

MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN THE CITY HALL
SEPT. 15, 1987

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steadman at 7:01 p.m. Those in attendance were: Councilmen Goudy, Openshaw and Jones. Councilman Pust arrived at 7:10. Minutes of the meeting were taken by City Recorder, Chuck Greenland. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sherman Jones and the Invocation was offered by Mayor Steadman.

Minutes of Prior Meetings : The minutes of four prior meetings of the Council were read and corrections made. Councilman Goudy motioned to accept the minutes of Aug. 4, 1987, Councilman Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Councilman Goudy motioned to accept the minutes of the Sept 1, 1987 meeting, as corrected. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Councilman Openshaw then motioned to accept the minutes of Sept. 2, 1987. Councilman Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Councilman Goudy motioned to accept the minutes of Sept. 4, 1987, Councilman Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Library Board-Request for Funding : No one present knew anything about the request or the purpose for the item being on the agenda, or who placed it there.

Kimball Rasmussen-Utah Power & Light : Mr. Rasmussen told about the proposed merger of Utah Power & Light with Pacificorp (PP&L) and asked for the City Council to voice its support to the Public Service Commission so that the process may be expedited as much as possible. He explained that the power rates will likely be decreased with the merger. The current rate is 7.99¢ per kilowatt hour, whereas in 1983 the rate was 8.56¢ per kwh. The vastly improved transmission network available through the merger would open wide markets that have not been available to UP&L. Pacificorp has East-West transmission lines and UP&L has North-South lines so that the merger makes a very good marriage of the lines. The demand for UP&L power peaks in the Summer while Pacificorp's demand peaks in the Winter, also the demand on the two systems peaks at different times of the day so that the merger seems to have a natural advantage for all concerned. He requested that the Council pass the resolution which he had prepared and sign it that he might pass it on to the Public Service Comm. Mr. Rasmussen stated that Eureka and Mona have already passed the resolution, and that the Council of each city was unanimous in its support. After review of the printed resolution, Councilman Pust motioned that the City Council adopt the resolution to support the merger of UP&L with Pacificorp. Councilman Jones seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

Misc. Item-Leslie Kester Eagle Project : Mr. Kester proposed that he repair the chain link fence surrounding the City Cemetery, which has been damaged in a lot of places over the years since its installation. He indicated that it would take 150 feet of chain link, 8 posts, 3 top rails, 10 caps and a roll of tie wire. He had priced this material and found the cost to be \$215.00. He would like the City to buy the materials and he would be in charge of the repairs. Councilman Pust, as Councilman over the Cemetery said that he thought it was a great idea and that there were funds in the budget to accommodate the project. A poll of the Council indicated complete support for the project so he was given the approval and Councilman Pust signed his Eagle application. It was noted that Leslie's father, Junior Kester, was on the City Council over the cemetery when the fence was originally installed. Leslie was instructed to co-ordinate his efforts with Mr. Pust.

New Business Licenses : Judy Gonzales, new Owner/Manager of SantaQueen, is applying for Commercial and Amusement Devices. She has paid the fee of \$150. Vickie Bryant has applied for a Home Occupation license to operate a Photo finishing, retouching and restoration business. She has paid the fee and has been approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Linda Olson applied for a preschool, home occupation license and has paid her fees. She has also been approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Chief Coomes stated that these new requests for licenses did not have his approval and requested that he have the opportunity to review all new applications to check the record of the people involved.

There was a discussion of the license fee schedule with some Councilmen feeling that the fee structure needed revision. Others were in support of the way it is. Councilman Jones motioned that the Business licenses be approved as requested, subject to the approval of Chief Coomes. Mr. Pust seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Misc. Item-Ralph Coomes : Chief Coomes stated that at the City shops there are a number of large pipes which the school children having been playing on, in and around and suggested that they ought to be stacked better as they are quite unstable and could fall over easily, injuring someone.

Misc. Item-Helicopter Accident : Mayor Steadman read a letter from a citizen who was seeking compensation for damages to his helicopter which he crashed in July. He claimed that the accident was due to an error by the City fire fighters who were occupying the space he had chosen for an emergency landing. The letter had been sent to the City insurance company and to the City Attorney. The Council instructed Mr. Greenland to phone the Insurance company and tell them not to pay the claim and to talk to the City attorney about a resolution of the claim, which is in excess of \$30,000.00.

Bond Election of Nov 3, 1987 : Mr. Jones stated that the City Attorney will handle the paperwork but needed a resolution of the City Council showing approval of the election and a dollar figure for that bond. The Architect suggested an amount of \$65-75,000.00, and that a larger amount could be requested and not all used. Mr. Jones stated that he suggested \$65,000, with \$20,000 to be used for the Sr. Citizens center to cover the costs in excess of \$85,000, and \$45,000 to be used for the City Center area of the Old School.

Mr. Jones stated that there were funds available in the water fund to cover the amount over \$85,000 for the Sr Citizens center which would have to be repaid from the proceeds of the bond. Councilman Jones then motioned that the City of Santaquin hold a bond election on Nov 3, 1987, along with the Municipal election, to determine if the citizens of the City would support a bond in the amount of \$75,000 to remodel the Old School into a City Center and to assist in the Sr. Citizens portion of the Old School remodeling. Councilman Openshaw seconded the motion which passed unanimously. There ensued a discussion as to what would happen if the bond were to be defeated. It was suggested that all concerned and present encourage others, including the Sr. Citizens, Arts Council etc. to spread the word of encouragement among the citizenry to support the election.

Consideration of Raising Cemetery & Bowery Fees : Mayor Steadman asked if this item should be discussed with the idea of making changes tonight. It was decided that further information is needed in order to make good decisions on it and Mr Pust was instructed to have information for the next Council meeting as to costs of operation and income from the Bowery fees and the Cemetery.

Misc Items : Mayor Steadman asked Mr. Jones how the City was doing on the legal water suit with Genola. Mr Jones stated that Genola has desired a water line from above the headhouse to their City, then they could get water without chlorination. Mr. Jones stated that Summit Creek Irrigation has such a line that crosses Genola's line. The City Attorney indicated that the Judge is taking a long time to resolve anything. Mayor Steadman stated that the Mayor of Genola had contacted him many times on the problem, suggesting that the problem could be resolved without the courts but that Genola is not willing to make any concessions. The decision was made to wait on this issue.

Mayor Steadman received a copy of a survey from Mountain View Hospital and encouraged all to fill in and mail the survey.

The Mayor had received a request from the Payson High School band for support. Since a lot of students from Santaquin attend school and have helped the band to raise funds and the band has never participated in the local parade, it was determined that Santaquin would not support the Payson Band.

Mr. Steadman asked if there had been many declarations for candidacy for the Municipal election. There are three candidates at this time, all for Council seats. They are Mary Davis, Joe Pust and Sam Sellers.

The Mayor asked if the employees who were to be terminated had been notified of that and Mr. Pust said that they had been.

Mayor Steadman introduced Joe Davis, who will be terminated on Sept. 25. Mr. Davis asked the Council to consider paying for his Insurance while he is unemployed, as he has health problems which he needs to have covered. If not covered by insurance the costs of his treatment could be very prohibitive. If the insurance is not kept now, then when it is renewed at the time he is rehired there will be a 6 month waiting period for pre-existing conditions, which period would end at the time he was terminated again next fall. The Mayor and Council were sympathetic with his position but could see no way that they could help him. At the same time the Council approved the request of Earl Taylor to continue the insurance on him at his expense. Earl will bring a check in each month to cover the cost.

Rod Watkins-Payson City Manager : Mayor Steadman introduced Mr. Watkins and stated that he had asked him to come and explain his understanding of the Pro-Benefit program and why Payson did not choose to utilize it. Mr. Watkins said that his study of Santaquin records brought some questions to his mind which he would like to ask, then make a recommendation. He noted that the City was paying 35% of gross payroll to Pro-Benefit and wanted to know what the burden factor was previously. Sam Sellers was in the audience and answered that the figure was 48%. He wanted then to know if anyone was terminated when Pro-Benefit was hired. Since this not the case then he recognized that no savings would have accrued because the personnel costs were the same. Other questions concerned Workmans Comp, State Unemployment Insurance, Health Insurance costs, Retirement Program and etc. After receiving answers to the questions he said that as far as he could tell it was "a wash". That Santaquin was neither saving nor spending too much and that overall it seemed to equal out with what Payson was paying. He asked the Council if they were aware of the opinion of the City Attorney concerning Pro-Benefit and was informed that they were. Mr. Watkins was not aware also that recently, Pro-Benefit had proposed a rate reduction to 25.6%. This would give an advantage to staying with Pro-Benefit. Mr. Watkins had a concern about the accountability of Pro-Benefit in sending the contributions to FICA, Fed W/H, State W/H & etc. He suggested that the City request an audit of the books of Pro-Benefit. He said that he feels that he has a better control of all payroll situations and can react more quickly to any problem that may arise.

Misc. Business : Mayor Steadman acknowledged everyone for their work and thanked them for it.

Councilman Coudy: The businesses who need bonding are those who have beer consumption on the premises.

Mr. Greenland was requested to ask the City Attorney about the Rainbow Bar situation and where it stands and what movement is being made toward resolution. The City Attorney also has some suggestions for the business license.

Mrs. Coudy stated that the Assets inventory she thought she had is not available and she doesn't know where it might be.

There is to be a meeting this Thurs at the Bank for the purpose of organizing a Chamber of Commerce in Santaquin. Mrs. Coudy encouraged all to attend the meeting and join the Chamber.

Mrs. Coudy requested that the copier in the Office be cleaned, as it is making poor copies.

Councilman Coudy then motioned that Sharon Ball and Terry Jones be confirmed as new members of the Library board. Joe Pust seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilman Jones: Mr. Jones requested that the matter of Jay Petersons salary and benefits be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Chuck was instructed to review the minutes of past meetings to see what decision was made in that regard.

Councilman Pust: Mr. Pust made a request that the Council meet on another night than Tuesday. This would require the passing of a new ordinance. Chuck was instructed to write a new ordinance and have it ready for the next meeting which will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1987.

Councilman Openshaw: Mr. Openshaw asked for a decision on the sidewalk repairs which were discussed at the last meeting. A discussion ensued wherein the question of liability for accidents on broken sidewalk was asked. Chuck was requested to ask that question of Mr. Johnson. Mr Openshaw made a motion that the City remove the old sidewalk and pay \$500 toward the new sidewalk as their portion of the construction. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The accounts payable were reviewed and Mrs. Coudy made a motion that they be paid with the exception of a bill from Walker, Lee & Halander, the architect for the Old School, which will be paid after the funds are received from the CDBG. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Steadman stated that he had received a letter from the County suggesting that the City have its vehicles emission tested. After discussion, it was decided that it would not be done at this time.

Mr. Greenland stated that in recent meetings some other ideas for saving money had been suggested and asked if the Council would like to consider them. One suggestion was that the Library pay its share of the utilities of the City building and another was that the Streets & Water employees be paid 75% out of the water fund and 25% out of the general fund instead of 50-50. Both suggestions were dismissed as without merit at this time.

Mrs. Coudy motioned for dismissal of the meeting, Mr. Jones seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment at 9:58 p.m.

Approved this 2 day of OCT, 1987

Kevin J. Steadman
Kevin J. Steadman, Mayor
Pro Tem

ATTEST

Charles T. Greenland
Charles T. Greenland City Recorder/Clerk