

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on December 12, 2001 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:34 PM

CONDUCTING: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

PRAYER: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

PLEDGE: Trevor VanNosdol

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford
Councilman Reid W. Nelson
Councilman Earl M. Davis
Councilman Gary L. Warner
Councilman Terry A. Ficklin
Councilwoman Vicki H. Peterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder
Police Chief Brad James
Junior Baker, City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Dale Wills
Phil Porter
Michael Jenkins
Dale Boman

Tom Austin
Dawn VanNosdol
Trevor VanNosdol
Terry Hansen

1. Zion's Bank – Lease for Police Vehicle

Mayor Brailsford stated that up at the State Treasurer account, we are currently getting interest at 3.017, and if we do the lease we would be paying interest at 3.849. Currently we have \$46,013 up at the State Treasurer in the motor pool fund. The mayor felt that in order to get the motor pool fund back into budget, we could bring down some money from the State Treasurer, then instead of paying Zion's Bank for the lease, we would just pay ourselves back (transfer money from our motor pool fund up to the State Treasurer each year). We could bring down \$14,000 to be placed into the motor pool fund. This would bring the budget back in place, and it would also leave enough in the budget to pay for the backhoe (which is on a lease agreement each year).

MOTION BY: Councilman Reid Nelson to move the necessary funds down from our State Treasurer account to complete the purchase of the new police vehicles then pay ourselves back and to pay for the backhoe lease.

SECONDED BY: Councilman Gary Warner.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

2. Terry Hansen, Steelworkers Union - Resolution

Mayor Brailsford read the resolution supporting the Steel Revitalization Act of 2001, HR 808. Terry Hansen from the Steelworkers Union was present at the city council meeting. The mayor asked if there were any questions for Mr. Hansen. Councilman Warner asked about how many pages are in the Revitalization Act and if it has anything to do with the 202 Bill. Mr. Hansen stated that there were about 40 pages to the Revitalization Act and it is different from the 202 Bill. Mr. Hansen went on to state that there were four main sections of the Bill: 1st is the stopping of imports or being able to put tariffs or quotas on imports. 2nd is to have a 10 billion dollar loan that is guaranteed by the government. The funds would not be available by the government, a bank would loan the money, but the Government would guarantee it. Would have 15 years to pay back the loan. 3rd is we feel there is going to be some consolidation of steel companies, we would like to have to have some sort of a management process to help to determine what companies are consolidated. 4th is when a company goes bankrupt, there is no one there to pick up the insurance for employees who are going to retire. We need someone to help pick up the insurance for employees who are going to retire. Mr. Hansen went on to state that in the past the steel industry has been able to take care of themselves regarding the insurance. It is getting harder and harder to compete when you have foreign companies who have either social health or no health insurance at all and who are selling their steel to the United States.

Mr. Hansen also stated that the United States makes about 130 million tons of steel a year, which is 93% of what the United States needs, so we have to import some steel to take care of our needs. There is about 275 - 300 million tons of steel in the world that is trying to be sold; most countries are trying to impose their steel on the United States. We do not feel it is fair that these countries are asking the United States to cut their steel to buy from these other countries.

There are about 43 Union Steel workers that live in Salem City; these 43 workers are now out of a job with the shut down of Geneva Steel.

Mayor Brailsford asked if any other cities have refused the resolution yet, Mr. Hansen stated that all of the cities that have done the resolution have passed it. Mr. Hansen would appreciate the support of Salem City. He stated that Congressman Jim Mathansion supports us 100%, but that Congressman Jim Hansen and Congressman Chris Cannon would not support them.

MOTIONED BY: Councilman Gary Warner to pass the resolution regarding the Steel Revitalization Act of 2001, HR 808.

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

3. Ordinance Amending the Building & Construction Standards

Mayor Brailsford presented the Ordinance Amending the Building & Construction Standards. The mayor asked if the council members had read the ordinance and if they had any questions. The mayor stated that there were a couple of changes in the wording of the new ordinance. Utah has a Utah Uniform Committee that determines the codes for Utah. This next year (2002) the committee is going to adapt the international coding. Because of this; we needed to change our ordinance to accept the changes. We also drafted our ordinance to state that we will accept any ordinance that is recommended by the coding committee. By doing this, we would not have to change our ordinance each year or every time there is a change. We also have to adopt some of the fees that the international code states.

A question was asked that if the Legislation states that we have to adopt the ordinance, and the Legislation are the ones that appoint the ordinance, then why do we have to adopt the ordinance? It was stated that the reason we have to adopt the ordinance, is because our insurance carrier requires us to adopt the ordinance.

MOTIONED BY: Councilman Reid Nelson that we adopt Ordinance 121201.

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

4. New Computer Program

Jeff Nielson stated we need to decide on what computer program we want to go with for the office. We have two companies that have been presented to the council and the office staff; Caselle and Pelorus. Right now we are using the DOS version of Caselle, and we need to up grade to a Window's based program, as Caselle will no longer support the DOS program. Jeff presented to the council a comparison of both programs for the council to review.

MOTIONED BY: Councilman Reid Nelson to accept the Caselle proposal.

SECONDED BY: Councilman Gary Warner.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

5. Business License

a. Lynn Chauvie - Mail Order & Limited Internet Sales

Mayor Brailsford stated that Lynn Chauvie wants a business license. Mr. Chauvie has a business at his home where he rebuilds carburetors for snowmobiles and motorcycles. Mr. Chauvie does his business through mail order, so there would not be a lot of traffic by his home. UPS would also deliver the packages to his place of work, which is a machine shop outside of town, so there really should not be any traffic at the place of business.

Both the Chief of Police and the Chief of the Fire Department recommended the business license.

Mayor Brailsford asked the council members if they had any questions or concerns. They were all ok with allowing the business license to Lynn Chauvie.

6. Approve Minutes of November 28, 2001 Council meeting.

Councilman Earl Davis, had a couple of changes, the wording with Larry Stone to get the property changed from R1 to C2, needed to state that “If the property is sold to Larry, that the Zone will be changed”. A couple of other changes, for SUVMWA, the “M” was missing, and Councilman Ficklin did not meet with the SUVMWA, but with the South Utah Valley Solid Waste.

MOTIONED BY: Councilman Earl Davis to accept the minutes with the said changes.

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson.

VOTE: Affirmative 4-0, Councilman Ried Nelson voted abstained (was excused from prior council meeting).

7. Approve Bills for Payment

We have three bonds that are due at the first of the year. Two water bonds that are due and the bond on the new sewer plant. A question was asked if Elk Ridge needed to help on the sewer plant bond. It was stated that they are responsible for 18% of the bond. The mayor will get with Jeff next Wednesday to determine the payment of the other bonds.

Councilman Earl Davis complemented the city on the way the bills are paid and how quickly they are paid.

MOTIONED BY: Councilman Gary Warner to accept the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilman Terry Ficklin.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

8. Public Safety

Chief Brad James had a couple of items to discuss. The ambulance voted on new officers, since Captain Dale Wills is going to be on the City Council. The new ambulance captain is Lisa Horton, 1st Lieutenant is James Ealey, 2nd Lieutenant is Mike Nielsen, and the Secretary is Colleen Sorensen. Chief James wanted to thank Captain Dale Wills for the great job he has done with the ambulance crew and serving the City of Salem. Chief James stated that Captain Wills applied for a grant for the ambulance; with the grant money it allowed them to get some AED Heart Machine. The Police

department was also able to get a couple of the AED Heart Machine (small ones) so that the officer who is on duty will have one in his car. The police department all had training on the AED Heart Machine. This will really help for emergencies, due to the fact that the police will arrive at a scene a lot faster than what the ambulance can get there. We are also trying to get some more of the AED Heart Machines for the police department.

No report from the fire department.

Police reported that they are having problems with the Woodland Hills Drive, and getting the Utah County sanders out to sand the icy roads. The police have spent a lot of time waiting for the county to come and sand. The police department also noticed, our citizens need to be a little more aware of locking their garages and homes. Neighbors need to watch out for each other, if they see anything suspicious they need to call the police.

COUNCIL REPORTS

9. Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

Mayor Brailsford mentioned to both Dale Wills and Dale Boman that next council meeting they will be sworn in. We will need to get new plaques for the council chambers for the two new council members. The mayor also thanked Councilwoman Vicki Peterson for the decorations at the City Office; he stated they looked great.

Mayor encouraged all of the council members to read the department head meeting minutes. In the department head meeting it was discussed that the snowplow drivers are going to have some safety training with Officer Bird, who will then certify them.

The Cemetery will be open until midnight on Christmas Eve; this is so people can place candles on the gravesites for the candle light vigilance. There will be sand available for those who use luminaries. The mayor stated that there are a lot of graves sites that do not have family around, especially in the northwest section; there are about 26 infants that are buried in that section. This candle light vigilance is a tribute to our pioneers who came to Salem and settled the land and also a tribute to those who we love and have passed away. We need to teach our youth that the cemetery is a place of respect. If citizens want to put candles on the memorial, they can place their candles on the sidewalk, but not on the memorial.

10. COUNCILWOMAN VICKI H. PETERSON

We have a new board member for the library, it is Kathy Rawson, and the board is now complete. They will be making new assignments for this new year when the new chairperson takes over. Councilwoman Peterson feels the library will do well this next year. The library also has a Christmas tree at the library, it has 60 wishes for the library;

so far 20 of the wishes have been taken, people are giving the library Christmas presents this year.

Jill is a seasonal employee, she will not be working from December 19 – January 2, but the library will be open however; on December 19, 20, 26, and 27, volunteer workers will be running the library.

Councilman Warner mentioned that the Nebo School District sends out a newsletter, he stated that Spanish Fork Library places information regarding their library in it, it might be a good idea for Salem Library to do the same.

A suggestion was made that we move the city bulletin board that is out side the city office, over to the library. Councilwoman Peterson mentioned that when they first started building the library they had a lot of scouts wanting to do an eagle project and put a bulletin board up. Councilwoman Peterson mentioned that they wanted to get the building and the landscaping completed before they put in a bulletin board. Maybe this year the library board could look at installing a bulletin board. The mayor stated that it would be nice to have another place where the citizens can go and read information about what is going on around the city.

11. COUNCILMAN REID W. NELSON

We are working with UP & L to see if we can work something out with them regarding their hook ups in this area, we are hoping to get it resolved in the next couple of months. Point of discussion is about the Tower Road Power Lines, (the city really does not want those lines).

Junior Baker talked last time about the breach of contract that UMPA is dealing with. Not sure what has happened with the filing of the lawsuit.

SUVP approved the bid for the Dry Creek Substation; it came in a little bit less than what was estimated. It seems to be moving forward, it is really critical that we get this substation going before the peak load hits in the summer months. The full cost is looking about \$5.9 million, but that includes a line from Payson that we would not be paying for.

The bucket truck broke down on us a while ago, it is now fixed and has had a complete overhaul and it should be good for several years now. It was not anticipated in the budget for this, but it had to be done.

With our new substation, we started to build the 46 line to the substation, we are getting the metering work done, gravel is getting in, and the welders are supposed to be here to begin welding.

12. COUNCILMAN EARL M. DAVIS

Mayor Brailsford asked Councilman Davis if Dale Wills was going to go to the water meeting with him the following day, it was stated that he would be attending the meeting. The mayor also stated that the meeting with the United States Senators regarding water rights would be held on January 15th.

13. COUNCILMAN GARY L. WARNER

Councilman Warner talked about the recreation department (he is filling in while Bob Wright is out), he stated that Jr. Jazz is getting started and they have had a lot of people come in to sign up, a lot of county people that did not want to go to other cities. He also mentioned that they have had some people talk about getting an aerobic class going, they are looking at a couple of different places where they could do aerobics. Liz Daw (the intern) will be leaving; she has done a great job for the recreation department.

Councilman Warner talked about the roads, and how they are all white with snow (no complaints about the snow), but we might need to look at getting a sander for the small truck, if the snow continues to fall like it has.

All of the parks are closed up for the winter.

New snack shack is all roughed in, should be getting the sheetrock for it. They are hoping to have it done by the end of December or the beginning part of January. Gas line has been put in so we can start running the heaters. This spring we will begin to do the last ball field, we did not want to start the last ball field until the snack shack was complete, we needed a way to allow the trucks and equipment to go work on the snack shack without tearing up the ball field.

Councilman Warner would like to thank everyone for the past eight years, he has really enjoyed working with everyone.

14. COUNCILMAN TERRY A. FICKLIN

We had a bid for chlorine from Hill Brothers Chemical Co. Their prices are a little better than the current company. A comment was made about how long do they guarantee that price. We may want to do a little bit more research on them.

15. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER

The mayor stated to Junior, that when we have contractors or developers that uses Junior's services as a legal advisor, especially when they have Junior write up agreements

(i.e. connectors agreements) that we need to bill for that service. We also need to do the same for Dave Johnson, to start charging for his services, a lot of Developers and contractors come in, we should start charging them for the service that Dave and Junior do. We will need to sit down with Dave and determine the different situations that are done, and see about if we want to charge them or not.

16. Jeffrey Nielson

Was wondering if Junior Baker was going to write up an agreement for the new charges at the Lion's Club. It was stated that Junior Baker would write up the agreement for the Lion's Club rental.

The mayor asked if any of the citizens had any questions. One of the Boy Scouts had a question, he was wondering if it would be possible to do some kind of service project up to the cemetery. The mayor had no problem with that, as long as they came in and talked with the mayor to determine what they could do.

Close Council Meeting

MOTION BY: Councilman Reid Nelson to close city council meeting

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:55 PM

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder