

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on May 1, 2019 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

**Work Session:** 6:00 p.m.

## **1. FY 2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Jeff Nielson went over the tentative budget for fiscal year 2020.

**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, Excused.  
Councilperson Craig Warren, Excused.

### **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  
David Johnson, Building Dept.  
Allison Taylor

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Jason Broome, Heather Youd, DeVere Anderson, Jeff Anderson

## **1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

Mayor Christensen 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**

Mayor Christensen 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. REQUEST – DEVERE ANDERSON – RIDGEVIEW ESTATES PHASE 1 SUBDIVISION EXTENSION**

Jeff Anderson, the president of Devere Anderson and Enterprise, stated they have a project located at 1280 South 750 East, they are asking for an extension on this project. They have been working through the winter to get contractors lined up. Bruce Ward remarked staff

have no concerns about giving this extension. Councilperson Howard Chuntz asked if it would make any difference to the city. Bruce replied it would have no impact. Jeff stated the city and staff have been good to work with and they appreciate their guidance.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Howard Chuntz to approve the Ridgeview Estates Phase 1 Subdivision extension for 6 months.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (3-0).

#### 4. YOUTH COUNCIL

There was not a representative from the youth council available tonight. The council commented on what a good job they did at the Easter Egg Hunt. Mayor Christensen said there was a lot of city support.

#### 5. SF / SALEM CHAMBER

Heather Youd stated the business of the month is Cookie Crave, they will be celebrating that tomorrow. The chamber sponsors the American Legion Walk for Life, it is a great event that honors veterans. It will be held next week on Tuesday and Wednesday, they have about 1,300 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Salem and Spanish Fork that will be participating.

Councilperson Cristy Simons asked which day the Salem schools would be there. Heather said they might be split between the 2 days, she will check and let Councilperson Seth Sorensen know. Heather mentioned they are holding the Rotary Chamber Golf Tournament on May 8, 2019. They have 42 applicants for scholarships this year, last year they were able to award 25 \$1500 scholarships. There will be a ribbon cutting on the 9<sup>th</sup> for Teriyaki Madness. On the 15<sup>th</sup> they will hold the noon networking luncheon at the High Chaparral, they are trying to get the Candy Bomber to speak. There will be a ribbon cutting for Canyon Self Storage on the 16<sup>th</sup> and a ribbon cutting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for Jamison Homes. Councilperson Sorensen commented that he appreciated the donations to the Easter Egg Hunt from the Chamber.

#### 6. APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR PERSONNEL POLICY CHANGE

Attorney Junior Baker stated house bill 163 made it easier to charge government and city employees with criminal charges for the misuse of property. We need to make clarifications to our policy about how the city allows employees to use cell phones and computers. The department director will authorize how these can be used. There were some changes made to the education assistance, employees no longer have to work 36 hours a week to be eligible. They changed the time commitment requirements if we do pay for their education. Councilperson Chuntz asked if vehicles are included in this policy. Attorney Baker replied there was a different policy about vehicles. Councilperson Chuntz stated that the policy states "*sending obscene or suggestive material*" he suggested changing that to sexual suggestive material. Attorney Baker replied that can be changed.

He mentioned that in review to state law all votes tonight would have to be unanimous to pass since there will only be 3 votes. If they are not unanimous they would have to come back before the council.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen to approve the resolution for the personnel policy change with the addition of Councilperson Howard Chuntz's change.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (3-0).

## **7. APPROVE ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE EXTENSION OF WATER SERVICE BEYOND CITY LIMITS**

Attorney Baker stated that currently we have an ordinance that allows us to provide water to a non-resident if they have an emergency, like a well going dry. This has worked really well in the past. This year a bill was passed that allows water to be provided to a non-resident but puts a lot of rules on the city. Rather than deal with all that, we can say that we will not provide water to non-residents. That is his recommendation. Councilperson Chuntz asked how that would work if our neighbor needed water. Attorney Baker said they would have to annex into the city if they wanted to hook onto our water service. Attorney Baker stated this will not affect anyone that has already hooked onto our water service, but we will have to adjust our water rates because we are not allowed to charge different rates anymore.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Howard Chuntz to approve the ordinance prohibiting the extension of water service beyond city limits.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (3-0).

## **8. APPROVE FY 2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Jeff Nielson went over in the tentative budget in work session. This shows the state that we are working on the budget, he recommends approval.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen to approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2020.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Howard Chuntz.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (3-0).

## **9. APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2019**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons to approve the minutes of April 17, 2019.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (3-0).

## **10. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**AMOUNT:** \$527,931.99

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons to approve the bills for payment.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Howard Chuntz.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (3-0).

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

Chief Brad James thanked the council for the changes to the personnel policy. This will help him in recruiting officers. He stated the next council meeting will be in the middle of National Police Officers Week, he would like to bring the officers in from his department so they can be recognized. He would also like to present Officer Dallin Marbery with the Lifesaver Award.

Chief James stated in 2017 the government was struggling with how to pay for wildfires. Salem City council agreed to sign the “Utah Wildfire Resources Memorandum of Understanding Between Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands and Salem City”. This states that if we do certain things to reduce the risk of wildfires, they will help recoup any losses that we have from a wildfire. It really helped us recoup what we used to fight the fires last year. We were required to have a preparedness plan in place so we created the “Salem City Wildfire Preparedness Plan - State of Utah Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan for Wildland-Urban Interface”. We sent this in and the state said that Salem City went above and beyond what we needed to do. The memorandum needed to be updated so the mayor signed it, it will help us if we ever have a wildfire in our city limits.

## **12. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING OFFICIAL DIRECTOR**

Dave Johnson did not have anything to report tonight.

## **13. ATTORNEY JUNIOR BAKER**

Attorney Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

## **14. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY RECORDER**

Jeff stated our insurance has asked us to make the council aware of the safety in the city and what we are doing to promote safety. On Monday May 6, 2019 we will be having a safety luncheon and all employees that haven't had any accidents will be entered into a drawing for a gift card. Each quarter, Troy Tischner who is our safety coordinator, will do a safety report. They will keep the council updated on safety and if we have any accidents. He mentioned our insurance will be presenting us with a TAP award at the next meeting for safety.

Jeff stated the tree behind the library had a limb fall on a neighbor's fence. He asked the council to go and look at the tree, it is a Chinese Elm, and it needs to be cut down. He requested a bid and it will cost about \$5000 to have it taken down, but it will be worth it if we can find the money to pay for it.

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

Matt Marziale reported the green waste is closed, they will let it dry out for a couple weeks and then dispose of it.

He mentioned the school district will be closing Woodland Hills Drive, they have signs up and there will be detour routes on the website. They have let the people that live in the area know about the closure. There will most likely be people that do not follow the detour routes and will be cutting through neighborhoods. Chief James advised this will have a big impact on our community. He had a meeting with his officers today and they will be enforcing speed limits. They have the detour routes but there will be increase traffic in neighborhoods. It will be closed for the whole month of May.

Matt stated that the new city shop should be completed next week.

**16. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR**

Clark Crook did not have anything to report tonight.

**17. BRUCE WARD, ENGINEERING**

Bruce Ward did not have anything to report tonight.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**18. MAYOR KURT CHRISTENSEN**

Mayor Christensen did not have anything to report tonight. They will continue working on the budget and are taking suggestions if there are any.

**19. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

Councilperson Sterling Rees was excused tonight.

**20. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS**

Councilperson Simons stated opening day of baseball is tomorrow night. She asked the council to come at 4:45 p.m. and it lasts about 30 to 45 minutes. Councilperson Sorensen stated it is a lot of fun.

**21. COUNCILPERSON HOWARD CHUNTZ**

Councilperson Chuntz did not have anything to report tonight.

**22. COUNCILPERSON SETH SORENSEN**

Councilperson Sorensen stated all of the rain has increased the flow numbers at the sewer plant. They are looking to see if there is ground water coming into the lines. The mayor

asked if this was a problem. Matt replied it doubles the intake. Bruce stated the systems are not tight, and it is pretty normal to have the rates double during rain storms.

**23. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN**

Councilperson Craig Warren was excused tonight.

**ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Howard Chuntz to adjourn council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

**VOTE:** All Affirmative (3-0).

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 7:49 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder