

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on May 3, 2017 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work Session: 5:30 p.m.

1. 2017 SURVEY DISCUSSION

Jeff Nielson asked if there were any questions on the survey. Chief Brad James stated that he had taken the survey, broke it down and given assignments on areas that his department can work on. Councilperson Soren Christensen stated that it was mostly positive. Jeff then went over the survey results. Mayor Brailsford stated that the results of the survey will go out in the next month's newsletter. He will take the results to the planning and zoning board, and give them to all the directors. Councilperson Craig Warren stated that there were no red flags that were raised by the results of the survey. Councilperson Aaron Cloward stated that not a high percentage of citizens had taken the survey.

2. BUDGET DISCUSSION

Jeff Nielson reported on the tentative budget. He thanked the directors, they did a great job on their lists of needs. Jeff stated he will have a disc for the council to look over before the public hearing.

Jeff reported on the county election agreement to vote by mail. His recommends that we do the vote by mail system. Councilperson Cloward asked if this was just for state and federal elections. Jeff stated no it would be for city elections also. The county is pushing for the cities to do this to help test it for their elections next year. The county will do all the work, it does cost more, but saves us a lot of time and hassle. We would still have a polling place here for people that wanted to come and vote. Jeff believes this is the future of voting, and it makes more sense to him the more he learns about it.

Chief Brad James reported on the surviving spouse trust. In the event of a line of duty death of a Salem Police Officer, Salem City would be required to provide health coverage to the surviving spouse and for any child of the deceased officer until the child reaches the age of 26. This is basically an insurance plan, that we hope to never use.

Jeff reported that we need to purchase a 10-wheel dump truck for the roads department, he recommends doing a lease.

Matt Marziale reported that the parks department is asking for a new pavilion at Knoll Park to replace the old one. Councilperson Cloward asked if this was to add another pavilion. Matt stated that it was to replace the old one. He stated that although it is historic it is becoming a safety hazard and there have been problems with people having fires in the fire place when they shouldn't. Councilperson Christensen stated it would be hard to tear the old pavilion down unless it became a real safety hazard. Councilperson Warren stated that he would rather take the money to repair the problems, and not tear it down. Councilperson Christensen stated that we are too quick to tear things down, we should spend the money to keep it. The council felt like we should look at options to repair or upgrade the old pavilion.

Matt reported that we will no longer be paying for the senior citizen bus from Spanish Fork, now that we will have our own program. Jen Wright has talked to the director over the senior citizen program in Spanish and they are glad we will have our own program. They said that they would not turn any of our citizens that still wanted to come there away.

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 Craig Warren

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
Junior Baker, City Attorney
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
Matt Marziale, PW/Recreation
Allison Taylor

Excused:

Councilperson Sterling Rees, Clark Crook, Bruce Ward, Dave Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT

Heather Youd, Jon Ward

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

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

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilperson Soren 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. PUBLIC SAFETY WEEK

Chief Brad James reported that on the week of May 14 thru 20, the state will be holding law enforcement week, he invited the city to participate in this. He would like to fly the flag at half-staff on Wednesday May 17, 2017, and show the appreciation to any officers that have lost their lives in the line of duty. Councilperson Soren Christensen asked how they as a council could do something tangible for officers, not just a resolution. Mayor Brailsford

stated that he will work with Chief James on this. Jeff Nielson stated that last Christmas, one resident put together, through Facebook, a Christmas tree decorated with gift cards donated by residents for the police department. It was neat to see support from the residents.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve ordinance 5217 declaring the week of May 14 through May 20 as Public Safety Week.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

4. PUBLIC SAFETY AGREEMENT- SURVIVING SPOUSE TRUST

Chief Brad James reported on this in work session.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve the public safety agreement-surviving spouse trust.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

5. APPROVE COUNTY ELECTION AGREEMENT (VOTE BY MAIL)

Jeff Nielson reported on this in work session.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to approve the county election vote by mail agreement.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

6. APPROVE TENTATIVE BUDGET

The tentative budget was discussed in work session.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the tentative budget.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

7. APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2017

MOTION BY: Councilperson Christy Simons to approve the minutes of April 19, 2017 with said changes.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

8. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

AMOUNT: \$1,007,368.10

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

9. YOUTH COUNCIL

There was not a representative from the Youth Council present tonight.

10. CHIEF BRAD JAMES, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

Chief Brad James reported that we have a box to dispose of prescription drugs at the city office for residents to use. We disposed of 305 lbs. of prescription drugs that were dropped off at the box. He reported that on May 9, 2017 the fishing derby will be held at Salem Pond. The triathlon will be held at Salem Pond on May 13, 2017. He reported that his department has been trying out a new traffic surveying device, to see if they would want to purchase it. It would help them do traffic studies, and they will probably purchase it. The cost is \$2800.00.

11. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING OFFICIAL DIRECTOR

Dave Johnson was excused tonight.

12. ATTORNEY JUNIOR BAKER

Attorney Junior Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

13. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY RECORDER

Jeff Nielson did not have anything to report tonight.

14. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Matt Marziale reported that opening day at the ball park will be held tomorrow night at Loafer View Recreation Complex at 5:30 p.m. He stated that the roads crew have been out patching the pot holes around town, they have identified 3 sections of roads that need to be fixed. He reported that the cemetery is being prepared for the Memorial Day presentation, they have done the hydro seed on the back side and the cement work is finished.

15. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR

Clark Crook was excused tonight.

16. BRUCE WARD, ENGINEERING

Bruce Ward was excused tonight.

17. WADE REYNOLDS, STORM DRAIN/SAFETY COORDINATOR

Wade Reynolds was excused tonight.

COUNCIL REPORTS

18. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford reported that at the Central Utah Water Conservatory District meeting, they passed a \$17 million project that will pipe the water down to the Spanish Fork River Bottoms road and be capped there. They will bid this out. He stated that the pipeline is on its way.

19. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Sterling Rees was excused tonight.

20. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS

Councilperson Cristy Simons welcomed Heather Youd from the Chamber of Commerce. Heather reported that at the chamber's annual rotary golf tournament they raised enough to award all 23 students that applied scholarship money. She reported that they would be holding a ground breaking for another Wiggy Wash location up in the Canyon Creek Development, and a ribbon cutting at Pepe's Grill. The business of the month is Colt Sampson State Farm. They will hold a celebration next Wednesday at noon. She stated that their upcoming events are the Legion's walk through life, and the chalk art festival. Councilperson Cristy Simons reported that she had attended the UMPA conference along with Councilperson Sterling Rees, Attorney Junior Baker, and Clark Crook. She stated it was great, they had great speakers and took good care of them.

21. COUNCILPERSON SOREN CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Soren Christensen reported that they have been monitoring wells and springs, and they are up a little. He stated that we will continue to buy BYU well water at the same amount, the worry is if we let it go this year, it might not be available in the future.

22. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Aaron Cloward stated that baseball and softball will be starting this week and that soccer will be ending next week. The batting cages at the down town ball park will be completed next week. He reported that opening day for the ball park would be the next night at the Loafer View Recreation Complex, and that they do a fantastic job with this event. It brings the focus back to the city leagues for baseball and softball. He stated Jason Hanks will be throwing out the first pitch. It starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 6p.m.

23. 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 (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:30 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder