

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on November 2, 2016 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work Session: 6:00 p.m.

1. Recycling Discussion

Jeff Nielson reported on the recycling information that he has received from Republic Services. They will charge us \$4.10 per can per month if we have 60% of residents use the service. The cost increases as the user percentage goes down. It would be more economical for us to provide our own cans and pay the tipping fees. They would pick up the recycling twice per month and would try to work it out to be on Tuesday, which is already garbage day. We have looked into getting more of the black cans we already use, but they will have blue lids for recycling. We pay \$55 for these and they have a 12-year warranty, if the recycling program does not work, we can replace the lid to a black lid and use them as regular cans. It would cost \$1 more to rent cans from Republic, and they would charge us to pick up cans. If we pay our own tipping fees it would be 67¢ per can. If we do this, then we would get any credits that could back come to us. The cost goes up to \$4.60 if we do not have 60% participation. We also will lose money from people dropping their second garbage can. We would like to give residents 2 months to decide and they would have to keep recycling for one year if they do not opt out. Mayor Brailsford recommends the opt out option, council members agreed.

Councilperson Sterling Rees said Terry Ficklin says people are going away from recycling, so why are we looking at it? Councilperson Craig Warren said you do this because it is the right thing to do. The mayor stated it's a service, like the waste disposal. It's important for the next generation. Councilperson Soren Christensen said communities need to do it for the future. Councilperson Cristy Simons worried about the older people missing the opt out. Mayor Brailsford said those are a lot of the people calling for recycling options. Jeff recommends putting the information in the December newsletter, the January newsletter and on the website. Residents will have from the middle of December until the end of January to opt out. There will be a form for them to sign for the opt out. It will take 2 to 3 months to get the cans that we need, so we need to act now, to start on April 1, 2017.

2. Alternate (Solar) Power Discussion

Mayor Brailsford asked for opinions on the solar power. Councilperson Soren Christensen thinks we need to expand from the solar focus to alternative power. Attorney Junior Baker will amend the resolution to include all alternative power sources. We would like to change the true up policy to go from April 1 to March 31, instead of the month to month program we have had in the past. The \$3.10 per kilowatt capacity will help pay for the expenses of our power system, but still gives the user a savings. It will extend the payback to the consumer, but is a fair for them to pay into the system that they will still be using.

Chief Brad James invited the mayor and council to try the new Vir Tra Training Simulator located in Provo. This is to show them what the officers go through for firearms training. They were all interested in going.

Clark Crook reported on the UMPA meeting. Our new power employee is at hotline school; he will be introduced at the next meeting.

Dave Johnson handed out a report to the council about new single family homes being built in Utah County, taken from a construction monitor. Salem City is tied with Highland City as sixth in growth. He reported we have issued 102 building permits since January 1, 2016.

Jeff reported that the December council meeting will be held Wednesday December 14, 2016 and that will be the only council meeting for the month. He also reminded the council members about the Christmas party on Friday December 2, 2016.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford
Councilperson Cristy Simons
Councilperson Soren Christensen
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
David Johnson, Building Dept.
Allison Taylor

Excused: Councilperson Aaron Cloward

OTHERS PRESENT

Charles P. Eppley, Joshua Kitchen, Jon Cope, Mike Atwood, Marilyn Atwood, Brittany Allred, Ralph Hughes, Susan O. Hughes, Heather Beecher, Hannah Beecher, Whitney Graham, Reagan Fausett, Dennis Harward, Robert E. Palfreyman, William Burk, Patricia Burk, Kendra Hinkle, Karen Bennett, Spencer Hawkins, John Perrett, Susie Perret, Jon Ward.

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

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

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brailsford 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

MOTION BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen to open public hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

a. Resolution Amending Electric Rates for Alternate Power

Attorney Junior Baker went over the resolution to amend electric rates for alternative power. Mayor Brailsford thanked Attorney Baker. Mayor Brailsford said as we start this discussion we need to recognize that alternate energy solutions are becoming more popular and as they do we need to find a way for the people using them to still pay their share of the costs for the upkeep of the power system. UMPA has had a study done by Dave Berg Consulting for each city system. This is where we received our information from. We don't want those who do not have alternate energy to subsidize for the ones that do have it. The proposed rate is \$3.10 per kilowatt capacity plus regular usage and user base rates. The user will still get a break, but they pay for their usage of our system. We are proposing another change; right now, on our net metering we allow for one month and then they start over. We would like to extend the net metering for a full year and then have the year be April 1 thru March 31. We feel this is best for solar customers and gives them the biggest benefit.

The mayor then asked for comments from the public.

Citizen asked how big a system does this affect? He only has a trickle charger. The mayor responded that if it isn't connected to the system then it doesn't affect you. William Burk asked how does \$3.10 per kilowatt compare to not using solar? Clark Crook responded the \$3.10 is based on all costs for the power. The Burks are on SESD, and they are coming up with their own program. William also stated there is an article about Rocky Mountain Power building a solar plant, are we thinking of building one of these? UMPA is looking at buying from RMP, and they are also looking at building one in the future.

Councilperson Soren Christensen asked Clark to talk about the Renew choice program that we already offer. Clark said it is powered by wind and that UMPA is looking to purchase more renewable energy, when it is purchased on a community scale it is much cheaper, this is something UMPA is looking into doing. He wanted to know why Provo City had not passed the resolution when they voted on it. The mayor said that they felt like they had not had enough public input and that is why we were having a public hearing on it.

Jon Ward asked what \$3.10 per capable kilowatt looked like for a home? Clark said that most people signed up have an average 5kw, 13kw is the highest and 1kw is the lowest, if you multiple it out it is about \$39 for the biggest one. You pay the monthly charge on the total on the capacity.

Dennis Harward asked if he has a solar array that generates do you pay on kilowatt rating then plus consumption? Clark answered that yes you pay on the rating and on the power that you use.

Jon Ward asked if you have a huge credit at the end of the year do you lose it? Yes, on April first you would lose any credit. Attorney Baker said so only build an alternative power system for what you need, not more.

Charles Eppley asked what most of the homes have in kilowatts, and what the cost is of that? Mayor Brailsford says he knows of a citizen putting in a 30-kilowatt system and it is costing \$20,000. Attorney Baker says the pricing on alternative power will only be getting better. William Burk said he had heard that no house is allowed to be totally off the grid? Mayor told him we have no limits on that, if someone wants to go off the grid, they can. This fee is for people tied into the system we have. William also asked do you need a building permit to put a system in? Yes, you do and Clark has to approve it. Councilperson Soren Christensen says there is more detail in the ordinance from 2011. Attorney Baker says it deals with the net metering agreement, and safety.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to close public hearing.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

a. Resolution Amending Electric Rates for Alternate Power

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve resolution to amend electric rates for alternative power.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

4. SWEAR IN NEW FUNCTION OFFICER

Chief Brad James introduced new function officer Dallin Marbery. He graduated from a local high school and is from our own community. He is halfway through the police academy and will be working while attending the other half. He will be a function officer, which means he will have to work with another officer until he completes his training.

Jeff Nielson then swore him in.

5. RECYCLING OPTIONS

Mayor Brailsford stated that we got rid of the recycling bins because of people dumping all kinds of garbage from all over the county. We have been working with Republic Service for many months to find a program for recycling. This is what we have come up with; a collection of recycling twice a month at a cost of \$6.50 per month. They are trying to work out a Tuesday pick-up day, so it is the same as garbage day. This rate is based on a 60%

participation from residents. The cost goes up for every percent of participation that goes down. We are going to do an opt out program, people will need to fill out a form if they do not want to participate, you have from December 15, 2016 to January 31, 2017 to opt out. If you do not opt out, you will have the service for the full year. Attorney Junior Baker noted that if you had a second garbage can at \$10.75 per month and switched to a recycling can your rate would go down. The recycling can would be a black can with blue lid.

The mayor asked if the public had any concerns or comments.

Jon Cope said by doing the opt out we are forcing them to get recycling. The mayor said we plan on doing all we can to let people know how to opt out and to educate our citizens on the recycling program. He asked if people think the opt out is a better option and most voted it was. If 60% opt out, we cannot move forward with this program. Marilyn Atwood stated that in other cities recycling is mandatory.

Ralph Hughes asked about things that are recyclable. The list or acceptable recyclables was displayed on the screen.

We will have this in the December and January newsletter and also on the website to get the information out. Someone asked if we could do the reverse 911 also to get the message out. The mayor said yes, asked if people liked this program, and reminded people about the parking ordinance that went into effect November 1, 2016. The consensus was that people liked this communication tool.

Mayor Brailsford said he has the recycling dumpsters coming back for the month of December, they will be located at Veterans park, for Salem City residents. He thanked the audience, and their input is helpful as this is a new program to us. He stated we are not making any money on this program and if we do, it rolls back into the purchase of the cans. We will not do this if we do not have participation, that's is why we are going with the blue lid that can be replaced.

Someone asked if we have a backup plan if we do not have the participation numbers. The mayor said no, we hope people feel that they need to do this and we have participation. Someone asked where does our solid waste go now? It goes to the SUVSWD transfer station located in Springville, then to the Bayview Landfill. Someone asked how long that landfill will last. Councilperson Soren Christensen replied it will last 100 years, but the more we recycle the longer the landfill will last.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to accept concept to move forward with the recycling program.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2016

MOTION BY: Councilperson Cristy Simmons to approve minutes of October 19, 2016 as written.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

AMOUNT: \$557,933.07

MOTION BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

8. CHIEF BRAD JAMES, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

Chief Brad James Reported in work session.

9. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING OFFICIAL DIRECTOR

Dave Johnson reported in work session.

10. ATTORNEY JUNIOR BAKER

Attorney Junior Baker did not have anything to report tonight.

11. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY RECORDER

Jeff Nielson reported in work session.

12. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Matt Marziale reported we opened the green waste for the last 2 weekends and it went very well. He had Jeff Nielson put on webpage that there will be a trailer at Veterans Park for bagged leaves only for the month of November.

He also reported that the recreation department has moved to their temporary trailer in the parking lot. The estimated finish time for the recreation building has been pushed back 8 weeks due to the water table problem and the changes on the building. Councilperson Soren Christensen asked if the water problem had been solved, and Matt replied that it had. Mayor Brailsford said that the funding for the recreation building was 80% being paid by impact fees from new building in the city.

13. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR

Clark Crook reported in work session.

14. BRUCE WARD, ENGINEERING

Bruce Ward was excused.

15. WADE REYNOLDS, STORM DRAIN/SAFETY COORDINATOR

Wade Reynolds was excused.

COUNCIL REPORTS

16. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford reported that last budget year we had assigned \$333,000 for 400 North Storm Drain Project. We need to reassign that money since the project only cost \$162,738.

Reassigning Amounts:

400 North/Main Street Storm Water Project	\$162,738
Dump Truck replacement bed	\$ 20,000
City Shop Improvements (Fencing and Cleary Buildings)	\$ 40,000
Road Projects	\$ 47,500
Unreserved Fund Balances (to be reassigned)	\$ 62,762

In addition, we had money left over from prior assigned projects where the cost was less than the assigned amount. Need to reassign that money to the unreserved fund balance to be reassigned.

To be reassigned to Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 21,786
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Mayor Brailsford asked for a motion to approve the reassigning amounts: (total is \$354,786).

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the reassigning amounts.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

Mayor Brailsford stated after the audit for fiscal year 2016, the unreserved fund balance amount is \$659,770. With that money and the money that was just approved to be unreserved (\$21,786 & \$62,762) the total amount in unreserved is \$744,318. He would like to recommend to the council to reassign some of that money. The following is his recommendation:

Recreation Building addition (demolition of existing building and rebuild)	\$160,000
New Police Vehicle and equipment installation	\$ 40,000
Home Run Netting and Poles at Loafer View Recreation Complex	\$ 16,000
Phone System upgrade for Recreation office and City Office (tying together)	\$ 10,000
Poles for banners on Highway	\$ 3,000

Pond Town Christmas – Street Decoration	\$ 1,500
Roads – Center Street Safety Project	\$ 150,000
Total	\$380,500
Balance Left in Unreserved Fund Balance	\$363,818

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to approve new assigned funds.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

We would like to use the \$50,000 from assigned road money and \$45,443 from B&C road money balance to be set aside for the Center Street Safety Project. The amount would be \$95,443.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen to set aside \$\$95,443 for the Center Street Safety Project.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0)

17. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Sterling Rees reported he had been out of town and was unable to attend the UMPA meeting.

18. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS

Councilperson Cristy Simons reported Heather Youd is the new chamber director. She reported Pond town Christmas is going well. She welcomed the youth council representatives, who reported on the library Halloween party. They had a good turnout, it was fun and went well. Their upcoming events are the Pond Town lighting ceremony, Friday November 25, 2016, where they will hand out hot chocolate and doughnuts. Also, the sub for Santa program, they hope to help some families in Salem again this year.

19. COUNCILPERSON SOREN CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Soren Christensen did not have anything to report tonight.

20. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Aaron Cloward was excused tonight.

21. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Craig Warren did not have anything to report tonight.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Soren Christensen to adjourn council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Cristy Simons.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:13 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder