

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on October 3, 2018 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work Session: 6:30 p.m.

1. AGENDA ITEM DISCUSSION

Bruce Ward introduced Mark Vlastic with Landmark Design, he will be working with Hansen Allen Luce on the general plan. Mark stated he has been the president and owner of Landscape Design for 31 years. They have done over 50 plus general plans. He went through the process they will use to create the general plan. Mayor Christensen asked how long it would take. Mark replied it is about a six month production process, then it could be another two months. Bruce thanked Mark and asked if the council had any other questions for him. They did not. Jen Watson asked if we were updating the whole town general plan and if we are using an outside source. Bruce replied we have always used an outside source for the general plan, it will be for the whole town and the last time it was updated was 2008. He mentioned a general plan should be updated about every 10 years or more often if you have a lot of growth.

Jen asked if after the PI water was turned off for the fire, why we were using it now for lawns if we were running out of water. She is also worried about development coming in if we do not have enough water. The mayor stated that every developer has to bring water to the city before they are approved. Councilperson Seth Sorensen stated we have not run out of water, the issue is that the Strawberry High Line Canal has emptied the canal, so now we are filling the ponds with culinary water. Jen commented she had received a message saying we ran out of water. Bruce remarked that they had not anticipated the usage for the weekend and so the ponds were not full enough to handle the demand, this has been addressed. Matt Marziale stated that we do this every spring and fall to supplement the water after the canal company quits carrying the water. Wayne Riding stated he appreciates the text updates that he has received for the fire and flood notifications. His sprinklers are off, but he didn't realize we were using culinary water now. He asked if it would be good to let people know that through a text message. Jeff Nielson stated that we could put it on Facebook, but the text notifications are more for important information. If we send out too many people will start ignoring them. Councilperson Chuntz commented there is not a water shortage, this was more of a timing issue. Bruce mentioned that water conservation shouldn't be for a water shortage, it should be to conserve our water resource.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Kurt L Christensen

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Kurt L Christensen
Councilperson Cristy Simons, Excused
Councilperson Seth Sorensen
Councilperson Howard Chuntz
Councilperson Sterling Rees
Councilperson Craig Warren, Excused

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark Vlastic, William Burk, Jen Watson, Gavin Ross, Danielle Holman, Wayne Riding, Bree Riding, Erin Nielsen, Yubo Cooper, Preston Spencer, Elle Sumner, Finlay Lofthouse, Alesha Turnbow, Amber Weight, McKenzie Graham, Riley Guest

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Christensen asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Jen Watson stated she would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Wayne Riding 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 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALEM CITY SIGN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ENFORCEMENT FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO THE BUILDING OFFICIAL

Attorney Junior Baker stated that we have had the same sign ordinance for a long time. When it was passed the public works director was also the building official so the way it was set up made sense. Since there is now a separate public works director and building official, the building official is in a better position to deal with and address the sign ordinance. He stated that is the basic change they are asking for tonight. Mayor Christensen asked if this is inline with what other cities are doing. Attorney Baker replied a lot of cities have their planning department over sign permits, but we do not have one. Councilperson Howard

Chuntz mentioned there is big sign on a trailer that is parked by the Knoll Park Church, he asked how we deal with those. The mayor stated they are tricky to deal with because they are usually on private property and when they are mobile so people say that they move them every so many days. Attorney Baker said they are probably illegal and we can become more aggressive with enforcement to change that. He mentioned the police department has been working hard and has gotten a lot of the signs cleaned up on Elk Ridge Drive.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the ordinance amending the Salem City sign ordinance to change enforcement from the public works director to the building official.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0)

4. APPROVE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FEE FOR SIGN APPLICATION

Attorney Baker stated this resolution allows the council to establish a fee to be paid when someone applies for a sign permit. The cost would be \$100 to cover the administrative costs.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen to approve the resolution establishing the fee for sign applications.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Howard Chuntz.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

5. APPROVE RATIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Attorney Baker stated due to the fire our public safety and public works have had to implement emergency operations. In order to receive reimbursement and help from FEMA Utah County has asked each city involved to make an emergency declaration. There can be only one sponsor and that will be Utah County. This will also help cover any further issues we may have from mud slides caused by the fire. Attorney Baker stated the mayor would declare this as of September 13, 2018 and the council would then ratify it.

Mayor Christensen declared an emergency declaration for Salem City because of the fires and any sequential flooding as of September 13, 2018.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Howard Chuntz to ratify the emergency declaration.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

6. APPROVE PURCHASE OF SCBA AIR COMPRESSOR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jim Ealey stated he is here tonight to ask for approval to purchase a SCBA Air Compressor, this is the apparatus that they use for breathing when they fight a structural fire. He mentioned that the one we have currently is from 1980. This was an item that they knew needed to be replaced and so the money was a line item in the budget for this year. They received 3 bids, and they are asking the council to accept the bid from Apparatus Equipment for \$49,957.65.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the purchase of SCBA air compressor for the fire department.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

Councilperson Sterling Rees asked if there was any value in the old one. Jim replied it is 40 years old and there isn't a lot of value in it.

7. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO HANSEN ALLEN AND LUCE AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE GENERAL MASTER PLAN FOR CITY'

The mayor mentioned this was discussed in work session. He asked if there were any questions.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen to approve the amendment to Hansen Allen and Luce agreement to include the general master plan for the city.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Howard Chuntz.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

8. APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

MOTION BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen to approve the minutes of September 19, 2018.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Howard Chuntz.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

9. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

There was a brief discussion on the bills.

AMOUNT: \$533,368.69

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

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Seth Sorensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

10. YOUTH COUNCIL

The representative from the youth council reported that last month they cleaned up garbage at all of the elementary schools. They also cleaned up at the ballparks and knoll park. They collected 19 full bags of garbage. She thanked the council for the support they receive from them. The council thanked them for all the activities they are involved in. She mentioned their next activity will be the Goosebump Gala.

11. CHIEF BRAD JAMES, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

Chief Brad James was excused tonight.

Lieutenant Greg Gurney mentioned they had been able put the new speed trailer to work. They have had many requests to bring it to different neighborhoods. They recently held the licensing and rabies clinic last month, it was one of the best turnouts they have had. They have been busy with the fire and are now coordinating with Bruce and Matt on the possible folding issues. He stated they have done a phenomenal job.

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. Councilperson Chuntz asked if the zoning ordinance was being reviewed, he stated that there needs to be a limit on the number of units that can go on an acre of ground. Attorney Baker replied that our standards are being looked at in DRC and planning and zoning and then the council should see it back in council meeting. Attorney Baker commented that the ordinance does need some work and they are working on it. Bruce Ward stated that approving the master plan is a good step to get a vision for the city. Bruce mentioned there would be a public hearing at Planning and Zoning next week. William Burk asked if that would be open for comments. Bruce replied that it would be.

14. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY RECORDER

Jeff stated the week of October 15th the auditors will be in the office. He mentioned they would be here for a week and then we should have their report back in about a month.

15. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Matt Marziale mentioned that the High Line Canal had stopped putting water in the canal on September 28, 2018. We have been filling the ponds with culinary water with the intention to keep the PI water on until October 15, 2018. Residents will need to winterize their lines after that.

16. CLARK CROOK, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR

Clark Crook mentioned there is a legislative bill number 189 that allows 5G wireless to put small cells in easements. UMPA is looking at this, some cities have already been approached, they are working on standards so that when we are approached we have them in place. He mentioned that Trent Brindley, one of our apprentice linemen, took first place in the hurt man rescue at hot line school.

17. BRUCE WARD, ENGINEERING

Bruce reported Matt, Lt. Gurney and himself have been leading a flood response group, they have been meeting with the supervisors to keep everyone updated on the situation. There is also a Bald Mountain flood response team that they have been meeting with. They have filled over 23,000 sandbags and placed over 200 feet of jersey barrier. The national guard has been activated to help with flood issues. At the meeting today, Brian McInerney, a state hydrologist stated there is concern but no need to panic. He mentioned that it is about a 3-year watch for debris flows to come out of an area like the one we have since the fire. Bruce commented there has been good communication between the communities, and we have a lot of good people that want to help. He stated residents can sign up to receive notices through alerts.utahcounty.gov. He commended Matt, Lt. Gurney and the crews, they have all done a fantastic job. He stated that they worked hard to get sandbags filled Monday morning.

COUNCIL REPORTS

18. MAYOR KURT CHRISTENSEN

The mayor did not have anything to report tonight.

19. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Rees stated he attended the UMPA meeting last week. They are discussing looking at a new renewable resource. He should know more at the next meeting.

20. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS

Councilperson Cristy Simons was excused tonight.

21. COUNCILPERSON HOWARD CHUNTZ

Councilperson Chuntz stated that we had been awarded the grant that we applied for from the Bureau of Reclamation for the purpose of meters for our PI system. This grant was for \$300,000 and it is a 50/50 grant so we will have to match any funds that we receive. There is a limited time frame of two years, so we will have some work to do, but this is a good thing. Metering is the best way to be fair. He is working with Bruce to get the grant nailed down.

22. COUNCILPERSON SETH SORENSEN

Councilperson Seth Sorensen said he amazed by the progress at the treatment plant. Bruce mentioned the pipeline will be starting soon. Councilperson Sorensen stated the green waste at the rodeo grounds will be open October 22, 2018 to November 3, 2018.

23. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Craig Warren was excused tonight.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Chief Jim Ealey stated the firefighters are very thankful for the outpouring of support and donations they have received. Jeff commented if he wanted to write something up they could put it in the newsletter next month.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Howard Chuntz to adjourn council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilpersons Seth Sorensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (3-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:16 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder