

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on October 18, 2017 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

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

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford  
Councilperson Cristy Simons, Excused  
Councilperson Seth Sorensen  
Councilperson Soren Christensen  
Councilperson Sterling Rees  
Councilperson Craig Warren, Excused

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder  
Jason Sant, Assistant City Attorney  
Chief Brad James, Police Chief  
Clark Crook, Power, Excused  
Matt Marziale, PW/Recreation  
David Johnson, Building Dept.  
Allison Taylor

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Howard Chuntz, Evan Ward, Austin Plake, Zeke Goodman, Ali Cook, Lela Welsch, Whitney Wilde, Spencer Crow, Adam Crow, Dar Christensen, Margaret Brailsford, Kurt Christensen, Lee Evans, Linda Evans

**1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Kurt Christensen 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. APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR DUMP/SNOW PLOW TRUCK**

Matt Marziale announced that he had done more research on the Freightliner truck and whether it was a 4 wheel drive. It is not, a 4 wheel drive model would cost about \$80,000.00 more. He recommends we go forward with the lease for the Peterbilt truck. Jeff Neilson stated that he had received a 7 year lease agreement from Zions Bank for 2.9% interest rate. The payments would be \$32,922.87 per year, starting in November 2018. The first payment would not be due until the next budget year. He stated that in talking with James (over roads) we have half that could come from the road fund (we had a special project we budgeted for this year that will not be there next year), and then the other half can come from B&C road money if needed. Councilperson Soren Christensen asked if they had

received any other lease agreements. Jeff stated that they hadn't, in the past others have usually been higher. Mayor Brailsford asked if we had another truck this size. Matt stated that we did not. Councilperson Christensen asked if we were spending extra money for the warranty. Matt answered that we were not. Councilperson Sorensen asked if the 7 year warranty covered everything, Matt stated that it covered anything mechanical, but not things like tires or blades. Kurt Christensen stated that he had contacted Spanish Fork City and we were getting a good price for the truck, although he didn't have all of the specs. He stated that all of theirs are automatic though so anyone could drive them. Matt stated the truck is an automatic. Howard Chuntz asked if there were any other documents on the truck because what he read is that you would be required to do the maintenance, he wanted them to make sure they knew what they were getting. Matt stated that he has all the paperwork.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve the 7 year lease agreement with Zions Bank for the purchase of the Dump / Snow Plow truck.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees.

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

#### 4. SURPLUS 2009 CHEVY POLICE TRUCK

Chief Brad James reported that they have a 2009 Chevrolet pick up truck (Vin # 3GCEK23379G262236) that they would like to place on surplus. They normally try to put their used trucks into the public works fleet, but the engine is shot on this truck. It has been used as a backup truck, now they would like to surplus it and see what they can get out of it. Mayor Brailsford stated he had looked into the value of the truck, and it is not worth the money to fix it.

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees to surplus the 2009 Chevrolet Police Truck.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

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

#### 5. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2017

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen to approve the minutes of October 4, 2017.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

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

#### 6. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

**AMOUNT:** \$454,883.64

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the bills for payment.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen.

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

## **7. YOUTH COUNCIL**

There were no representatives available from the youth council tonight.

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

Chief James updated the city council on the complexities of the 400 North Main Street Intersection. As the council is aware, the city has no control over where a school is built. A lot of money has gone into the intersection at 400 North and Main Street, but it is still pretty chaotic at least a couple times per day with larger volumes of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Nebo School District has added the Advanced Learning Center just east of this intersection and it will only increase the congestion. Chief James, Bruce & Matt met with Nebo School District about the traffic impact that the Advanced Learning Center is going to have. Nebo School District stated that they were willing to hire an engineering firm to conduct a traffic and pedestrian study that will include the areas of the Advanced Learning Center, Salem Junior High, Salem Hills High School and also the proposed Salem Middle School site on Woodland Hills Drive. The school district is willing to be pay for study. Chief James stated that something needs to happen in the short term. The study will take some time to complete and implement. There are state laws on what you can and cannot do at an intersection. It is based on the type of school it is, elementary, secondary etc. Chief James has asked our legal department to research this. He has asked for suggestions on what we can do to increase student safety at this intersection. Salem City has done traffic counts in the area in the past. These counts show we have about 1500 vehicles using 400 North and about 1200 vehicles using Main Street each weekday. That is a lot of cars for a 25 to 30 minute period of time twice a day.

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

Dave Johnson stated that they hadn't had a DRC meeting for a couple of weeks, so he did not have anything to report.

## **10. ATTORNEY JUNIOR BAKER**

Assistant City Attorney Jason Sant did not have anything to report from the legal department.

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

Jeff went over the budget for September. Councilperson Christensen asked about the status of the audit. Jeff stated that Terry Ficklin (SUVSWD) should have his numbers by October 25 and then he will get those to him. Jeff will send them up to the auditors, that is all they are waiting for to finish the audit.

Jeff told the council we will need to hold a special council meeting in November to canvas the election, the last day we could do that is November 21, 2017. It will just be to go over the final numbers from the election. It was decided to hold the meeting at 6 p.m. on November 21, 2017. Mayor Brailsford asked what if people do not receive a ballot in the mail. Jeff answered that there would be a voting station here at the city office on November

7, 2017 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The mayor stated that you now have until October 31, 2017 to register to vote. Jeff mentioned that you can register online or over in Provo at the Utah County Clerk's office. Jeff stated that the county is asking people to vote early, that way on election day they won't be so overwhelmed with votes to count. Kurt Christensen stated that the county had mailed out a pamphlet today. Jeff said they should be mailing ballots soon.

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

Matt stated that Councilperson Cristy Simons had asked him to remind the council about Goosebump Gala that is coming up on the October 28, 2017 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Activity Center. She is leading on this program and inviting all the local businesses to participate. They will have them stationed around the ball park handing out treats, and the youth council will be doing some games. They will also be selling pizza out of the snack shack. The council are all invited to attend. Councilperson Christensen asked Matt to report on the Eagle Scout Program. Matt stated that we have 6 projects going on right now. They are progressing slowly. Right now, there are 2 getting close to finished, 1 is working on a picnic area at the Loafer View Park and the other is building back rails for the bleachers at Veteran's Park.

## **13. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR**

Clark Crook was excused tonight.

## **14. BRUCE WARD, ENGINEERING**

Bruce Ward reminded the council that we need to get another zoning commissioner to take Councilperson Seth Sorensen's seat on planning and zoning. Mayor Brailsford stated that he has it posted on the website. He stated he will have some names at the next council meeting.

## **15. WADE REYNOLDS, STORM DRAIN/SAFETY COORDINATOR**

Wade Reynolds was excused tonight.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

## **16. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD**

Mayor Brailsford thanked Councilperson Sterling Rees for the outstanding job he has done in the mayor's absence. He stated that the staff had kept him informed about what was going on and he thanked his directors. Mayor Brailsford welcomed Councilperson Seth Sorensen to the council. He stated he would like to have Councilperson Sorensen take over the meetings that Councilperson Cloward had been attending on the wastewater treatment plant. He stated that Councilperson Cristy Simons will be taking over the recreation department.

**17. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES**

Councilperson Sterling Rees stated that there will be an open house for the new power plant in Provo held on November 15, 2017 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. for those that would like to see it. It is located at 251 West 800 North in Provo.

**18. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS**

Councilperson Cristy Simons was excused tonight.

**19. COUNCILPERSON SOREN CHRISTENSEN**

Councilperson Christensen stated that our wells are holding up and are actually gaining right now. He stated that we have the PI usage numbers for the total year, we used 1636 acre feet. This is the second highest usage we have ever had but also the one of the hottest summers. He stated that from September 11 to the close of the PI year people had turned off their water because of the rain. He stated this had been a decent water year, with not too many complaints. Bruce mentioned that we now had about 100 new users for our PI water also, if we account for growth we are doing okay. He stated that we should still continue to conserve.

**20. COUNCILPERSON SETH SORENSEN**

Councilperson Seth Sorensen thanked the staff for letting him come in and get caught up.

**21. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN**

Councilperson Craig Warren was excused tonight.

**ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Soren Christensen to adjourn council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT:** 7:28 p.m.

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Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder