

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on May 15, 2002 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:30 PM.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford.

PRAYER: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson.

PLEDGE: David Johnson.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford
Councilman Reid W. Nelson
Councilman Dale Boman
Councilman Dale R. Wills
Councilman Terry A. Ficklin
Councilwoman Vicki H. Peterson

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeff Nielson, City Recorder
David Johnson, Public Works
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
Junior Baker, City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Gina Dedrickson
Phil Porter
Chuck Knutson

Reed Cornaby
Brad Knutson

Mayor Brailsford stated that we need to put the preliminary budget on next council's agenda, since the council did not have much time to view the budget printout.

1. Gina Dedrickson – Payment for Water Connection & Impact Fees

Mayor Brailsford wanted Gina to present to the council what she would like to do. Gina stated that she would like to hook onto Salem city water. She lives at the west end of SR 198; this portion of the city was annexed in a few years ago. Gina has been working with David Johnson and Jeff Nielson in the city office with the different fees. Gina stated that the annexation water fees the city charges is \$2,210 (at this time) or 1.3 acre feet of water. Gina has $\frac{3}{4}$ of a share of Salem Canal Water, which would be the same as the 1.3 acre feet of water. She can give the city the $\frac{1}{2}$ of a share for the 1.3 acre feet of water, and then she would be left with the impact fee and connection fee. They are trying to sell the other $\frac{1}{4}$ of a share to help pay for the impact fee. Gina is wondering if the council would allow her to pay the impact fee in installments. The question was asked if the city could purchase the other quarter of a share and use it for a down payment for the impact fee. Dave Johnson stated that the water is going for about \$1700 per acre foot, so a half a share would be \$2,210 and a quarter of a share would be \$1,105. Usually when the city

buys the water they have an engineer do the changes and then charge the person the cost of the engineer. Attorney Baker stated that with the Salem Canal Water we do not have to have the engineer do the changes. Mayor Brailsford asked the council what they would like to do. It was mentioned that if we take the $\frac{3}{4}$ of a share, the $\frac{1}{2}$ of share would take care of the annexation fee, and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the share could help pay for the impact fee and the connection fee. Gina stated that they have the money to cover the \$223 for the connection fee. So with the \$1105 for the $\frac{1}{4}$ of a share, it would leave them with the amount of \$1,145; roughly, if all figures are correct on the price of the water share. The question was also asked how close the main water line runs to their home, Gina, and Dave Johnson mentioned it goes right past their home; they would only have to tap into it.

MOTION BY: Councilman Dale Wills to accept the proposal for Gina Dedrickson, to accept the $\frac{3}{4}$ of share of Salem Canal Co. Water, with the remaining amount left to pay for the impact fee to be paid on installments over a 36 month period.

SECONDED BY: Councilman Reid Nelson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

2. UTILITY BILL MAILING.

Jeffrey Nielson explained that Freedom Mailing is a company that will print your utility bills, stuff them, and mail them for you. They will stuff the utility bills with our news letter and bill. Right now it is taking two of the office staff about two days to print the bill, stuff them, and get them ready to mail. Every city we have talked to that uses Freedom Mailing has been very happy with their work. The cost of having them print, stuff, and mail (postage included) is 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per bill. To add the news letter would be an additional \$18 per 1,000. We have about 1,500 utility bills that go out each month. To do it ourselves we are paying for the employee's time, the printing cost, and the mailing cost. The mayor asked if anyone had any concerns. The council felt that we should try them out. Jeff stated that they do not have a contract, so we are not bound as a city to use them.

3. PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVIEW

This item will be put on next council meeting agenda.

4. RESOLUTION ON CITY WATER RATE FOR DOUBLE UNITS

Attorney Junior Baker stated that when we did the resolution on the water rates, it was only for single water hook up's for city residents and county residents. LaVera and Jeff both noticed that we have another category for water billings. This category is for double unit occupancies that only have one water meter. They are billed at a different rate for

the base rate. This does not change what we have done with the other resolution; it is only for the double unit occupancy.

MOTION BY: Councilman Dale Boman to accept Resolution 51502 for modifying the city water rates for double unit occupancies.

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

5. APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2002

A couple of changes on the minutes, Councilwoman Vicki Peterson name was misspelled and also in the paragraph stating the residents that went to all power were given a price discount, we need to mention that the discount was phased out over a period of 10 years.

MOTION BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson to accept the minutes of May 1, 2002 with said changes.

SECONDED BY: Councilman Reid Nelson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

6. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

MOTION BY: Councilman Terry Ficklin to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilman Dale Boman.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

7. PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Chief James had a couple of items; first the Fishing Day was a great success, we only had a couple of minor injuries, a little boy fell down and another one got hooked by a fish hook. Mayor Brailsford stated that we had about 627 participants. Second; on Thursday May 23, at 7:00 PM, the Mt. Loafer elementary school will be holding Dare graduation and wanted the mayor to be aware of that.

Councilman Wills had a concern about 300 west and SR 198. The road is closed and there are some orange barrels blocking the road, but people are moving the barrels to allow them to drive through the closed road. Chief James stated that he is aware of the situation. We keep putting the barrels back but people just keep moving them. If an accident were to happen there, the fault would be placed on the person who is driving on the closed road.

Mayor Brailsford read a letter that was addressed to Officer Kerby and Officer Jackson, commending them on rescuing some puppies from a barn fire. The letter was written by

Chief James, and stated how pleased he was with his officers and the great job they did that day.

8. OPEN DISCUSSION

Nothing for open discussion.

COUNCIL REPORTS

9. MAYOR RANDY A. BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford asked Attorney Baker if the city was ever placed in an emergency situation with the water, where our pumps were not working, or not pumping properly, would he have the authority to put water restrictions on the city, and maybe even fine the residents if they are caught watering when they are not supposed to? Attorney Baker stated that it should not be a problem, but we would have to get it on the council agenda next time so the council could give him that type of authority. Attorney Baker will put it as a resolution for emergency water restrictions.

Mayor Brailsford would also like to get together with Attorney Baker, and Chief James, to discuss some of the nuisance laws and what it would take to do some amending. Some of his big concerns are residents that have too many vehicles that do not work parked on their property. Provo has a few police officers that concentrate strictly on nuisance ordinances. The council also needs to be aware that it takes police officers off their regular duty when they have to go and investigate complaints. There are a lot of areas with the nuisance ordinances that we need to look at amending. The mayor would like to meet within the next week or so.

Mayor Brailsford asked Councilwoman Peterson if she would like to hand out certificates to the Youth Council on Friday, Councilwoman Peterson stated she would.

The 3rd and 4th Ward young men would like to clean off the head stones at the cemetery for Memorial Day. We have had a couple of people complaining about how the lawn mower is leaving grass clippings on the headstones, and how they are not being cleaned off. The group would just be cleaning the headstones with brushes and water, no chemicals. Chuck Knutson mentioned that their scout troop would also like to go and trim the grass around the headstones. Mayor mentioned it would be a great idea and to have Chuck work with the city employee's, and also with Councilman Boman, what would be the best time.

The mayor spoke about how the city has some areas throughout the city that are for future road ways or other uses, which are currently not being used by the city. There are residents that use these areas for pasture space, but they have to sign a contract stating that they are to keep the property up and looking nice, (putting a fence and the up keep and making sure the weeds are not a problem, etc.). The city has been charging these

residents a dollar for rent per year. The mayor is wondering if the dollar is okay or if it needs to be raised. Mayor Brailsford stated that he started this a long time ago and it has always been a dollar. It was mentioned that it cost more for the paper work and the time spent to keep track of it. On the other hand it is nice because the residents take care of the land, the fence, so it does not become a nuisance problem. There are a few residents who are anxious to rent this land from the city. Chief James stated that he rents one of these pastures from the city, he had to put up a fence and do all of the up keep on it. Also there are no water rights to water the pasture. It was mentioned that to have the person renting the property do all of the maintenance and making sure it is not a nuisance is worth the one dollar fee. It was recommended by the council to leave the pasture rent fee at \$1.00.

10. COUNCILWOMAN VICKI H. PETERSON

Councilwoman Peterson mentioned that on Saturday May 18 will be the Miss Salem Pageant. The Youth Council will be helping take money and tickets. Mayor Brailsford stated that he was wondering if any of the council wanted to help hand out the scholarships to the royalty, or even have some of the council come up on the stage.

Planning and Zoning received the master plan at their last meeting. The mayor would like them to look and see if we could change the footage requirement for a home set back. He would really like the committee to look at corner homes, and make sure we are specific about what the city is going to allow for set backs and the footage requirement. Councilwoman Peterson stated that each committee member has a section they are working on, when they are finished they are to bring it back to the committee for discussion. Everyone needs to let the residents know the master plan is at the city office if they want to review it, so mention it everyone you know.

For the Fourth of July program Councilwoman Peterson has arranged to have John Morrissey as a speaker. He was a prisoner of war in Stalin Germany during WWII. He is also a writer and a singer, so he will be doing some singing during the program. Councilwoman Peterson would like to have it at the Veterans Memorial around 7:00 AM on the Fourth of July.

11. COUNCILMAN DALE R. WILLS

Councilman Wills spoke a little bit about the solid waste, and how we are trying to get something together with the other cities in the area for picking it up.

Councilman Wills also reported that for the city recycling program, there are a couple of ideas we are looking at; especially as a region. Spanish Fork is looking at about 10 acres of land to do a recycling program over at the old Spanish Fork dump. Initially it would only be set up to take yard waste. They are currently looking at the costs. Also, between Spanish Fork and Springville there is about 40 acres that they might want to use. There

would be a drop off site there. Councilman Wills is not sure if people in Salem would be interested in something like that, especially if they have to travel. The Provo Youth Council is doing a survey to see if the residents of Provo would be interested.

Councilman Wills also had a question about handing out fines for water usage, if we ever need to do that. Do we need to worry about people saying that they did not know about the water restriction when they get fined? It was mentioned that we could give them a warning the first time, then fine them the next time. We are not after the money; we are worried about not having enough water.

Councilman Wills was asked why the city was watering the new ball field at 2:00 in the afternoon last Sunday. Mayor Brailsford stated we will look into that.

Councilman Wills also has some price quotes for the fence along SR 198 over the pond. For an iron fence it would be around \$11,000 dollars, for the vinyl fence it would be about \$3,500. It was mentioned that the problems with the vinyl fence are vandalism and safety. We need to find out what the state requires us to use, or if they would even allow us to do something like that. Before we go any further, we need to verify what the states requirements are. Councilman Wills stated he would verify with the state.

What is happening with the Sunrise Engineering study on our wells, have we heard anymore from them? Mayor Brailsford stated he would like to meet with John Davis; John helped the city to build the clay wall up Water Canyon. Mayor would like to have John re-look at the clay wall and see what we could do to make it better, also to see about putting more collection boxes up in the canyon. We have a lot of property in Water Canyon where we can put more collection boxes, and better the water collection. The mayor would like to do it this fall if possible. Part of Sunrise's study is to determine where we could put another well. Councilman Nelson was wondering if the study from sunrise would still be a good idea or not. The mayor would like to have Sunrise Engineering come back and explain a little bit more of what they want to do before we sign the contract. He would like to have them in for a work session. Dave Johnson mentioned that we have a well in Water and Maple Canyons, the only other place we could look is Loafer Canyon. The mayor stated that we need to look at places where we do not have to pump the water back up for storage, and then be delivered; we need to look at places where the elevation can be used to store the water, and then to deliver the water.

12. COUNCILMAN TERRY A. FICKLIN

Councilman Ficklin was wondering why we have had so many power outages recently. Councilman Nelson stated that we had a track hoe hit a power pole the other day. Then with the strong winds we had a few problems. We are taking the proper measures to try to prevent the power outages when the wind blows.

Mayor Brailsford Left council chambers at 8:55 PM

Councilman Ficklin also mentioned that when he has been at the new ball park he has noticed that there are a lot of cars and was wondering where we will have the people park, especially when we get the other ball field in place. It was reported that the church has given permission to park in their parking lot. The city would also like to purchase some of the property to the south of the ball park, or even some of the churches property, but it would be in the future.

Councilman Ficklin also had a concern about the budget, and the work on SR 198. The sewer budget is out of whack because of the work done. Jeff Nielson stated that he would contact the cities auditor to see what we could do to bring it back in order.

Mayor Brailsford returned at 9:00 PM

13. COUNCILMAN REID W. NELSON

Did not have anything at this time.

Mayor Brailsford would like to have Dave Johnson take his turn. We have a problem at the new ball park with the sewer system and need to have Dave go there.

Dave Johnson mentioned at last council that he wanted to have Val Kotter do some more work on other sewer lines in the city. Dave has been looking at a few different places. On 500 East from Center Street to 300 South, along 350 North in back of Burger King, these are old lines that were put in back in the early 60's. Along Canal Road, 100 East and 240 East, we have a slopping problem which would cause a sludge problem. Melanie Lane and 800 South, up in Dream View Subdivision, we have problems. On the East side of the pond by Dale Boman's house, and on the West side of the pond to the lift station, and Towers road are all bad. With these roads in mind, it comes to 14,000 feet of sewer line. Val Kotter gave the quote of \$11,750 to do the cambering and cleaning of the line. Again with the original budget for the work was \$119,000, and the cost so far has only been about \$60,000, plus some savings we have done by doing point repairs in house. These lines really need the work done, and it would be a good time to do them.

MOTION BY: Councilman Terry Ficklin to approve the work and bid with a \$12,000 budget.

SECONDED BY: Councilman Reid Nelson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

14. COUNCILMAN DALE BOMAN

Councilman Boman stated the Memorial Day program is on for 8:00 AM. The American Legion had no problem with that time. He has also talked to Abby Higginson to see if

the new Miss Salem would sing. We have a speaker lined up, but he may not be available, so we will get someone else lined up.

Councilman Boman is getting the Salem float lined up, he is not sure of the cost yet. It was suggested that he contact Joyce Henderson to see if he could borrow her barn to put the float in while it is being worked on.

Councilman Boman has also found a web address that we could register for Salem City. The web address would be pondtown.org. The cost to have the web address registered would be \$19.00 a year.

MOTION BY: Councilman Dale Boman to accept “pondtown.org” as our cities official web site address.

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

Councilman Boman also mentioned that if Salem wanted to become a “Tree City USA” that we have to put so much in a budget for trees, he was not sure on the amount, but he will look into it.

Mayor Brailsford mentioned that there is a new tax that could be on the ballots this year to vote on. The tax is called the ZAP Tax; it is a Zoo/Recreation, Arts and Parks. If we vote on it, it would be county wide. Salem’s share could be about \$43,000, this is estimated though. It would be very beneficial for Salem, and to help out other areas.

The mayor also mentioned if the council had any suggestions on the nuisance laws; please let him know. We may have to have the nuisance officer become stricter. All of the council is in favor of redoing the nuisance laws.

CLOSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilman Reid Nelson.

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Vicki Peterson.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 9:30 PM

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder