

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on March 21, 2011 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work session 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Brailsford stated that we have received information from our insurance company regarding the truck that was totaled in the city shop fire. They will pay us \$21,375.14 for the truck.

Councilperson Christensen talked about the state inspection the sewer plant had. She stated that we passed with five stars on the inspection.

Mayor Brailsford reported that a representative from Lewis and Young will be contacting Bruce Ward regarding the bond that SUVMWA did for the land for a regional sewer plant. The representative feels they can help with the interest rate on the bond.

Mayor discussed the “Making Life Better, Shop Salem” campaign, and how Shane Johnson from Outback Graphic will be donating the stickers for business for the campaign.

Mayor gave a history of why the city has not allowed county residents to hook onto the city water, unless it is deemed a hardship. He stated that Gary Warner is coming tonight to ask to hook onto the city water. He lives in the county. It was stated that some of his neighbors may also want to connect because of the same issues they are having with their water wells.

Bruce Ward talked about the subdivision that is on the agenda tonight. He showed the map of the subdivision and explained that it was recommended by DRC and Planning & Zoning to be approved.

Bruce also talked about the lawn mower, and how it was approved in the budget this year.

Councilperson Craig Warren talked about the crack sealing on the roads, and how the crews will be crack sealing for the next three to four weeks.

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 Craig Warren
Councilperson Sterling Rees

Excused:

Councilperson Sid Jorgensen

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
Sergeant Scott Dibble, Police
Junior Baker, City Attorney
David Johnson, Building Dept.
Bruce Ward, Public Works/Engineer
Matt Marziale, Recreation

Chief Brad James, Police Chief

OTHERS PRESENT

Cary Hanks, Brent Hancock, Colby Davis, Erika Davis, Barbara Lewis Palfreyman, Robert E. Palfreyman, Gary Warner, Lisa Warner, Joe Olsen, James Simons, Christy Simons, Dwayne Keck, Carol DeGraw, Terry DeGraw, Marvin Baker, Dan Higginson, Jeff Goodsell, Josh Scott.

1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Councilperson Aaron Cloward stated he 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. SAM MCVEY & KATH RICKS - Presentation

Sam McVey from the Black Hawk District of the Utah National Parks Council of the Boy Scouts of America presented to Mayor Brailsford the “Do A Good Turn Daily” award. This award is in recognition of consistent demonstrations of service to our community and in the best keeping of the Boy Scout slogan “Do a Good Turn Daily”. He stated that Mayor Brailsford was nominated for his personal time he has spent in working in helping with the youth and the recreation programs in Salem over the years.

**4. JOSH SCOTT – Preliminary Approval of Plat B Autumn Heights View
Subdivision located at 878 E. 1160 S.**

Bruce Ward stated that Josh Scott is asking for a three lot subdivision. He showed on the map where the subdivision is located. It is part of a subdivision that was approved a few years ago. The utilities are already there but he will need to do laterals for the sewer, water, and P.I. for the three lots. Josh will also be required to finish the road on his section. It has been approved by DRC and Planning & Zoning with DRC conditions of: *Using flowable fill in the trenches for the utility stub ins and covering them with 3 ½ inches of overlay to match the existing road and meeting all of the subdivision and construction standards.*

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the Josh Scott Preliminary Autumn Heights View Plat B subdivision with the conditions of DRC.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

5. GARY WARNER – Council Request

Gary Warner stated that he has bad water in their well, it is hard to filter, and we are to a point to that it is hard to clean up. Mayor stated that Gary lives in the county, and in order to hook up to the city water, he needs to show that there is a hardship. Mayor has talked to Gary along with Bruce Ward; he is only going to hook the home up to the city water. He will need to pay the hookup fees and will also be on the non-residential water rate. He also stated that Gary told him that their water well has bacterial iron in it.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve Gary Warner to hook onto Salem City culinary water.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

6. APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW LAWN MOWER

Bruce Ward stated the lawn mower was approved in the budget for this year, in the amount of \$12,000. We have three bids for the lawn mower; it is a Scag Cheetah mower with a 61” deck and 34HP Kohler engine. It will replace one of our lawnmowers that is 15 years old. All three bids are for the same mower. Bruce then went over the bids:

Al’s Auto Parts & Service LC (The Chainsaw King) - \$12,299

LL Johnson Distrusting Company - \$12,299 - plus \$491 Freight Charge (\$12,790)

United Service and Sales Inc.- \$11,688

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sterling Rees to approve the purchase of the lawn mower from United Service and Sales in the amount of \$11,688.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

7. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2012

MOTION BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward to approve the minutes of March 7, 2012.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

8. APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Brailsford stated that amount of the bills being approved tonight is \$245,674.07.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Janie Christensen to approve the bills for payment.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Craig Warren.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone from the public had any comments. Barbra Palfreyman asked if she could wait to see if the item she would like to talk about will be brought up later in the meeting. If not, she would like to talk about it at the end.

Mayor Brailsford asked if anyone else had anything for the council tonight. There were no other comments.

COUNCIL REPORTS

10. MAYOR RANDY BRAILSFORD

Mayor Brailsford asked if Cary Hanks from the chamber had anything for the council. Cary Hanks stated that she wanted to thank the city for becoming a platinum member of the chamber. She stated that if the mayor, council or staff knows of a business coming into the city to let them know. Also the chamber will be donating 2000 Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg hunt along with \$300 for prizes.

Mayor Brailsford stated that the February Budget came out; he stated that we need to make sure that our budgets balance in the end. Please watch your budgets.

He also reported that on April 16th will be the launching “Making Life Better” and “Making Life Better, Shop Salem” campaign. He stated that Shane Johnson from Outback Graphics will be donating the “Making Life Better, Shop Salem” stickers for the businesses in Salem.

11. COUNCILPERSON STERLING REES

Councilperson Rees reported that UMPA board went to Washington D.C. for the Public Power Association to talk to the legislators. He stated that the EPA is putting a lot of restrictions on coal power plants, to where it is going to be very difficult to run them. Another issue that was discussed is Cyber security, and how hackers are finding ways to shut down power plants. It was a very good meeting. He also stated that UMPA is having their member meeting in St. George this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. They have discussed the possibility about raising power rates to the members. Cary also reported that Tonya Holiday is a new representative for Salem businesses.

Mayor Brailsford stated that UMPA has some of the cleanest coal burning power plants. The restrictions that the EPA is putting on these coal plants are causing the power rate increases, and some utility boards are asking for a 9% power rate increase. Not sure what UMPA will be doing, but the regulations from the federal government are causing the power rate increases.

12. COUNCILPERSON JANIE CHRISTENSEN

Councilperson Christensen reported that the sewer plant was inspected by the State, and we passed with five stars. The library will be doing a Hunger Games party tomorrow night at the library.

13. COUNCILPERSON AARON CLOWARD

Councilperson Cloward reported that Steve Cox and Mike Pritchett were able to get some cement rock blocks donated to go around the pond between the beach and wetland park. The cement rock was donated from Geneva Rock. He stated that it is about \$20,000 in blocks that was donated, along with equipment and time from Wayne Humphries, Cory Hiatt, Rick Houghton, Ray Gammet, Steve Huggins, and Kevin Donahue. Home Depot will also be donating metal for a railing that will be going around the block. This will be a big improvement to the park and really benefit the special needs fishing day. Our city crews have done a great job in getting everything donated.

Mayor Brailsford stated that the employees have done this all on their own and during their own time. He wanted to thank Steve Cox and Mike Pritchett for a job well done.

14. COUNCILPERSON SID JORGENSEN

Excused

15. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG WARREN

Councilperson Warren reported that the city roads department will be starting crack sealing on the roads in the next couple of weeks.

16. PUBLIC SAFETY – CHIEF BRAD JAMES

17. DAVE JOHNSON, BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

18. BRUCE WARD, CITY ENGINEER/ PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Bruce Ward stated that we have a lot of employees who work hard to get good deals on many of the items we purchase for the city. The deals help save a lot of money each year.

Mayor Brailsford stated that when the city started building the Loafer View Recreation complex he was concerned if it would be used. We had a lot of volunteers help build the complex. He is pleased to see that the complex is being used. He wanted to thank Matt Marziale for his work he does with the youth. He stated that it is important that we have places for our youth and that there are programs that they can be part of. Mayor stated that the city has a lot of need for volunteers, especially in the Fire and Ambulance.

Mayor asked Barbara Palfreyman if the council covered her item. Barbara stated that it was not discussed and she would like to talk about it. She stated that the Daily Herald working with the chamber puts out a small news paper with events going on in Spanish Fork and Salem. There was a lot of information for Spanish Fork, but not very much for Salem. Wondering how we can get information into the paper for Salem. Cary Hanks stated that the chamber does the paper once a month. If there is any information that the city would like to have placed in the paper to let her know. She is having a hard time getting information from Salem and Spanish Fork City. The paper is delivered to those who have subscription to the Daily Herald on the 3rd Sunday, and then mailed to everyone else in the city. She would encourage the council to submit stories to her each month.

Mr. Davis stated that he lives in Payson, but has a business in Salem. He is wondering about being represented by the city. The paper just mentioned focuses on chamber members and not other businesses. He stated that he will not join the chamber, because it focuses too much on Spanish Fork businesses and not Salem. Councilperson Christensen stated that the city has tried to meet with business in Salem, we started a collation, but business owners stopped coming to the meetings.

19. ATTORNEY S. JUNIOR BAKER.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Craig Warren to adjourn City Council Meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Aaron Cloward.

VOTE: All Affirmative (4-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:45 p.m.

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder