

**TOWN OF SALEM  
TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 7, 2012  
6:00PM**

**Opening:** The regular monthly council meeting of the Town Of Salem was called to order at 6:12 pm on February 7, 2012 in Council Chambers by the Honorable Mayor Diane Head.

**Present: Mayor Diane Head, Council Kevin Talley, Lorenia Lee, Tony Grogan  
Town Attorney Brad Norton, Town Clerk/Tres. Kim Alexander, Police Chief David Poulson, Fire Chief Kevin Wilbanks, Water Department Rick Jones , Ryan Hardin.  
See attached sign in sheet for public attendance. Excused Absent Tony Moore**

**Invocation:** The Invocation was given by Councilman Tony Grogan.

**A. Public Comment**

Sarah Fulmer appeared before council to present the GED program that the Salem United Methodist Church along with Community residents are starting in February. They have secured the help of the Oconee County School District for materials needed to teach the classes. There are a number of retired teachers in the community willing to help with this effort. The Goal of the project is to help the residents of Salem and Tamassee. The end result will benefit both the Education and Economics of the entire community. Mrs. Fulmer asked that everyone spread the word about the classes. Kevin Talley made a motion to allow the group to use the Community Center for the classes two days a week. Lorenia Lee seconds the motion all in favor. Tony Grogan made a motion for the town to help with supplies and materials to help teach the class not to exceed \$100.00. Lorenia Lee seconds the motion all in favor.

Mr. Thurmond Coward asked if the Town Council would consider hosting a forum for the residents to meet the Candidates for Oconee County Sheriff. Mayor Head stated that she had received several phone calls from residents suggesting similar ideas and that she had that on her mind and has already spoken with all five candidates. That date has been set for March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the community center to meet the candidates. The Town will try and help advertise this event by having signs, email, and possible ads on the radio and newspaper.

**B. Minutes**

Approval of minutes from the January 10, 2012 meeting. Motion made by Kevin Talley, Second by Tony Grogan, All in favor.

### **C. Police Report**

Police Chief David Poulson presented the police report to the town council. Chief Poulson added that the Salem Police Department was asked to host six students during the job shadow day at Tamassee-Salem Middle high School. We were able to host three of those students this year this program was a great success. One note of interest to council was that the park had some vandalism during the month of January to inform council the suspects were caught and arrested. They will be prosecuted. The Police Department has submitted the electronic report to SLED and is in compliance. Mayor asked if there were any questions. There were no questions at this time for Chief Poulson.

### **D. Utilities Report**

Mr. Rick Jones presented his report to town council. He reported that Dan Nabors had passed his Level D treatment Exam. The ORC has been updated with DHEC with the approval from the last council meeting of the Water Department changes. The fire hydrant flushing within the Salem water system will be completed by the end of February. Rick asked that the council review a policy change for the cross connection control plan. No questions for Rick at this time from council.

### **E. Fire Report**

Kevin Wilbanks – Fire Chief presented the monthly fire report to council. Please refer to the report in the council packs. Chief Wilbanks added to his report that the Oconee County Library Maintenance Department requested a meeting regarding the Library IT bundle and Fire code violations. They feel it is not their responsibility to fix this per the contract between the town and the county. Attorney Brad Norton will address this with the county and have the information for the Mayor before the meeting. Chief Wilbanks also informed council that the homeowners from The Cliffs Falls South are serving the department supper on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February as a thank you for a job well done. No questions at this time for Fire Chief Wilbanks.

### **F. Recreation Report**

Brad Norton – Presented the Recreation Department report to council. The City Tournament Champions for this year from Salem were 8U and 12U Girls. Congratulations to both of these teams. The 10U Girls were the Reserve Champions. We are proud of all of these teams. The Season is coming to an end and the tournament will be starting this Friday. The Recreation Board requests that the council ask the police department to check in on the Gym during the games on Saturday – Tuesday. The Basketball Banquet is set for February 24, 2012 6pm and 7pm. Mayor Head plans to attend to congratulate the teams on a great season.

### **H. Clerk/ Treasurer – Report**

Bills paid sheet in council packs by Kim Alexander, Clerk/Treasurer. The clerk also presented a petition for annexation from Crestwood Drive for the land to be annexed is contiguous. The Council was receptive of this, they requested before they accept this petition to ask if there are any other residence that would like to annex into the town. The Town Council just wants to make sure that all residence are informed that the

annexation for the petitioned property will be accepted but if they wish to come in they can.

There has been a request that the skate park stored in the town storage shed be moved due to limited space. The Council instructed the clerk to contact Mr. Jason Woods to see if he can move it.

We have a request from the resident moving out of 234 Crestwood Drive to 154 Friendly Drive. The resident asked the water deposit fee remain the same. Due to the circumstances surrounding this property the Council moved to grant the request. Motion made by Kevin Talley seconded by Tony Grogan, motion carried all in favor.

**I. Executive Session -**

A motion was made by Kevin Talley to go into executive session for personnel issue related to the water department and to receive legal advice from the town attorney on contractual issue, second by Lorenia Lee all in favor.

Tony Grogan made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Lorenia Lee all in favor.

Attorney Brad Norton stated to Town Council that the Issaquena Point Contract has not been signed. They are paying according to the terms that council had, Attorney Norton present to their legal counsel detailed in the new unsigned contract. At this time they have brought the account to current with the new terms. We will continue with this term.

Tony Grogan made a motion to increase Dan Nabors pay \$1.00 per hour with the passing of the Level D Treatment License, second by Lorenia Lee all in favor.

Kevin Talley made a motion to change the on call policy second by Lorenia Lee all in favor.

Lorenia Lee mad a motion to allow Chief David Poulson to increase the part-time police hours, as long as they are within budget constraints. The motion was second by Tony Grogan all in favor.

No further business at this time, motion to adjourn by Kevin Talley second by Tony Grogan. Meeting Adjourned 7:37pm by Mayor Diane Head.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kim Alexander Town Clerk/Tres.