

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on February 3, 2021 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

**Work Session:** 6:30 p.m.

1. **STAFF REPORTS** – Mayor Christensen asked directors and council to go over their reports during work session.

**MEETING CONVENED AT:** 7:00 p.m.

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor Kurt L Christensen

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Kurt L Christensen  
Councilperson Sterling Rees  
Councilperson Seth Sorensen  
Councilperson Howard Chuntz-excused  
Councilperson Delys Snyder  
Councilperson Tim De Graw

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder  
Vaughn Pickell, City Attorney  
Chief Brad James, Police Chief  
Ted Barnett, Power  
Matt Marziale, PW/Recreation  
Bruce Ward, City Engineer-excused  
Steve Cox, Building Dept.  
Robyn Mortensen-via zoom

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jan J. Ward, Josh Thayer, Nubia Thayer, William Burk, Teresa Chang, Kerry Burnham, Rochell Madson, Sara Bown, Paul Taylor, Michael Harrington

**1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

Mayor Christensen stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

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

Attorney Pickell 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. YOUTH COUNCIL**

There was not a member from the Youth Council present tonight

#### 4. SF/SALEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

There was not a member from the SF/Salem Chamber of Commerce present tonight

#### 5. PUBLIC HEARING

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sorensen motion to Open Public Hearing

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Rees

**VOTE:** Councilperson Tim De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Sterling Rees; Aye, Councilperson Delys Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Seth Sorensen; Aye (4 Ayes)

- a. BroadHollow Estates Annexation to annex 15.32 acres of property owned by Richard & Audra Morley (approx. 9400 South and Woodland Hills Drive)

Attorney Pickell stated they are requesting an R12 Zone and we have not received any protest.

Open for Public comment: No Public comment

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sorensen motion to Close the Public Hearing

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Snyder

**VOTE:** Councilperson Tim De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Sterling Rees; Aye, Councilperson Delys Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Seth Sorensen; Aye (4 Ayes)

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson De Graw motion to approve Ordinance 020321 and annex the Broadhollow Estates which is 15.32 acres owned by Richard and Audra Morley located at approximately 9400 South and Woodland Hills Drive which will be designated as an R12 Zone

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sorensen

**VOTE:** Councilperson Tim De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Sterling Rees; Aye, Councilperson Delys Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Seth Sorensen; Aye (4 Ayes)

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF TERESA CHANG TO THE LIBRARY BOARD**

Kerry Burnham introduced our New Library Board Member Teresa Chang.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Snyder motion to approve Teresa Chang to be a member of the Library Board

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sorensen

**VOTE:** Councilperson Tim De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Sterling Rees; Aye, Councilperson Delys Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Seth Sorensen; Aye (4 Ayes)

## **7. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2021**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sorensen motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2021

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Rees

**VOTE:** Councilperson Tim De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Sterling Rees; Aye, Councilperson Delys Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Seth Sorensen; Aye (4 Ayes)

## **8. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**AMOUNT:** \$575,549.15

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Snyder motion to approve the bills for payment in the sum of \$575,549.15

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sorensen

**VOTE:** Councilperson Tim De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Sterling Rees; Aye, Councilperson Delys Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Seth Sorensen; Aye (4 Ayes)

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

Chief James did not have anything to add to tonight's meeting

## **10. STEVE COX, BUILDING OFFICIAL DIRECTOR**

Steve Cox gave an update on House Bill 198. Steve stated they had a meeting with building officials and the league believes it will get voted down. All the associations dealing with building have sent in letters all opposing the bill. There is another bill with Accessory Dwelling Unit and Steve stated we may have to revamp our process. Councilperson Snyder asked who is in favor of this bill developers? Steve said developers, home builder association, and builders.

#### **11. ATTORNEY VAUGHN PICKELL**

Attorney Pickell did not have anything to add to tonight's meeting

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

Jeff Nielson commented the Shop Salem vouchers are out to the residents. Jeff stated there was a delay in getting them to the residents due to the mailing process. Jeff mentioned he will be sending out budgets. Jeff asked the council members to work with their departments from the beginning and please be more involved. Jeff stated the office has been closed due to Covid 19 exposures and we hope to be open next week.

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

Cole Park pavilion is complete. In the middle of some negotiations with the contractor, they wanted to get started on concrete, but we refused to pay winter conditions, but they still want to move forward on their own. Matt stated we are ok with that as long as they meet the temperature requirements. Matt stated we have all the utilities in other than power. Matt Marziale and Ted Barnett got an estimate for an electrical engineer and they passed it on to Landmark to give us a bid and they will match the bid. The park is moving forward and going well. Matt will be preparing bids for the pickle ball court in the next couple of weeks.

Matt Marziale stated they have been working on the north end of Salem pond. We have some people willing to do community service in the area. They will be clearing the area of trees and debris. Power has been added so we can have a fountain to keep the water flowing. Councilperson De Graw asked if the fountain will help with the buildup. Matt commented we will give it a try and see if it will help. Matt said we will be doing treatments and we have dredged it once and will re-dredge it again.

Matt Marziale and Ted Barnett are in the process of moving the football lights at Salem Hills High School. Matt stated we made an agreement with Nebo School District and they will be donating the old lights to Salem City. We will utilize these in the near future.

Mayor Christensen asked if we will be doing both pickle ball courts. Matt said he will meet with Jeff to determine if we have the funds to bid both courts at the same time.

#### **14. TED BARNETT, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR**

Ted Barnett did not have anything to add to tonight's meeting

## **15. BRUCE WARD, ENGINEERING**

Bruce Ward was excused from tonight's meeting

## **16. JOHN BOWCUTT-FIBER**

John Bowcutt stated we received our first roll of fiber last week. John said he is happy with directional drill. The building to store equipment is completed. The lights went in today. John stated they installed our first strand. The strand is the medal cable that we attach to the poles. Construction on fiber huts will start soon. The sewer plant remodel has started. John Bowcutt asked if Centrcm had permission to go into our conduit. Jeff said we can look in the agreement and see if they are paying. Councilperson Rees asked if we can be in the conduit as well and John said yes. Mayor Christensen asked if we find something in the conduit do, we document it? John stated he didn't know we had a contract and we can find out about payment, so it really comes down to them sharing the conduit. Mayor Christensen asked if John will report to us if anyone is in conduit. John said yes. Councilperson De Graw asked can we go back and ask for payment. Jeff Nielson stated we will have to look at the contract, but Jeff said they shouldn't be serving any residential homes. John Bowcutt asked to see contract and he was happy to work with them. John stated they are still getting a lot of calls from the website and google search.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

## **17. MAYOR KURT CHRISTENSEN**

Mayor Christensen did not have anything to add to tonight's meeting

## **18. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

Councilperson Rees stated the March UMPA meeting will be in St George this year and it will be scaled down a little bit with 2 nights and one day. Councilperson Snyder asked if we are invited and Councilperson Rees commented yes. The meeting will be March 24, 25, and 26th.

## **19. COUNCILPERSON SETH SORENSEN**

Councilperson Sorensen stated the winter sports are going well. The fans and athletes are doing their part to make sure we can continue to use the building. Chamber commerce board is in place and they will start moving to in person meetings. The Chamber wants to focus on getting more traffic to small businesses.

## **20. COUNCILPERSON HOWARD CHUNTZ**

Councilperson Chuntz was excused from tonight's meeting

## **21. COUNCILPERSON DELYS SNYDER**

Councilperson Snyder spoke with Terry Ficklin who runs the transfer station and they would like to help people know what they can be recycled. Councilperson Snyder would like to add some info in the newsletter.

## **22. COUNCILPERSON TIM DEGRAW**

Councilperson De Graw stated he would like to Participate in get healthy Utah campaign and asked what steps are we taken to get our community healthy? Councilperson De Graw would gather some individuals who are interested in getting involved and put together a proposal.

Mayor Christensen asked if anyone at the meeting would like to address the council. Mayor Christensen stated they can address the council but not ask direct questions. Michael Harrington stated he wanted to address some issues. Michael Harrington commented Josh Thayer was assaulted and he was a character witness to that assault. Michael Harrington stated the Police and Police Chief never filed assault charges on the Thayer's neighbor and never arrested them or took them to jail. Michael Harrington wanted to know why they weren't arrested or taken to jail. Mayor Christensen stated he was aware of the situation and there is more to the situation and it is currently being investigated.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Snyder motion to move into closed session at 7:20 pm for the discussion of litigation.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sorensen

**VOTE:** Councilperson Tim De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Sterling Rees; Aye, Councilperson Delys Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Seth Sorensen; Aye (4 Ayes)

## **ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sorensen motion to adjourn City Council meeting

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Snyder

**VOTE:** Councilperson Tim De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Sterling Rees; Aye, Councilperson Delys Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Seth Sorensen; Aye (4 Ayes)

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 8:25 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder