

MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 4, 1987

The meeting was called to order by lame-duck Mayor Kevin Steadman at 7:02 P.M. Those in attendance were Councilmen Goudy, Adcock, Pust and Openshaw with Mr. Jones coming in at 7:10. Councilman Pust led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chuck Greenland, City Recorder, offered the invocation.

Minutes of October 21, 1987 : Minutes were read and with two typos noted Mrs. Goudy motioned they be approved. Mr. Pust seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Accounts Payable : The current accounts payable were reviewed and Mr. Adcock motioned that they be paid as listed. Mr. Pust seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

U.S. Benefit-Larry Sorenson : Mr. Sorenson passed brochures that he had prepared, to all the Councilmembers and told how he felt that his company could save the City many dollars over what was now being paid to Pro-Benefit. His analysis gave him the opinion that the City had spent \$30,000.00 more than needed over the past year. He explained the method of determining his company's charges as compared to that of Pro-Benefit and that it is considerably less expensive. US Benefit also provides Workers Compensation and State Unemployment Insurance for that lesser price. US Benefit also charges their percentage fee on the gross payroll cost so that later in each year the fee is less because the Federal Unemployment and State Unemployment charges do not apply above a certain level of yearly wages. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mayor Steadman asked the Council to respond individually and give their opinion of the program and of the City using such a program. Mr. Adcock stated that he would be in favor of the program if the City would receive an itemized statement each month, telling where every penny was spent and if it could be shown that the system could save money over having the City employees doing the payroll. Mrs. Goudy stated that she has never been in favor of employee leasing and is still not convinced that it is the way to go. As long as we have employees in the office and a computer that can do the payroll, which is one reason for purchasing it, the payroll should stay in the office and look for a comparable insurance (or one that we can afford to give the employees). Mr. Pust stated that if the City were like a company which was having a hard time getting employees and were looking for a package of incentives to entice employees the U.S. Benefit program would help us offer a lot more but Santaquin is not in that position. He suggested that more facts are needed to determine how much cheaper it would be to have City employees do it. Mr. Jones stated that he liked Clara's idea but he also felt that an insurance was needed for the employees to show that their feelings were being considered. He also felt the need to keep control in the City. Mr. Openshaw stated that he had voted against leasing 2 years ago and would vote against it right now. Mrs. Clayson was also asked to respond and she stated that she felt that control should remain with the City but that someone should review a number of insurance proposals and present the best ones to the Council rather than the Council wasting its time doing the review. Mayor Steadman then called for opinions from the employees that were present. Chief Coomes stated that he was in favor of whatever the Council decided. Both Police officers present concurred with their Chief. Mayor Steadman then asked the Councilmembers for their opinion of what would be the next step. The concurrence of opinion was that Mr. Greenland should gather information from other Cities in the area and

make some comparisons then come to the Council with two or three alternative proposals for the Council to consider. Mrs. Goudy added that if there is no way to get a comparable insurance coverage then she would be in favor of the U.S. Benefit program over the Pro-Benefit one.

Judge Peterson-concerning his employment benefits : Judge Peterson was at the meeting to ask the Council to reconsider the previous action of terminating his insurance benefit. He, along with Councilman Adcock told of the pay raises Mr. Peterson had passed up with the stipulation that the funds for the raise would to pay for his health insurance. A few weeks ago the Council had agreed to eliminate his insurance and give him a raise in an amount sufficient to allow him to pay for his own insurance. On Oct. 7 the Council had reversed that decision. After lengthy discussion Judge Peterson was instructed to work with Mr. Greenland in determining what would be a fair and equitable solution to the problem, by researching the history of the matter. The Judge is to initiate any further research and the action of getting on a future agenda.

Cemetery Ordinance and Resolution passage : The new Cemetery Ordinance had been posted for the legal length of time and was acceptable to the Council as it was written. Mrs. Goudy brought up a question about the establishment of the office of Sexton but it was determined that the previous Ordinance had done the same and that the new Ordinance was to replace the old. She also questioned the selling of gravesites in minimums of 4 and this question was satisfied by the fact that there are certain areas of the Cemetery which are designated as single or double plots. Mr. Pust then motioned that Ordinance Number 87- AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF THE SANTAQUIN CITY CEMETERY, THE SELLING OF LOTS, ON-GOING CARE OF SAME, CREATING THE POSITION OF SEXTON AND SETTING FORTH HIS DUTIES, ETC., be passed as written. Mrs. Goudy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Pust then motioned that Resolution Number 87- , setting the rates for lots and for opening and closing of graves in the Santaquin City Cemetery, Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it, too, carried unanimously.

Kent Walker-Architect for the Old School : Mr. Walker brought new drawings showing the configuration of the building with the Old section being saved for a museum. He has added an entrance on the north with a ramp to the door and suggested that the ramp be covered. There is also an outside door on the Southeast of the lunchroom addition. Senior Citizens present requested that another change be made, adding a storage room for the tables and chairs when they are not needed in the dining area. There was concern from the Sr. Citizens about parking availability. Mr. Walker stated that there would be parking both on the north and on the south of the building. The lunchroom addition would have room to seat at least 200 people at banquet style seating. There was a concern that the decision to move the Sr. Citizens was made without consulting them. Mrs. Goudy responded that they were informed, there were public meetings held and input was asked for from all concerned. She also stated that the current Sr. Citizens are not the only ones to benefit from the new building, the needs of those who are now 40 and 50 years must be considered also. There is nothing to stop those who want to from continuing to use the old building. She went on to say that there has been a large investment in the Old School which needs to be capitalized on now. LaRue Jarvis added that the Sr. Citizens board had voted to move and at the time their decision was made was the time for objections to come up. She felt that the majority of Sr. Citizens were in agreement to move to the new location. Mayor Steadman asked Mr. Jones if there were still a possibility that the CDB Grant could be turned back and Mr. Jones stated that it was too late. The application has been made, the contract signed and returned and that it was pointless to be debating the

alternatives at this time.

Phil Rowley : Mr. Rowley began by stating that there is little industry in Santaquin so the Council ought to be concerned with what little we have which is the agricultural industry. He stated that the City is destroying that industry by competing for the shares of Summit Creek water which come available for sale. He stated that it is unfair for the City to raise the price of shares. He described a scenario wherein he would be approached by someone who had water to sell and a price would be agreed upon and the seller would say he would call back. Later Mr. Rowley would find out that the water had been sold to the City for \$2-300 more than Mr. Rowley had agreed to pay. Mr. Jones stated that the City was in exactly the same situation, as others had outbid the City for shares on many occasions recently. During the past summer one person sold a share to the City for \$1050 and another at the same time to a private individual for \$1200. Mr. Rowley stated that the most recent price he paid was \$866.66 and that he felt that price was fair.

Mr. Rowley also had another item to discuss. He lives near the City property which is used for a rifle range and that there are many evenings that people are using the range after dark and he is concerned for the safety of his family and anyone else who may be in the area. He requested that the City do something about it. He proposed that a citizens group be organized to buy some property elsewhere for the rifle range.

Mr. Jones stated that the City was short of water, that the State has informed us that there is no more available, and that with the City requirement that anyone who annexes must have water to give to the City there will always be a need for the City to have shares. Mr. Rowley stated that he objected to the City claiming that there were no funds in the City coffers then paying a premium price for water. It was explained to him that the purchase of water was not an expense but a simple transfer of assets and that the costs would be totally recovered. A citizen brought up the fact that there are 2100 shares of Summit Creek water and there is always a demand for it. Mr. Crook stated that many years ago he had learned that it takes about the same amount of water to raise crops as it does to supply the same area with homes built on it.

Water Share Rental fees for 1988 : Mr. Jones stated that the shares of Summit Creek water owned by the City are rented out to citizens on a yearly basis. The rental fee has been \$5 and he suggested that it be raised to \$10. After little discussion Mr. Jones motioned that the fee be raised to \$10, Mr. Pust seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Old School Lease Information : Mr. Greenland stated that he had phoned the insurance company and discovered that if the City were to lease the Old School to the SOS Committee the liability insurance would not cover it. Mr. Jones stated that the School District had offered \$12,800 to cover their responsibility to Santaquin to tear down the Old School. This was a big disappointment to all concerned and many suggestions were made. The amount received from Nebo School District will determine what type of roof, if any, to place on the School. The SOS committee was invited to keep in touch with Mr. Jones for further developments. The Mayor and Council determined that the City would continue to own the building and pay for the liability insurance.

Election Vote Canvass : After short instructions from Mr. Greenland, a canvass of the Election held Nov. 3, 1987 was done and Mrs. Goudy motioned that the vote be accepted as counted. Mr. Adcock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Dawn Warenski was present and asked the Council to consider a rate of pay for the Judges of Election. Their compensation had not been

previously set so a discussion ensued about the amount that should be paid. The County pays \$35 per day for the work but since the 4 Santaquin districts had been combined and since there was a huge voter turnout, that seemed too little to properly compensate the judges. Mrs. Goudy motioned that the City pay the Judges of Election \$70 each for their work in the Election. Mr. Adcock seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Lynne Robbins-Possible funding for business assistance : Mr. Jones stated that he had suggested to her that she hold her business until the new City Council was seated in January so she didn't come to the meeting.

Vacancy on Planning & Zoning Committee : Mr. Jones circulated a list of names for the vacancy and asked if there were any objections to any name. Since there were none he stated that he would come back next time with a recommendation.

Donation of Property by Everett Horton : Mr. Greenland stated that during the last week Mr. Horton had come in to the office and offered property at 1st North and 1st West to the City for a park. The only stipulation was that it be made into a Little League Park and soccer field. It is 1.875 acres and is now covered with trees, shrubbery and etc. After discussion, Mr. Greenland was instructed to write Mr. Horton and thank him for the offer and to tell him that we were looking to what needs to be done to finalize the transfer.

Miscellaneous Items : Mrs. Goudy asked about what progress has been made on the Rainbow Bar problem. The business has been operating for almost a full year without a license. Mr. Greenland was instructed to phone Mr. Johnson and let him know of the Council's great concern about the length of time the matter is taking.

Mr. Jones stated that Mr. Bart Olson had been approved by the P & Z to annex as residential. He will need water shares to annex and this is the reason for the City buying shares-to make them available to those who would annex.

Councilman Jones also told about the proposed agreement that has been written for the approval of Genola. If accepted, the agreement would terminate the litigation now pending in the courts. Mr. Jones read the agreement which did not place dollar amounts on any item but required an equitable portion to be paid by Genola. If they reject the agreement the case is still in court.

Mr. Adcock stated that the Fire Chief had requested authorization for 4 people to have authority to buy items at Stringham's and charge them to the City. After discussion Mr. Adcock motioned that the Fire Chief and his assistant be so authorized. Mrs. Goudy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilman Adcock asked that the City Hall be closed and that the employees be allowed to take comp time for the day after Thanksgiving and the week between Christmas and New Year's. The Council agreed, since it was not a busy time of the year and it has been a tradition to do so.

Mr. Adcock then requested a clarification of plans for Dec. 16th, as that had been suggested as a night for a party. Mayor Steadman stated that he was working on that, as he had offered to be in charge of it.

Mr. Greenland was asked what the voter turnout was for the Municipal Election yesterday. Counting only those who were registered and who lived within the City Limits there was 66% who voted, which was the best in the County.

The citizens were asked for any comments. Mrs. Jarvis stated appreciation for Mayor Steadman having served as our Mayor.

Mr. Greenland stated that Boyd Hamilton, building inspector for the Nebo School District, had stated that the boiler in the Old School is in top shape.

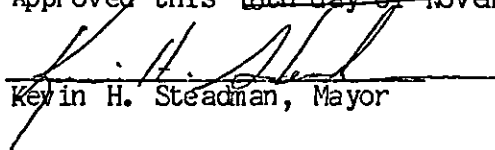
The question was asked whether there would be a children's party this year and it was stated that this item had been cut from the budget. Mr. Pust was requested to make a decision on the matter.

Mr. Frank Okelberry had requested permission to use the Old School auditorium for a dance. The Council rejected the request because there are no restrooms available for use. The water has been shut off. This will be a great possibility after the renovation but not at this time.

Mr. Jones introduced the contract between the architect and the City for his work on the Old School. He requested that Mr. Greenland review the contract for approval at the next meeting.

Mrs. Goudy motioned to dismiss the meeting and Mr. Openshaw seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Approved this 18th day of November 1987.


Kevin H. Steadman, Mayor


Charles T. Greenland, Recorder