

AGENDA FOR SALINA CITY CORPORATION
at the Salina City Hall
90 West Main Street, Salina, Utah
7:00 P.M. December 13, 2023

COUNCIL AND STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Jed Maxwell
Earl Taylor
Jon Maxwell
Danny Viers, excused
Kevin Mickelsen
Randy Christiansen

Ashlee Larsen, City Recorder
Kathy Maxwell, City Treasurer
Jorgen Mickelson & Brad Allen
Maintenance Supervisor
Al Taylor, Chief of Police, excused
Lora Fielding, Salina Sun

VISTORS PRESENT FOR COUNCIL MEETING:

See attached sign in sheet

Mayor Jed Maxwell called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00pm. at the Salina City Hall welcomed everyone present.

Public Hearing* A public hearing to receive input from the public with respect to the issuance of the Bonds and any potential economic impact to the private sector from the construction of sewer system improvements, including replacement of a backup generator, upgrading of existing lift station, construction of a new lift station, installation of sewer lines, manholes, service connections and cleanouts, replacement of sewer laterals, construction of new headworks building and related equipment and accessories, and construction of a culinary water service line to the new headworks building, together with related improvements to be funded by the Bonds. Discuss terms for the supplemental funding, and whether to accept.

Discuss rate structure for sewer. How the new funding will affect the rate structure and opened it up for discussion. **Richard Ryan** asked what the timeframe will be and when the sewer project will begin.

Mayor Maxwell stated the project will begin sometime in spring and will take about 18 months.

Richard Ryan asked how long the streets will be torn up. **Mario Gonzalez** Sunrise Engineering said the contractor will be responsible for notifying the homeowner 24 hrs. prior to an connection interruption and there should be minimal road closures. **Richard Ryan** asked what the household increase for the utility bill will be. **Mayor Maxwell** stated it will be about a \$31 increase per household.

Jon Maxwell motioned to close the public hearing at 7:10pm. **Earl Taylor** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Mayor Jed Maxwell called the regular City Council meeting to order 7:12pm. at the Salina City Hall led the pledge of allegiance, **Earl Taylor** offered the opening prayer.

Approval City Council November 29, 2023 was motioned by Earl Taylor. Kevin Mickelsen
seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Approval of Bills Submitted for Payment was motioned by Jon Maxwell. Kevin Mickelsen seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Visitors

Jeff Brown-Executive Director Food Bank: Jeff Brown Executive Director of the Food Bank, approached the council asking for a \$10,000 donation to their charity. Brown said 66% of those served are from Sevier County and their numbers increase daily. In 2021 they filled 292 orders. An order is approximately 80 lbs. of food, a month. In 2022 they filled 438 orders. This year so far, they have filled 494 orders. Brown said they have 4 part-time employees and over 25 volunteers. **Mayor Maxwell** stated this would be a worthy cause for a donation, but \$10,000 isn't something the city can hand out on request, it would have to be discussed and worked into the budget. **Mayor Maxwell** thanked Brown for coming to Council and asked for his information.

Shawn Bradford- Dispute the cost of an abatement: Shawn Bradford stated he's here to contest the cost of an abatement he wasn't aware of. **Charles Billingsley** Salina City Code Enforcer stated he responded to a complaint of extensive tree overhang on Bradford's property. Billingsley stated he sent several letters and tried to contact the property owners many times. Billingsley mentioned at one point he spoke with the Property Manager about the issue of the tree overhang and thought it would be taken care of. When it wasn't, an abatement was approved by Mayor Maxwell. **Shawn Bradford** contended his employee must have misrepresented himself as the property manager, because the message of Billingsley's visit did not get shared, and a spelling error had been made on the mailed correspondence, so the Bradfords didn't open the mail, because the business name was for the previous owner of the hotel. Mayor Maxwell and Council understood the situation and agreed to split the cost of the tree clean-up. **Mayor Maxwell** stated the property owner needs to make sure their property is clean and not becoming a nuisance to their neighbors.

AGENDA TOPIC

Mayor

Jed Maxwell

Jeff Stithem, Commander of the local American Legion Post Stithem presented a \$2000 check to Salina City to complete the purchase of additional picnic tables at the Legion Hall. **Kathy Maxwell**, stated the project, at the Veteran's Memorial is almost finished and they've conducted several fundraisers with the intent to purchase and engrave black marble for the pedestal of each war being represented. They're hoping for completion by Memorial Day. Mayor Maxwell and Council thanked Jeff Stithem.

Mayor Maxwell stated Salina City will begin construction on the sewer system. The 21 million project, will replace over 44,000 feet of pipe among other things, will result in a \$31 per month increase to each homeowner. Maxwell stated Salina City was fortunate to get the funding we needed at a great interest rate, 1/2 a percent. Sunrise Engineering will oversee the engineering portion of the project. Sunrise Engineering will oversee the engineering portion of the project. **Mayor Maxwell** stated Salina City received a loan/grant of \$20,242,00.00 repurpose 2/3 of the

sewer system. Mayor Maxwell stated the sewer service rate will increase to help fund the sewer project. **Mario Gonzalez** spoke about the CIB meeting and the funding Salina City received to help fund the sewer project. The main improvement the head works will be built into the lagoons, replacing the deteriorated and collapsed pipes, upgrade the existing lift station and discussed the breakdown of the sewer project.

Mayor Maxwell stated this is a big impact to the Salina City rates, but hopefully the sewer system will be upgraded for the next 50 years. Mayor and Council discussed the benefits of the sewer project.

Consideration for approval of the wastewater project contract amendment (WR 2021-2), for Construction engineering services. **Kevin Mickelsen** motioned to approve Consideration for approval of the wastewater project contract amendment (WR 2021-2), for construction engineering services. **Jon Maxwell** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Jesse Nielson-Approval of future development Ashberry Lane: **Mayor Maxwell**, stated on Ashberry Lane, Nielson will need to construct a 37 ½ foot radius cul-de-sac, 25-foot road with sidewalk curb and gutter. Once it's inspected by Salina City Engineer, then building permits can be issued. **Andy Rasmussen** said the building plans show a 73-foot-wide cul-de-sac, but they can make an adjustment and change the design of the buildings. **Mayor Maxwell** stated Salina City Engineer will inspect the project. **Mario Gonzalez** asked Council if they are anticipating any drawings. **Mayor Maxwell** stated everything is already constructed except the sidewalk curb and gutter which needs to be tied into the road. **Kevin Mickelsen** stated they won't need an engineered plan, but they would need a plot or plan drawn up for boundaries. **Mayor Maxwell** said the street will be turned over to Salina City after 1 year. **Mario Gonzalez** stated once Salina City takes ownership of the right a way it will be dedicated to the city. **Kevin Mickelsen** suggested having the potholes and pipes checked by Salina City Maintenance and Engineer. **Mayor Maxwell** stated Nielson and Salina City will need to sign a notarized agreement that the sidewalk curb and gutter will be constructed.

Approval Dog license **Kathy Maxwell** stated only 100 dogs were licensed last year compared to 400 in previous years. There are an estimated 700 dogs in town. Salina City's police spends an unreasonably responding to lose dog calls; when a dog isn't licensed and is taken to the pound, it is a timely procedure. Maxwell stated she spoke with Aurora City, and they don't charge for dog licenses at their annual clinic. This fee exemption would not apply to any household that requires a kennel license for 3 or more dogs. And current rabies vaccines are required for all. Salina City Council agreed trying this may be a step towards solving the issues. Salina City homeowners are given until March 1st to license their dogs free of charge.

Earl Taylor motioned to accept free dog licensing until March 1, 2024, upon the dog being vaccinated. **Jon Maxwell** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Review Budget **Mayor Maxwell** asked the City Council to review the budget and reach out to the department heads with any questions or concerns.

Blackhawk Arena**Director Jake Van:**

Discuss Street Sweeper Van asked Council if he can rent a street sweeper for \$130 per day. Salina City Council agreed.

Approval of Road base Van stated the Blackhawk Arena needs to purchase road base for several potholes at the arena. **Jon Maxwell** motioned to approve the Blackhawk Arena to purchase road base at \$2.00 a ton to fill potholes. Earl Taylor seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Police Chief**Al Taylor:****Planning and Zoning****Chairperson**

Discuss new P&Z Chairman Kathy Maxwell stated we are sad to see Kelly Laier resign from the Planning & Zoning chairman, a new member has been selected. They will be voted on and approved at the next scheduled Planning & Zoning meeting.

Maint. Supervisor**Jorgen Mickelson****Brad Allen:**

Discuss replacing streetlight at 4-way Mickelson stated Hales Sand and Gravel truck hit the streetlight next to Therapy West they received a quote in the amount of \$6000.00 to replace the pole, which their insurance will cover. **Mickelson** is wondering if they can receive approval to purchase a new light pole on the corner of Blackett Brothers. **Kevin Mickelsen** motioned to purchase a new light pole to be placed on the corner of the 4-way stop. **Earl Taylor** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Discuss Cemetery Roads Mickelson stated the north road at the Eastside Cemetery that runs east to west needs extensive repairs and needs to be repaved. Mayor and Council reviewed the bid they received from Rasmussen Excavating last year. Mayor and Council suggested receiving a couple bids and bringing it to the next council meeting.

Mickelson voiced his concerns of the bench being damaged at the Eastside Cemetery, they will try and repair it before purchasing a new one.

Discuss Denmark Well repairs Mickelson stated they need to replace a part at the Denmark Well so it doesn't need to be ran manually. **Earl Taylor** motioned to replace the Denmark Well transducer in the amount of \$2000.00 **Randy Christiansen** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

COUNCIL MEMBER BUSINESS**Earl Taylor:****Jon Maxwell:**

NS Rec. Board update **Jon Maxwell** voiced his concerns of youth trespassing at the NS Rec. building and vandalizing equipment. Once the code is updated for the month the youth give it to their friends without a recreation pass. **Maxwell** spoke about the damage that has been done to the building, they have surveillance cameras, so they know who it is. The Rec. Board will now start working with Salina

City Police Department, and Salina City Attorney to see what needs to be done and put a stop to the vandalizing. **Maxwell** said it was decided that no one under the age of 16 is allowed without an adult present and that rule is not being followed. **Maxwell** stated soccer will move to spring rather than fall as it has been in the past. In switching the season, it will make it so they can play other teams like Gunnison, Manti, and Ephraim. rather than one another. It could interfere with the timing of baseball. New LED lights are scheduled to be installed downstairs in the weight room to brighten the area. Ryan Cook will donate his time to place the lights. The new park will go out to bid in January 2024.

Daniel Viers:

Kevin Mickelsen

Randy Christiansen approval of September and October Court Report 2023 **Randy Christiansen** presented the court report for October 2023. Total taken in \$2,428.01 with Salina City's portion \$1701.96. Randy Christiansen motioned to accept the court report. **Kevin Mickelsen** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Earl Taylor motioned to adjourn the City Council at 8:48 p.m. **Jon Maxwell** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Date 1/24/24 Mayor *Jon Maxwell*

Date 1/24/2024 City Recorder *Ashlee Larsen*