

Minutes of a regular Santaquin City Council meeting held Wednesday, February 17, 1982 at the Senior Citizen's Hall. Mayor Sandra Armstrong presided at the meeting and the following Councilmen were present: Grant Pay, Sherman Jones, Newell Checketts, Walt Callaway and Dan Olson. City Recorder Sam Sellers recorded the meeting. The public was notified of the meeting as required by law.

Members of the public present were: Michael Olson, F.R. Tuckett, L.C. Bryson, Dorothy Bryson, James Brady, H.E. Bradley, Fern Johnson, Zelma Clayson, Ramona Rosenlund, Bert Rosenlund, Eddie A. Neff, Jim & Carla DeGraffenreid, Thora Ross, Adaleen Tuckett, Mr. Kester, Richard M. Bradford (UVIDA), A. LaDue Scoville (UPL), Vernon A. Prince, Allen Gurney, Clint L. Ercanbrack, Dean Wall, John M. Simonson (UVIDA), Cyrus R. Bylund, Richard Bettis, William Bettis, Dawn Warinski, Mary L. Smith, Cliel T. Smith and Deborah K. Jones.

Mayor Armstrong called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Councilman Jones offered the invocation and Mayor Armstrong led the pledge of allegiance.

Open Hearing concerning budgetary problems. Mayor Armstrong introduced the first order of business and turned the time over to City Recorder Sam Sellers to explain the shotfalls in receipts and the steps which were deemed necessary to overcome them and to alleviate the 1979-1980 deficit. Mr. Sellers had prepared some charts on each fund and the line items which were over or below budget. He indicated that if the City continued on its present course, the overall deficit would be larger as compared to the 1979-1980 deficit. Mayor Armstrong pointed out that this deficit is not the Council's, the present Council's or any other individual, but belongs to the City as a whole and everyone should pitch in to try and turn it around. Mr. Sellers pointed out that the Council's proposed solutions to the problems is to impose a Utility Revenue Tax on each utility, which would ultimately be paid by the utility user, and then in July to raise the mill levy by at least 5 mills. Some citizens expressed concern about the proposed increase in taxes. Mayor Armstrong said that the Council is always open to other suggestions and it takes a certain amount of money to run a City. She also explained that the Council has cut the spending back as much as possible. Councilman Jones explained to the citizens present that the Water Study just completed showed the City is experiencing an approximate 30% water loss in the system. This contributes to the high costs of pumping and repair in the Water Fund. * Shortfalls

Mayor Armstrong introduced Ordinance No. 1982-1, entitled Special Assessments Guarantee Fund, which guarantees repayment of the road assessments to the General Fund. Otherwise the moneys in the assessment funds would remain there without an option of being used. Councilman Jones moved that Ordinance No. 1982-1 be adopted by the City and Councilman Callaway seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Armstrong introduced Ordinance No. 1982-2, entitled Utility Revenue Tax. The ordinance is a revenue tax against the public utilities of 4% of their gross revenues. Councilman Callaway moved that Ordinance No. 1982-2 be adopted by the City and Councilman Olson

seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

UVIDA. Richard Bradford and John M. Simonson, representing the Utah Valley Industrial Development Association, were introduced by A. Ladue Scoville, Santaquin's representative to UVIDA. Mr. Simonson is the new president for UVIDA and explained their goal of bringing new industry into the Utah Valley area. Mr. Bradford, UVIDA's manager, explained that Santaquin has been a member of UVIDA since its inception and Santaquin's cost for 1982 will be less than \$200.00. UVIDA is currently using some interns from BYU to phone solicit industry to Utah Valley. Last year UVIDA generated 165 jobs through placing industries. Mr. Bradford said that for each acre of industrial property the City's benefits would be \$450 in property taxes; 12 jobs, and; \$.25 million in capital improvements.

Public Library. Mrs. Debbie Jones approached the Council about the difficulty she is having in keeping the City Library going. She said that the City has recently purchased 70 new children's books, which have been checked out, and none of them have been returned. To send notices to each of them would be very time consuming and she could not do this. To be able to do this, she would need someone working in the Library part-time just to keep up. The Library budget never has adequate funding to do this sort of thing. Mrs. Jones recommended turning all the children's books over to the school, so the children of Santaquin would still have their benefit, and the other books over to the Payson Library, who really need some books, with the understanding that Santaquin citizens could use their library. Mr. Allen Gurney suggested that the Library only be open for certain times and not all the time. Mrs. Jones said that she still has to pay for babysitting in order for her to be there. Mayor Armstrong said that she is not willing to give up the library at this time and hoped another solution could be reached. She asked for more time to consider this. Mrs. Jones said that she has found some individuals who will assist her, but they are few and far between. Mayor Armstrong recommended turning this over to the Citizen's Committee for a recommendation as well.

COUNCIL BUSINESS.

1. Larry Chapple - Hayride. Larry Chapple, manager of Walt's Bar, is requesting a hayride for his adult customers at the bar. Councilman Jones moved that the hayride be allowed as long as there would be no open containers on the wagon, they were done by 10:00 P.M. and obeyed all the laws governing this. Councilman Callaway seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Walt's Bar sign. Larry Chapple wants a sign up by Easter. Councilman Jones moved that Council table this request until a sign ordinance is drawn up. Councilman Callaway seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen's Committee. Mayor Armstrong recommended the Council appoint the following individuals as a Citizen's Committee: Dawn Warinski, Cleil Smith, Lorain Goodall, Marilyn Clayson and the Chairman of the

Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilman Callaway moved that these individuals be appointed to this Citizen's Committee and Councilman Checketts seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dan Olson. Councilman Olson expressed concern about the fire agreement with the County as it may not cover the City's costs. He also asked about the oxygen tank in the Fire Department. Councilman Jones recommended they get one on a lease.

Sherman Jones. Councilman Jones asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Jay Bingham of Bingham Engineering for the work he did on the feasibility study on the power plant. He put in a lot of time and effort for no pay.

Councilman Jones brought out the fact that Councilman Callaway had seen a Genola Town Councilman dumping garbage in the City's landfill and suggested the City file charges. It was decided instead that the City Recorder file a letter of protest with Genola about the problems Santaquin is having at the landfill.

Councilman Jones moved that the meeting be extended to 9:45 P.M. and Councilman Olson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Current Bills. The list of current bills were reviewed. Councilman Checketts moved that all the bills except one to Don Cole for survey and court costs and one to Doug's Auto for \$6.83 charged to the Fire Department be paid. Councilman Olson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Councilman Jones moved the meeting be adjourned and Councilman Olson seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 9:45 P.M.

Approved this 3 day of March, 1982.

Sandra Armstrong
Mayor Sandra Armstrong

ATTEST: Sam Sellers
Sam Sellers
City Recorder