay the impact fees

for the hook ups of 1 sewer line and 1 PI line. Jeff mentioned that the money should come out of the road improvements fund. Matt replied that will work for the road department. Matt mentioned that the city and Nebo School District had tried to work with other land owners also, but they did not were not interested in what was offered to them at the time for the use their property. Bruce commented they slid the road to the south to make everything work.

Bruce reported the boundary line adjustment with Payson City is down by the new sewer plant. He showed the map of the property that would be affected. The road will be in Salem City, a little property left on the Payson side will be given to Payson City. Attorney Junior Baker stated this is the first step in adjusting the boundary line, it is similar to what was done with the mayor's property and Spanish Fork City. It will take about 3 months to complete the process.

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
Bruce Ward, City Engineer
Steve Cox, Building Dept.
Allison Taylor

OTHERS PRESENT

Tiffany Nelson, Jan J. Ward, Jon Ward, Jen Watson

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Christensen asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Jon Ward stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bruce Ward 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. PUBLIC HEARING
(to open)**

MOTION BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen to open the public hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Howard Chuntz.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

a. AMENDED BUDGET FOR FY 2019

Jeff Nielson stated this was presented in work session. He has given a copy of the budget to the public here tonight. He asked if there were any questions. He is recommending the following reassignments.

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New Assigned to Capital Improvements

\$35,000 from Donations and what was Budgeted for new Library Addition

Mayor Christensen asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

(to close)

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

4. APPROVE THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR FY 2019

MOTION BY: Councilperson Howard Chuntz to approve the amended budget for Fiscal Year 2020.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

5. YOUTH COUNCIL

There was not a representative available from the youth council tonight.

6. SF / SALEM CHAMBER

There was not a representative available from the chamber tonight.

7. APPROVE RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE

Jeff stated that each year we have to certify the property tax rate, it comes in after the budget has been approved. The new property tax rate we received is .001411, which is lower than last year. We can use this tax rate or we can go lower, his recommendation is to keep it at the .001411. Jen Watson asked why he is not recommending to lower the tax rate. Jeff replied

the new rate is already lower than last year, and they have figured this money into the budget. Jeff mentioned you cannot raise this rate unless you hold a truth in taxation meeting.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Howard Chuntz to approve the resolution certifying the property tax rate.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

8. APPROVE PURCHASE OF POND TOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Councilperson Cristy Simons mentioned she has been working with Matt Marziale and Steve Cox to improve the Pond Town Christmas. They have found some options to purchase a new nativity from Greg's Distinctive Design in Santaquin. She commented this would be replacing the nativity that we already have. There was a discussion about the purchase of a new nativity. Councilperson Simons asked if they could assign the funds to go towards new decorations. Attorney Junior Baker replied that would be fine.

In the July 17, 2019 council meeting Councilperson Howard Chuntz stated that he wanted it noted in the June 19, 2019 council meeting minutes that during the discussion on the purchase of a nativity for Pond Town Christmas he objected to using city funds for this purchase, he thinks this is unconstitutional and violates the separation of church and state.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to approve the assignment of \$12,000 for the purchase of new Pond Town Christmas decorations for the 2020 budget.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

9. APPROVE LIEN IN LIEU FOR TYLER AND MELINDA FARLEY

Bruce Ward stated this item was discussed in work session.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the lien in lieu for Tyler and Melinda Farley.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

10. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH DARRELL SMITH- PI AND SEWER CONNECTION

Bruce reported this was an agreement that was made in order to do road improvements up by the new middle school. Jeff mentioned the money for the impact fees would come from the roads fund.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons to approve the agreement regarding PI and sewer connections with Darrell Smith with the impact fee money coming from the road funds.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Howard Chuntz.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

11. APPROVE RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ADJUST A COMMON BOUNDARY WITH PAYSON CITY

Attorney Baker stated this is the first step towards a boundary adjust with Payson City. In order for Arrowhead Springs to install an intersection that is safer for traffic we would have the road be in Salem City and Payson would get the piece of property that is left that would make more sense to be in Payson. Tonight, they are only approving the resolution.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to approve the resolution of intent to adjust a common boundary with Payson City.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

12. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT 2016-616 BETWEEN UTAH COUNTY AND SALEM CITY RELATING TO CDBG PROGRAM

Jeff report MAAG had come in to update agreement 2016-616, that allows us to receive CDBG funds. He said there are very few changes to the agreement.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons to approve the amendment to agreement 2016-616 between Utah County and Salem City relating to the CDBG program.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

13. APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR BLOMQUIST HALE CONSULTING GROUP TO PROVIDE AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) FOR SALEM CITY

Jeff mentioned that Blomquist Hale had presented to the council a few weeks ago, they offer an employee assistance program. Chief Brad James is excited to have this available to our officers. It was put in the budget and is \$5.50 per employee each month.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Howard Chuntz to approve the agreement for Blomquist Hale Consulting group to provide an employee assistance program for Salem City.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

14. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2019

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the minutes of June 5, 2019.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

15. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

AMOUNT: \$1,208,177.12

MOTION BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Howard Chuntz.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

16. CHIEF BRAD JAMES, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

Chief Brad James did not have anything to report tonight.

17. STEVE COX, BUILDING OFFICIAL DIRECTOR

Steve Cox did not have anything to report tonight.

18. ATTORNEY JUNIOR BAKER

Attorney Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

19. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY RECORDER

Jeff stated he had sent out a power point presentation for open meeting training. He would like the council to review it and let him know when they have. It needs to be completed by June 30, 2019. The council had all read and reviewed it.

He mentioned they have set some cemetery money aside to redo the Veteran's memorial wall at the cemetery. There is no room left on the current memorial.

Jeff stated he had sent out an email to inform the council about some fraud checks. He received a call from a gentleman in New York asking why we had sent him a check, the check was not issued by the city. Jeff asked him to send the check back to us. Right now, it looks like there have been 5 checks that were forged. The bank has been very good to work with, and they have credited us back the money on the 2 that went through, the other 3 were caught before they went through. We have uploaded a new program through the bank called positive pay and that way we won't have to change bank accounts. He is glad the gentleman called or it could be a month out before we caught it. He wanted the council to be aware.

20. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Matt stated the roads crew have been doing overlays, and they are getting projects completed. The flooding issue with the faulty sump has been completed. They have been filling in the corner on Woodland Hills Drive by Andy Otteson's property.

He mentioned Salem Days is coming up soon. They are adding a corn hole competition, he would like to challenge the council to all participate. Councilperson Craig Warren commented a citizen had told him that he walked the route after the parade and it took him 4 hours and 7 garbage bags to pick up all the trash that was left. He was happy to do it, but did think the city needed to think about all that trash that was left. There was a discussion

about some ways to help with the garbage problem Chief Brad James said they should just not throw candy, they could have kids pick up a sack of candy at the park, one of these years they are going to have a kid be killed. Matt said they can add some trash cans along the parade route. Councilperson Simons asked if the council would be wearing the Salem Days T-shirts. Matt said they usually don't order them for the council but they could. Councilperson Howard Chuntz and Councilperson Sterling Rees replied they did not want one.

21. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR

Clark Crook did not have anything to report tonight.

22. BRUCE WARD, ENGINEERING

Bruce stated the county is moving forward to purchase 5 acres for a debris basin in the next couple of weeks. We will pay something for that land along with the county, Woodland Hills and Elk Ridge. The county will purchase the property in our name or deed it to Salem City. We will be responsible for the maintenance.

COUNCIL REPORTS

23. MAYOR KURT CHRISTENSEN

Mayor Christensen introduce Miss Salem Tiffany Nelson. Her father is Brandon Nelson and her grandparents are Reed and Sally Nelson. He mentioned she had been helping with the float tonight.

He reported there will be a few employment opportunities coming up soon in the city.

24. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Rees mentioned UMPA employees and representatives attended the national power convention in Austin. They learned a lot of things.

25. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS

Councilperson Simons did not have anything to report tonight.

26. COUNCILPERSON HOWARD CHUNTZ

Councilperson Howard Chuntz stated they are still moving forward to get the PI metered. He has talked with Bruce and they would like to hire some youth this summer to go around survey the information on each box, then they will know more when they put it out for bid. It should cost about \$2,500 or less.

27. COUNCILPERSON SETH SORENSEN

Councilperson Seth Sorensen did not have anything to report tonight.

28. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Craig Warren mentioned that the South Valley Transfer Station has asked that we assigned someone to be on the project review committee for the new building. Since he will be done in January, he would like to ask Bruce to be on the committee. Bruce knows what is going on and will protect Salem City's interest. He asked Bruce if that was something he would do. Bruce said he would. The council all agreed to having Bruce on the committee.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Howard Chuntz.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:10 pm.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder