

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on April 4, 2012 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work session 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Brailsford talked to the council about a couple of positions that the mayor has been looking at and reviewing. With the budget this year and seeing the job description of the two positions, he felt that those positions could not be justified. Those positions were the blue stake and the inspector. He has talked to the two employees who had those positions, Justin Jex and Nyle Robinson, and told them that their positions have been terminated and they will be reclassified as seasonal help at this time, and will be helping in the parks and recreation departments. Nyle will be doing the blue staking and rereads for utilities, and then helping in the parks. Right now they will be working until the end of the summer season. He is concerned with the roads budget, and would like to make it possible so more of B&C road money goes into the repair of roads. He stated that it was a hard decision, but he feels those two positions could not be justified at this time. Mayor Brailsford stated he is happy with all of the other positions in the city and feels they are needed.

Mayor Brailsford talked about items that were discussed in Department Head meeting. He reported that he talked to each of the department heads about making sure they shut the vehicles off when not in use, to help conserve on gas. The weekly reports from Bruce for each of the departments will be turned in every other week, and will be the week ending reports. The pond improvement project is looking really good, he was very proud of our city crews for being able to get the material, equipment and some of the labor donated. Next Wednesday will be doing another flag of honor at 5:00 p.m. On Saturday April 14 will be the Utah County Republican Convention held at the Salem Hills High School. We have still not heard anymore from our insurance on the fire at the city shop. The mayor and council also talked about doing a tour of the city facilities on May 9th at 1:00 p.m. He also stated no more purchase orders will be approved for the following accounts, fund 51-70-25 in the water, and 52-72-26 in the sewer fund.

Mayor Brailsford turned the time over to Bruce Ward to discuss the impact fee studies. Bruce stated that we have hired different firms to do impact fee studies for Water, Sewer, Electric, PI, Parks & Recreation, and Public Safety. He stated that he has sent the reports to the council. From the studies the following are the recommendations from the fee firms. Water impact fee recommendation is \$1,738. PI impact fee is being used to pay off debt, and the recommended amount is \$1,590. Sewer recommended amount is \$1,792. Electrical is based on a 200 amp service, and it is \$1,067. Parks and Recreation amount is \$1,370, this is using level of service at a 7. Public Safety recommended amount is \$2,320. Our current fees are as follows: Water - \$1,771, Sewer - \$1,615, Electrical - \$2,603, PI - \$1,800, Parks and Recreation - \$4,470, and Public Safety - \$2,230.

Total Impact Fee Amounts: Current \$14,489 vs. Proposed \$9,877

Bruce talked about Parks and Recreation, and how our level of service is 9.2 currently, the study recommends dropping it to a 7. The level of service is for every 1000 people we need 9.2 acres of improved parks. Recommendations are from 5 – 10 level of service. Matt Marziale feels that the council should keep our level of service at 9.2. If we raise the level of service it will increase our impact fee amount. The council felt that the level of service should be increased back to the 9.2 level of service.

Mayor Brailsford talked about how the power impact fee really affects commercial businesses, because it is based on per 200 amp service. A recommendation would be for commercial to give a discount, because they will bring in sales tax and also employment. He recommends the discount would not apply to churches, schools, or other tax exempt entities, because they do not pay property taxes each year. The council felt that a discount of 20% to the commercial businesses for power and public safety.

Bruce stated that the public hearing will be set for May 2, 2012 for the impact fee study approval.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Randy A. Brailsford

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Randy A. Brailsford
Councilperson Janie Christensen
Councilperson Aaron Cloward
Councilperson Sid Jorgensen
Councilperson Sterling Rees
Councilperson Craig Warren

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
Chief Brad James, Police Chief
Junior Baker, City Attorney
David Johnson, Building Dept.
Bruce Ward, Public Works/Engineer

Excused:

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Tanner, Jileen Meservy, Lori Warren, Spencer Warren, Joe & Gina Olsen, Rod & Jan Hall, Shirley VanLewen, Erika Davis, Colby Davis, Karen Taylor, Robby Taylor, Robert Palfreyman, Barbara Palfreyman, Steve Ostler, Erman Stone, Spencer Barrett, Alex Minson, Jordan Kendall, Stephen Cowley, Logan Bennett, Maryn Turley, McKay Bennett, Caleb Boden, Ryan Christensen, Spencer Jack, Marissa Tullis, Nicole Christensen, Karlee Jo Hales, Howard Chuntz, Yolanda Moser, Brent Moser.

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Councilperson Janie Christensen stated she 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. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Mayor Brailsford had each of the youth council who were present tonight to stand and introduce them. McKay Bennett from the youth council then reported on the Youth Council Conference they attended at USU in Logan. They stated that they placed 2nd in the excellent categories and also in the challenge category. There was also another award that was given out this year, where all of the youth councils in attendances voted on who they felt were the best youth council and Salem City Youth Council received that most votes.

4. JOSEPH & GINA OLSEN – Council Request (hook onto city water)

Mayor asked that both Joe Olsen and Rod Hall come forward, since they are both requesting the same thing. They both stated that they would like to hook onto the city's culinary water for their homes. They have iron and ammonia problems in their wells. They both have Pressurized Irrigation with Strawberry, so they will not use the culinary water for outside use. They live on the west side of Woodland Hills Drive, and the water line runs right in front of their property.

Bruce Ward stated that they are in the same situation that Gary Warner is in. Gary Warner came to last council requesting the same thing, and the council granted him to hook onto the water. Bruce stated that he has met with both Joe and Rod and discussed the fees to hook on.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve Joe Olsen and Rod Hall to hook onto the Salem City culinary water system.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

5. RODNEY & JAN HALL – Council Request (hook onto city water)

This item was taken care with item #4.

6. REPLACEMENT VEHICLE DAMAGED BY CITY SHOP FIRE

Mayor Brailsford stated that we have some bids for a new truck to replace the one that was in the city shop fire. The bids were the following:

Larry H. Miller – 2012 Ford F350 - \$41,826.02 (truck is \$33,828. And the dump bed is \$7,998.02).

Jerry Seiner – 2012 Sierra 3500 - \$42,213.77 (this is with the bed)

Larry H. Miller – 2012 Ford F-550 - \$48,160.02 (truck \$40,162. And the dump bed is \$7,998.02).

The trucks at Larry H. Miller and Jerry Steiner are ready to be picked up and have the reinforcement so snow plows can be placed on them. Jeff Nielson stated that Hinckley Dodge has also submitted a bid for \$41,942.89.

Jeff Nielson stated that we received \$21,375.14 from the insurance for the truck that was totaled. The remaining amount will be coming from a reduction in health insurance. This last year when we were doing our budget, the health insurance came in at a tier 12. In October we were able to get that tier dropped to a 9, this would give us a savings of about \$28,000. Because our budget was already approved at a tier 12, we will see in the benefits of each department a under spending in that fund. This money will be used to purchase the new truck, it was money we were hoping to put into reserves.

This truck is used in the parks, cemetery, ball parks, power, and roads department.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the purchase of the parks truck from Larry H. Miller in the amount of \$41,826.02.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

7. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2012.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the minutes of March 21, 2012.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

8. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Brailsford asked about the GIS invoice from Payson City for Aaron Painter, and if the invoice was for a quarterly amount. Jeff Nielson stated that it was.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

Mayor Brailsford stated the amount being approved tonight is \$270,526.39.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone had anything for public comment.

Bob Palfreyman mentioned about the fraud class that will be taught at the Civic Center on April 19th at 6:30 p.m. It is being held to help out the senior citizens and make them aware of the fraud problems.

Mayor Brailsford asked if there was anyone else for public comment.

Brad Tanner, who is president elect for the chamber, thanked the city for being a platinum member. The chamber is having a networking meeting next Wednesday at noon, on social media and how to market your business. He encouraged chamber members to come and network with other businesses. He asked if there is anything the chamber can do for the city.

Mayor Brailsford wanted to thank the chamber for all they do and really complemented Cary Hanks for the job she is doing for the chamber. We are glad to be able to be a part of the chamber. He then asked if the city can do anything. Brad stated that the chamber needs news articles from Salem for the monthly news paper. Councilperson Christensen stated that she has given an article to the chamber.

COUNCIL REPORTS

10. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford asked the council to watch their budgets.

11. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Rees reported on the meeting that UMPA had in St. George, and how UMPA will be giving us more information regarding power rates. He also reported on Eagle Scout Projects are really helping out in the city.

Mayor Brailsford wanted to thank Councilperson Rees for using his personal time to go back to Washington DC and St. George with UMPA.

12. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Christensen reported that the Miss Salem pageant is set for May 26, 2012 and there are 12 contestants this year. The current Miss Salem, Rachel Fitzgerald is holding a princess party for little girls.

Karen Taylor from the library stated that the library had a good turnout for the Hunger Games event that was held at the library.

13. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Cloward reported on the project for Salem Pond by Knoll Park and the Wet Lands. Stated that the material and a lot of time was donated for the project, which has helped to improve the pond and make it easier for the handicap fishing day and also for the elderly who want to go fishing.

He reported that spring sports have started youth baseball and softball leagues are getting ready. The Economic Development Committee is doing well. The committee was divided into two groups, and Dan Higginson was nominated to be chair for the Promotional Board, and Ken Swenson was nominated to be chair for the Development Board.

14. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

Councilperson Jorgensen reported that the PI ponds are being filled up, and will be turned on next week. He asks that residents please be wise with their water usage this year. Bruce Ward stated that we are getting about 560 GPM from our spring, and will be using the overflow water to help fill up the PI ponds.

Councilperson Jorgensen also reported that the Easter Egg hunt is set for this coming Saturday, and wanted to thank the Fire Department and Youth Council for the help. He also stated that SUVMWA has not met for a while.

15. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Warren reported that the roads crew is doing crack sealing; they have finished doing the city property, and have started on the streets. Also the company doing the city web page has turned it over to the city. We will start getting familiar with it then start updating it and make it live.

16. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES

Chief Brad James wanted to thank the Palfreyman's for working on the fraud class and helping getting it organized.

Chief James also reported that the state wide shake out will be held on April 17th at 10:15 a.m. Some of the schools and the two LDS Stakes will be participating from Salem.

Chief James presented to the council a report from the first quarter of 2012 of what the police have been doing. The report showed the different calls that the police responded to during the 1st quarter of 2012.

Mayor Brailsford wanted to make sure the police were ticketing people who are parked at the down town ball park in places that are marked “no parking”. We need to watch out for the kids who run in and out of the parked cars.

17. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

18. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

19. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

Mayor Brailsford wanted to remind people to shop Salem.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sid Jorgensen to adjourn city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (5-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:00 p.m.