## MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CITY HALL OCT. 15, 1987

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Steadman at 7:05 p.m. Those in attendance were: Councilmen Coudy, Pust & Jones. Councilman Openshaw arrived at 7:15. Minutes were taken by City Recorder Chuck Greenland. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sherman Jones and the invocation was offered by Mayor Steadman.

Clarification of Cemetery fee resolution: At the Council meeting of Oct 7, 1987 a motion had been passed to increase 2 (two) of the fees for cemetery services but a resolution had been proposed a number of months ago which would change all of the fee schedule. That resolution had never been acted upon so that the most recent motion made a muddle of the fee schedule. After discussion and clarification it was decided that the ordinance and the resolution should be acted upon at the same time so the resolution will be rewritten to include the latest revisions and brought up at a later meeting.

Determination on oldest part of Old School: Janice Wheelock and others in the City have expressed a great desire to save the old Elementary School and utilize it for a museum. Donna Bott has accepted chairmanship of a committee to do so. Her co-chairman is Florence Lamb. Mr. Jones stated that when Nebo School District gave the school to the City it was considered a white elephant and of no value. Because of that feeling, Nebo agreed to tear down or to pay for the tearing down of the building but gave Santaquin 5 years to decide whether it should be done. It has been about seven years since that agreement was made and Nebo has asked for some time to come up with the funds for the demolition.

Donna Bott was given the floor and was strongly in favor of keeping the building. She has been so impressed with this feeling that she talked to Florence Lamb who agreed that the building should be saved. Last Sunday evening she received a call from Janice Wheelock who asked her to head the local committee to raise funds for the project. The first thing that must be done is put a new roof on the building as the current one leaks and the leakage will cause much more damage than has been done.

Mrs Bott told about the Triptych which was in the old school when it was used for an LDS Church. This is a three-fold, bas-relief panel showing separate historical events in LDS Church history. She also suggested that the DUP could have their meetings in the building as well as have quilting bees therein and many other things that would make it a tourist attraction. Other suggestions for use were that the City celebration could be held there each year and a Veterans Memorial, including a space especially for VietNam veterans, could be set up there.

Mayor Steadman asked what would happen if the Old School were saved, in regard to the current plans for the Senior Citizen's center. Mr. Jones responded that the architect feels there are more plusses in keeping it because it will save the expense of a new wall, and the heating system for the new construction could be placed in the old boiler room. The architect suggested the possibility of using rooms on the north side, next to the kitchen, for the Sr. Citizen's lunch room rather than building a new section. Mr. Jones had also talked to people from the Nebo School District who were in favor of keeping the building also, and this was a great surprise to him.

Mr. Jones inspected the roof for structural soundness and found that all that was needed was reshingling, as the structure underneath is solid. The suggestion was made to reinstall the old bell in the tower, also and bring the

sign from the highway south of town and place on the grounds. Mr. Jones also informed the Council that he had talked with Phil Argyle, who is in charge of buildings for Nebo District. Mr. Argyle offered \$15,000.00 to dismiss their obligation to demolish the building. Mr. Jones countered with a request for \$25,000.00, which, it has been estimated, it will cost to reroof the building. Mr. Argyle asked if he would consider letting the School District put a new roof on. Mr. Jones said yes. Mr. Argyle took the matter to the Board meeting last night (10/14/87) and was told by the board to do whatever it took to satisfy Santaquin City, as the City had been very co-operative with the Board. Mr. Argyle asked his Maintenance crew about doing the roofing job themselves but was told that they couldn't get to it for a few months so Nebo will pay Santaquin whatever the estimate is to demolish the building. This money could quite readily be available and the City could use it for reroofing the building. Mrs. Coudy suggested that subsequent to the refurbishing the City should lease the building to Mrs. Bott's committee, or whoever is in charge, for \$1.00 per year.

There was then a lengthy discussion concerning the Sr. Citizens. It was brought out that many of them do not want to move to the new facility and some questions were raised about why the money was being spent to renovate the building. It was pointed out that the building could become the cornerstone to a great City center. Some of the citizens present expressed disappointment that at the Sr. Citizen's center there are no activities. They go there only one day a week for a meal whereas in the new facility there could be a lot more activities going on.

Mayor Steadman then brought the Council back to focus on the current issue by asking what the Council need to do now. Mr. Jones suggested that the School Board offer be accepted. He also stated that the committee wanted to have an application made to place the school on the National Historic Register. The question was raised as to what would happen if the money from the District was not enough to cover the cost of the roof. There seemed to be a great deal of enthusiasm among those present about the prospect of raising fund through many means to cover those excess costs.

Mr. Jones then motioned that the City retain the old part of the school and that the money to be received from Nebo School District be used to repair the roof. Mrs. Goudy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Jones further motioned that the City authorize Donna Bott, Florence Lamb and their committee to make an effort to get the school on the National Historical Register and do other things to raise funds for the renovation of the building. Mr. Openshaw seconded and the motion carried unanimously. There was then a discussion as to how to handle the funds created from the efforts of the committee. It was decided to ask Mr. Sellers how the funds should be handled. Mrs. Bott mentioned the fact that the National Historic Register would not consider the school until the new roof was completed.

Mayor Steadman, on behalf of the City and the Council commended the committee for the work done in saving the school.

Subsequent discussion concerned the future of the responsibility for the committee activities should the current members die. It was concluded that there would always be sufficient interest to carry on the work. There was also a question as to where to have the door for the Sr. Citizens' access to the building. Mr. Jones agreed to discuss this with the architect as well as how the new part of the building would be built now that the old part will not be demolished.

Miscellaneous Business: Mr. Jones stated that he had been approached about having a migrant workers school in the City. It would consist of a mobile classroom to be placed on the old school grounds. No decision was made as whoever called Mr. Jones will contact him again.

Mrs. Goudy told of a meeting she held with Mr. Greenland, Mrs. Rosenlund, Mrs. Russell and Mr. Sellers. She stated that since there was a month period during which there was no City Recorder, she felt that some help was needed to catch up with the work in the office. She then motioned that the City hire Sam Sellers for 3 or 4 weeks for no more than 10 hours per week at a wage not to exceed \$5.00 per hour, the situation to be monitered by Mrs. Coudy. Sherman Jones seconded the motion and the vote was: Mr. Pust, Mrs. Coudy and Mr. Jones for, Mr. Openshaw against, so the motion carried.

There was a discussion as to what should or should not be included in the declaration of surplus property. The folding chairs and all kitchen equipment shall not be included in the sale. Tables, desks, cabinets and etc. should be

included.

Mrs. Goudy motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Mr. Pust seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Dismissed at 8:45 P.M.

Aproved this 21 day of 04 1987.

Kevîn H. Steádman, Mayor