Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on August 4, 2004 in the Salem City Council Chambers

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:39 PM

CONDUCTING: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford.

OPENING REMARKS: Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone would like to give an opening remark. Councilperson Dale Boman offered and invocation for the opening thought.

PLEDGE: Police Chief Brad James invited all who would like to participate to stand and say the pledge of allegiance.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford Councilperson Terry A. Ficklin Councilperson Dale Boman Councilperson Dale R. Wills Councilperson Lynn Durrant Councilperson Paul J. Hair Jeff Nielson, City Recorder Chief Brad James, Police Chief Junior Baker, City Attorney

Excused From Council Meeting: David Johnson, Public Works

OTHERS PRESENT

Phil Porter Joseph Ross Clyde Bradford

Eva Bradford

1. CLYDE BRADFORD - CARRIAGE RIDES

Mayor Brailsford turned the time over to Clyde Bradford. Clyde stated this last year when he was driving around Pond Town Christmas he thought it would be a lot of fun to ride in a horse drawn carriage. So he took a few of his friends around the pond in a carriage, and stated it was a neat experience. He only did it one night, but when he was getting ready, he stated he had a few people come and ask him if he gave rides, and how much he charged. He thought this might be a way to show off the lights on the pond. He talked to Police Chief James about it, and Chief James told him he would need to get a business licenses, and he would want to explain to the council what he would like to do. Clyde stated his thoughts right now are pretty open; he would start it when the lights come on. Still not sure about scheduling, again he is open to suggestions. He does have lights that go on the back of the carriage for safety purposes.

Mayor Brailsford told Clyde a problem he sees is that a lot of people have donated money towards Pond Town Christmas, and to have someone come a long and capitalize on it, he does not think it would be a good idea. But, he was wondering if a certain percentage from the money he earns could go towards Pond Town Christmas. Clyde stated he sees the mayor's point, and would not have a problem with donating a percentage towards Pond Town Christmas. When he charges, he would like to make it affordable for young families. He does not want to make a lot of money on this. Clyde also had another concern, what happens if this becomes popular and there are others that want to do rides. It might become a safety problem. Mayor asked Attorney Baker if we could set up a contract with Clyde, Attorney Baker stated the city could set up a contract. Mayor Brailsford is also concerned about the horse's shoes, and what they would do to the asphalt. Clyde stated he could take the shoes off, or there is a rubber shoe that the horses can wear. Councilperson Boman asked about the horse manure, and if he would have a bag for it. Clyde stated he would have a manure bag that would catch the manure. Mayor Brailsford stated the manure bag information would also need to be in the contract. The question was asked where he would begin the rides. Clyde stated would start at the parking lot at Knoll Park and go around the head of the pond, down towards Councilperson Boman's home, then turn around and come back.

Mayor Brailsford stated to Clyde that our insurance company would require to him to have a \$2,000,000 limited liability. Clyde stated he has talked to his insurance company, and he can get a \$500,000 liability, but does not think he can get the \$2,000,000. Mayor Brailsford asked Jeff Nielson if he would contact our insurance company and see if there is anything that we could do, to work with Clyde on the insurance issue. Councilperson Lynn Durrant asked Clyde how many people would his carriage hold and if the thin wheels would be safe on the icy roads. Clyde stated that it holds about six adults and the wheels would not be a problem. Clyde also stated that he would stop giving rides about 11:00 PM when the music goes off. He also has small bells that go on the horses to give the ride a Christmas feeling. He has met with Police Chief James and they have gone over most of the safety issues. The council all felt that it would be a good idea. Mayor told Clyde to give him a call to see what the insurance company stated about the insurance.

2. EAGLE SCOUTS

a. Conrad Nybo – Bull Pen

Conrad was not present at council meeting.

b. Joseph Ross – Cement Benches

Joseph stated he talked to Councilperson Boman about setting three benches around the pond. Joseph handed to the council a layout of where the benches would be placed, and other information regarding the project. Joseph stated he has talked to a cement finisher who stated he would help him out. Councilperson

Durrant asked Joseph how he would pay for the cement. Joseph stated he would pay for the cement, and then when the project is finished he would get reimbursed by the city. He would begin the project the last two weeks of August. The council felt that it would be a good project and to proceed.

3. TRAFFIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION FEE

Police Chief James explained to the council that Salem City was one of the first cities to have traffic school. Many of the other cities used us to help them get started. Right now we charge \$50 to come to traffic school. This last year the state stated they wanted a portion of the traffic school. That raised the fee up to \$80.00, \$50 for the city and \$30 for the state. Chief James has talked to other cities, and looking at some of the rates, feels we should increase ours by \$10, so it would be raised to \$60. The traffic school benefits both the citizens and the police department. It helps the citizen with their insurance, helps train them, and refreshes their memory on traffic laws. It helps the Police Department to get to know the citizens. He does not want to hurt the residents, but feels we need to stay in line with other departments. Traffic school is also optional; they do not have to take it.

Attorney Baker stated that when the cost was first set for traffic school, it was set about the same price as what a ticket would cost. Now a ticket costs about \$82, if we increase our cost, the fee would be \$90, including the state's \$30. It is still cheaper in the long run for a person to take traffic school. The trend is to increase the rate every 4 to 5 years. We have had the same rate longer than that. Attorney Baker stated that with the resolution, it is written so that when we raise the rate again, it can be done when the budget is adopted.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant to approve resolution 80404 increasing the traffic school fee \$10.00.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

4. APPROVAL FOR PUMPS FOR THE SEWER PLANT

Councilperson Hair stated that Mike Pritchett received some bids from Chicago Pump for some pumps at the sewer plant to replace a couple that we have. There is one new one down there, but the other two are about 18 years old. The cost for the pumps would be \$3,244. We new this would eventually happen because of how old the pumps are.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Paul Hair to approve the purchase of two pumps for the sewer plant for the cost of \$3,244 and \$148 for shipping.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

5. SUMMER PARTY

The council agreed upon Friday September 17, at 6:00 PM for the Summer Employee Party.

6. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2004

Councilperson Hair stated on line 266 it should read "organizations" and not "originations".

MOTION BY: Councilperson Dale Wills to approve the minutes of July 21, 2004 with said changes.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Paul Hair.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

7. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Councilperson Wills had a question on an invoice for Advanced Construction. Would like to talk to Todd Gordon regarding the bill before paying.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Dale Wills to approve the bills for payment, except for the Advanced Construction invoice.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Lynn Durrant.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

8. PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Chief Brad James stated that Officer James Bird injured his back while the department was doing shooting practice. He would also like to know if the council knows of anyplace special the police department needs to be at for Salem Days, and if so to please let him know.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

Phil Porter had some questions regarding Salem Days parade. There was some discussion regarding the parade. Mayor Brailsford stated to Phil to meet with Councilperson Boman and himself after council meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

10. MAYOR RANDY A. BRAILSFORD

Did not have anything to report on tonight.

11. COUNCILPERSON DALE BOMAN

Councilperson Dale Boman has been approached about having someone announce the families as they come to the breakfast like it used to be done. It was stated that there are too many families now and that it would be hard to do. When they used to do it, everybody knew everyone.

12. COUNCILPERSON LYNN DURRANT

Councilperson Lynn Durrant stated that she will be getting about four contracts from SUVPS for the council to review. She is hoping to get them soon. Kerry the librarian will be going to a conference this next week. Dawn Vanosdal will be covering for her.

13. COUNCILPERSON TERRY A. FICKLIN

Did not have anything to report on tonight.

14. COUNCILPERSON PAUL J. HAIR

Councilperson Paul Hair stated he would like to thank Phil Porter for his work on the parade. Councilperson Hair reported that he attended the technical meeting for the solid waste committee. The issue of purchasing Provo City's mulching equipment and having the cities start up a green waste recycling problem. Councilperson Ficklin stated that it would also be talked about during their board meeting. He also stated that if Spanish Fork City does it, then it could be something that Salem City could participate in. The problem is, is that Provo City has the vehicles for it.

15. COUNCILPERSON DALE R. WILLS

Did not have anything to report on tonight.

16. DAVE JOHNSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Did not have anything to report on tonight.

17. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER

Attorney Junior Baker gave the council the Questar Franchise Agreement, and stated some of the changes. He stated that if the council has any question to let him know. He would like to have it ready for next council meeting. It has been put on hold for a long time and needs to come to council meeting.

CLOSE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Terry Ficklin to close city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Dale Wills.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:45 P.M.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder