

Salem City Council Meeting will also be held electronically, using the Zoom program.

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DATE: May 15, 2024 (City Council Chamber 30 West 100 South)

6:00 p.m. Work Session

1. Budget FY 2025 Discussion
2. Agenda Item's Discussion

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. Volunteer Motivational/Inspirational Message
2. Invitation to Say Pledge of Allegiance
3. Youth Council Report
 - a. Advisor Recognition
4. SF / Salem Chamber Report
5. Decision: Award Bid for Sewer IFA (Impact Fee Analysis) and IFFP (Impact Fee Facility Plan) Study
6. Decision: Dissolving Electric Rate 110 - Industrial Rate and Creating A New Rate 110 - Commercial With Primary Voltage
7. Decision: Resolution Amending Residential Electric Utility Rates
8. Decision: Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2024
9. Decision: Bills for Payment

DIRECTORS REPORTS

10. Matt Marziale, Manager
11. Chief Brad James, Public Safety Dept.
12. Steve Cox, Building Dept.
13. Walter Bird, Attorney
14. Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
15. Adam Clements, Electrical Dept.
16. Bradey Wilde, Engineering Dept.
17. John Bowcut, Fiber Dept.
18. Jen Wright, Recreation Dept.
19. James Thomas, Public Works Dept.

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COUNCIL REPORTS

20. Mayor Kurt L Christensen
 - a. Finances/Budget
 - b. City Employees
 - c. Miss Salem
 - d. UMPA Report
 - e. Public Safety
21. Councilperson Kelly Peterson
 - a. Power
 - b. Fiber
 - c. SUVPS Report
22. Councilperson Cristy Simons
 - a. Parks & Recreation
 - b. Chamber of Commerce
 - c. Youth Council
23. Councilperson Cynthia Deveraux Rees
 - a. Library
 - b. Solid Waste/Recycling
24. Councilperson Paul Taylor
 - a. Water (Primary & Secondary)
 - b. Mt Nebo & SUVMWA
25. Councilperson Tim De Graw
 - a. Sewer
 - b. Storm Drain
 - c. Roads & Trails
26. CLOSED SESSION -The Salem City Council may temporarily recess the regular meeting and convene in a closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation; the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property or water; or to discuss the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual as provided by Utah Code Annotated §52-4-205.

Please Note: If you have an item that you would like to have discussed before the City Council, please fill out a request form, which is available online at salemcity.org or at the City Office, and return it to the City Office by 5:00 p.m. the Thursday prior to the meeting you would like to attend.

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on May 15 2024, in the Salem City Council Chambers.

Work Session: 6:00 p.m.

1. BUDGET FY 2025

The discussion began with an overview of recent budget items and a review of rates for garbage and solid waste services. It was noted that Republic Services plans to implement a 3.5% increase in rates, resulting in specific rate adjustments for different types of waste collection. The council considered different options for handling this increase, ultimately leaning towards a flat rate adjustment rather than a percentage increase. The council also addressed upcoming rate increases for power, water, and sewer services. While modest increases were projected, the council discussed the importance of building reserves to address potential future needs, particularly in infrastructure maintenance and emergencies. Additional topics included the potential purchase of license plate reader cameras for law enforcement purposes, improvements to recycling initiatives, and the installation of interactive reading stations at the city's parks. The council debated the merits of purchasing new equipment versus used equipment and prioritizing expenditures based on long-term needs and growth projections. Council members expressed concerns about ensuring the city's readiness for population growth and the importance of investing in reliable infrastructure and equipment. Ultimately, the council agreed to review the proposed budget in more detail before the public hearing scheduled for June 5th, with the aim of finalizing the budget soon after.

2. AGENDA ITEM'S DISCUSSION

Adam Clements gave an overview of the electrical rates proposed for adjustment. The rates are adjusting to keep up with the increase of cost for installing and maintaining electrical infrastructure.

Matt Marziale provided an overview of the awarding of the sewer study contract to WaterWorks during the council meeting. The contract, totaling \$216,000, includes a study of the current sewer plant to retrofit and expand its capacity, as well as design work for future expansions to accommodate anticipated growth in the city. Marziale explained that WaterWorks was selected through a competitive process and highlighted their dynamic approach to infrastructure planning. He emphasized the need for retrofitting the plant to accommodate approved developments and to avoid future capacity issues. Part of the contract also involves WaterWorks assisting with the calculation of impact fees for developers, ensuring that growth pays for the necessary infrastructure upgrades. Marziale clarified that current residents would not bear the financial burden of these improvements, which would be funded by new development. Council members discussed the urgency of the sewer plant expansion to keep pace with projected growth and avoid delays in development. Marziale confirmed that the goal was to have the retrofit completed by fall and to begin construction on the new addition by spring 2025. Overall, the council expressed support for the contract and the proactive approach to infrastructure planning outlined by Marziale.

They acknowledged the importance of timely action to address the city's infrastructure needs in line with its growth projections.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:00 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Kurt L Christensen

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Kurt L Christensen
Councilperson Kelly Peterson
Councilperson Cristy Simons
Councilperson Cynthia Deveraux Rees
Councilperson Paul Taylor
Councilperson Tim De Graw

STAFF PRESENT:

Chief Brad James, Police Chief
Walter Bird, Attorney
Jeffery Nielson Finance/Recorder
Matt Marziale, Manager
Adam Clements, Electrical Dept.
Bradey Wilde, Engineering Dept.
John Bowcut, Fiber Dept.
Jen Wright, Recreation Dept.
James Thomas, Public Works Dept.
Cody Young

OTHERS PRESENT

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1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Mayor Christensen asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Bruce Ward stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Brad James invited those who wish to participate, to stand and say the pledge of allegiance with him. He then led the pledge of allegiance for those who wanted to participate.

3. YOUTH COUNCIL

a. ADVISOR RECOGNITION

Marcie and Marte McKee were recognized for their exemplary service as youth council advisors. The council expressed gratitude for their dedication to the youth of Salem, highlighting their leadership in organizing events and fostering community involvement. A plaque was presented to honor their contributions. Council members praised the McKees for their commitment and acknowledged the positive impact they have had on the youth council participants. Additionally, new youth council advisors, the Valguardsons, were introduced and welcomed, with expectations of continued excellence in guiding Salem's youth.

4. SF/SALEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Kathleen Leavitt from the SF/Salem Chamber of Commerce provided updates during the council meeting. She reported the successful conclusion of the golf tournament organized with the Rotary Club, which raised funds for fourteen \$1500 scholarships distributed among Spanish Fork High School, Salem Hills, and Landmark High. She also mentioned the upcoming noon networking event at the Veterans Memorial Building in Spanish Fork, where Mayor Mike Mendenhall would provide a city update. Leavitt proposed the idea of hosting a mayoral address at future chamber events for Salem City, which received positive feedback from the council. Additionally, she mentioned upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremonies. Councilperson De Graw shared information about a new local business, Stone Creek, which offers landscaping supplies and plans to organize seasonal activities such as pumpkin patches and Christmas trees.

5. DECISION: AWARD BID FOR SEWER IFA (IMPACT FEE ANALYSIS) AND IFFP (IMPACT FEE FACILITY PLAN) STUDY

The city council discussed awarding the bid for the sewer IFA (Impact Fee Analysis). Matt Marziale explained that the approval is for Water Works to conduct a study on expanding the current sewer plant to accommodate the city's growth. The study includes assessing improvements to the existing plant and planning for future construction.

Mayor Christensen asked for a motion for the bid for the sewer IFA (Impact Fee Analysis) and IFFP (Impact Fee Facility Plan) study.

MOTION BY: Councilperson De Graw made a motion to approve the bid from Water Works in the amount of \$216,485.00 to update the sewer IFA (Impact Fee Analysis) and IFFP (Impact Fee Facility Plan).

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Simons seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilperson Peterson; Aye, Councilperson Simons; Aye, Councilperson Rees; Aye, Councilperson Taylor; Aye, Councilperson De Graw; Aye, (5 Ayes)

6. DECISION: DISSOLVING ELECTRIC RATE 110 – INDUSTRIAL RATE AND CREATING A NEW RATE 110 – COMMERCIAL WITH PRIMARY VOLTAGE

Mayor Christensen asked for a motion for dissolving electric rate 110 – industrial rate and creating a new rate 110 – commercial with primary voltage.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Peterson made a motion to approve dissolving electric rate 110 – industrial rate and creating a new rate 110 – commercial with primary voltage.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Taylor seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilperson Peterson; Aye, Councilperson Simons; Aye, Councilperson Rees; Aye, Councilperson Taylor; Aye, Councilperson De Graw; Aye, (5 Ayes)

7. DECISION: RESOLUTION AMENDING RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC UTILITY RATES

Mayor Christensen asked for a motion for the resolution amending residential electric utility rates.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Rees made a motion to approve the resolution amending residential electric utility rates.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson De Graw seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilperson Peterson; Aye, Councilperson Simons; Aye, Councilperson Rees; Aye, Councilperson Taylor; Aye, Councilperson De Graw; Aye, (5 Ayes)

8. DECISION: MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2024

Mayor Christensen asked for a motion for the minutes of May 1, 2024.

MOTION BY: Councilperson De Graw made a motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2024, with the following correction: Line 56: UAMPS SUVPS

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Peterson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilperson Peterson; Aye, Councilperson Simons; Aye, Councilperson Rees; Aye, Councilperson Taylor; Aye, Councilperson De Graw; Aye, (5 Ayes)

9. DECISION: BILL FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Christensen asked for a motion for the bills for payment.

AMOUNT: \$890,492.06

MOTION BY: Councilperson Simons made a motion to approve the bills for payment in the amount of \$890,492.06.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Peterson seconded the motion.

VOTE: Councilperson Peterson; Aye, Councilperson Simons; Aye, Councilperson Rees; Aye, Councilperson Taylor; Aye, Councilperson De Graw; Aye, (5 Ayes)

STAFF REPORTS

10. MATT MARZIALE, MANAGER

Two key points were raised by Matt. Firstly, Edge Homes has acquired the Lyman property, with the exception of six acres, under contract. They sought guidance on development plans, and the city staff advised against residential construction along the corridor, suggesting commercial buildings instead. The discussion also touched on plans for a park along the Beer Creek, enhancing the area and potentially creating a linear park. Secondly, Matt mentioned the imminent turnover in Arrowhead, anticipating rapid development once trading and selling processes conclude. The progress is contingent upon resolving issues with the substation, limiting initial construction to 140 homes until the matter is addressed. These developments are expected to significantly impact the city in the coming months.

11. CHIEF BRAD JAMES, PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT.

Chief Brad James delivered a staff report highlighting the benefits of surveillance cameras for community safety, citing a case where they helped locate a missing elderly person. He also acknowledged National Law Enforcement Week, praising Salem's police officers and urging appreciation for their service. Chief James expressed gratitude for the community's support during a recent challenging period and emphasized the importance of unity in times of crisis.

12. STEVE COX, BUILDING DEPT.

Steve Cox was not present at tonight's meeting.

13. WALTER BIRD, ATTORNEY

Walter Bird echoed Chief Brad James's praise for Salem's police officers, commending their professionalism and effectiveness in their duties. He emphasized the ease of collaboration with them, citing their thorough reports and positive interactions with the public. Bird expressed gratitude for their contributions to his work in criminal prosecution and indicated plans to acknowledge their efforts personally.

14. JEFFREY NIELSON, FINANCE/RECORDER

Jeff Nielson echoed the previous members of the staff regarding the police department. Jeff Nielson thanked the City Council for their hard work with going through the budget.

15. ADAM CLEMENTS, ELECTRICAL DEPT.

Adam Clements mentioned that the new electrical department building is getting closer to being done. Adam would like to take the City Council on a tour of the building when it is completed. They are looking to do interviewing for the journeyman position next week. They currently have 8 applicants for the job.

16. BRADEY WILDE, ENGINEERING DEPT.

Bradey Wilde reported on behalf of the fireside, highlighting the commendable dedication of officers who are consistently among the first responders. He noted the extensive workload of the history and engineering department, currently managing approximately 35 projects. Wilde encouraged council members to reach out with any inquiries or concerns regarding ongoing projects, underscoring the department's readiness to provide assistance at any time.

17. JOHN BOWCUT, FIBER DEPT.

John Bowcut stated that the fiber department has 1,659 customers.

18. JEN WRIGHT, RECREATION DEPT.

Jen Wright stated that the upcoming summer concerts are on June 10th & 18th. The lantern festival is planning to come to Salem again but have not scheduled an exact date yet.

19. JAMES THOMAS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

James Thomas provided an update on the city's pressurized irrigation system, confirming that the M.S. costs are proceeding as planned. He mentioned a minor hiccup on the West Side of town due to ongoing work in the area. Despite this, operations have resumed smoothly, with all pumps functioning properly. Thomas noted that the system's performance is consistent with the previous year, maintaining an average flow rate per day. Additionally, he outlined ongoing efforts to prepare DR Horton's lines for water distribution, including chlorine treatment and testing, to ensure the smooth operation of the system.

COUNCIL REPORTS

20. MAYOR KURT L. CHRISTENSEN

Mayor Christensen mentioned that he is thankful for the police department.

21. COUNCILPERSON KELLY PETERSON

Councilperson Peterson echoed what the mayor stated about the police department and thanked the other departments that helped Santaquin City with their recent tragedy.

22. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS

Councilperson Simons echoed what the mayor stated about the police department and appreciates the comradery between the departments when tragedy strikes. Councilperson Simons would like to take the City Council on a tour of Salem during a work session soon. June 10th is the next business networking meeting. The splash pad at Cole Park will be up and running this upcoming Friday.

23. COUNCILPERSON CYNTHIA DEVERAUX REES

Councilperson Rees also thanked the police department and is proud of them. Councilperson Rees mentioned that the special needs fishing day was a success.

24. COUNCILPERSON PAUL TAYLOR

Councilperson Taylor thanked the police department and the other city employees for their dedication. Councilperson Taylor stated that it was neat to see the community come together as a whole recently.

25. COUNCILPERSON TIM DE GRAW

Councilperson De Graw gave an update on flow generations for the sewer plant.
Councilperson De Graw mentioned that 100 east and 300 west have been resurfaced.

26. CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Christensen asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Taylor made a motion to adjourn

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Peterson seconded the motion.

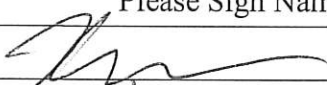
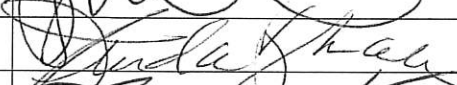
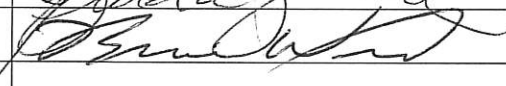
VOTE: Councilperson Peterson; Aye, Councilperson Simons; Aye, Councilperson Rees;
Aye, Councilperson Taylor; Aye, Councilperson De Graw; Aye, (5 Ayes)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:30 p.m.



Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder

Salem City Attendance Record
For City Council held on May 15, 2024

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