Salina City Corporation
90 West Main Street, Salina, Utah
7:00 P.M. February 14, 2024

COUNCIL AND STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Jed Maxwell
Earl Taylor
Jon Maxwell
Kevin Mickelsen
Randy Christiansen
Allen Tietjen

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

Visitors:
Brad Duffin
Jeff Stithem-not in attendance

Mayor Jed Maxwell
Called the regular City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Salina City Hall welcomed everyone present, led the pledge of allegiance. **Earl Taylor** offered the opening prayer.

Approval of City Council meeting minutes January 10, 2024 was motioned by **Earl Taylor.** **Jon Maxwell** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Approval of City Council meeting minutes January 24, 2024 was motioned by **Jon Maxwell.** **Kevin Mickelsen** seconded. **Earl Taylor** abstained. Motion carried 3 to 1.

Approval of Bills Submitted for Payment, was motioned by Earl Taylor. Jon Maxwell seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Visitors:
Brad Duffin addressed the election for County Commissioner- Duffin stated he is running for County Commissioner South. **Duffin** would like Sevier County to develop a stronger economy by bringing in more businesses to help increase the base. **Duffin** is concerned with not having enough housing in our county, which makes it difficult for large businesses to come to our area. **Duffin** wants to find land to construct affordable housing. **Duffin** wants the cities to keep a closer eye on their budgets throughout the fiscal year. **Duffin** stated Sevier County taxes are too high and he wants to slowly lower the property taxes. **Duffin** said he is not a politician, but he is a diligent worker and will get the job done. The Mayor and Council discussed the need for housing in our area. **Duffin** stated he is in the Real Estate business and is anticipating new homes will cost around $225,000 to 300,000. **Earl Taylor** stated he cannot see new homes in a subdivision constructed for less than $400,000. **Mayor Maxwell** stated, he agrees we all want to try and figure out the solution for more housing and businesses to come into our community. **Jon Maxwell** stated if additional housing was developed the tax base would be a lot lower. Salina City has lost several businesses in our Industrial Park due to not having enough housing. **Duffin** stated he would like to reach out to Maureen who is the head of Six County. **Duffin** stated the

county needs to build up the tax base in case the coal mine shuts down. **Mayor Maxwell** voiced his concerns of when the State of Utah agreed to let the trucking industry license their trailers in Idaho. This really hurt Sevier County, and we lost over two (2) million dollars in taxes.
Duffin spoke about the Rec. Center in Richfield and hopes the community will be on the same page. Mayor Maxwell said Salina City did not vote for it because they have their own pool and Rec Center. Duffin said before they follow through with the Rec. Center, they need to make sure they have all their ducks in a row. Duffin agreed it's a good thing to have but they need to size it down. Duffin said he would love Mayor and Council Members support and he is willing to sit down and visit with them at any time. Mayor Maxwell thanked Duffin for coming to City Council.

Jeff Stithem- Discuss Boy Scout projects/ Boy & Girl All State, tabled

AGENDA TOPIC
Mayor
Jed Maxwell Oath of Office-Fire Department 2024, tabled

Resolution R232-2024 Adopt LWCF Resolution Mayor Maxwell stated Salina City applied for a Grant to help purchase land to develop an outdoor recreation area in Salina. This is part of the application process Salina City needs to approve the LWCF Resolution to apply for the grant. **Jon Maxwell** motioned to approve LWCF Resolution R232-2024 **Allen Tietjen** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Resolution R233-2024 Adopt Sewer Rates Mayor Maxwell stated Salina City will be increasing their sewer utility rate an additional $31.00 to replace and repair the sewer system. Mayor Maxwell stated the Residential users and light commercial users' rate will be $56.00, medium commercial users' rate will be $75.00, and heavy commercial users' rate will be $110.00. **Resolution R233-2024 Adopt Sewer Rates** was motioned by **Allen Tietjen. Jon Maxwell** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Miss North Sevier donation Jon Maxwell motioned to approve donating $150.00 to Miss North Sevier. **Randy Christiansen** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Mayor Maxwell stated the NS Recreation would like to hire a part-time employee and asked Ashlee Larsen to get with Devyn Storey to place an ad in the paper.

Blackhawk Arena
Director Jake Van:
Approval of bids of repairing stock pens, Jake Van stated he would like to restructure the stock pens with continuous panels and drill pipe and the existing bow gates located at the Blackhawk Arena. Van, Albrecht, and the inmates will do most of the labor, once the project is completed the Blackhawk Arena will have (6) six additional stock pens that will be drainable and usable to facilitate a two-header team roping. **Van** presented a bid for the stock pens in the amount of $24,296.00, the concrete bid is in the amount of $4,000.00, the welding bid is in the amount of $4,000.00. **Kathy Maxwell** stated the Blackhawk would like to add two additional air coolers in the amount of $6,000.00. Mayor and Council reviewed the location of the stock pens and the budget of the Blackhawk Arena. **Kathy Maxwell** stated if you look at the M&O on the Blackhawk budget sheet, they have used about 55% of their budget. **Jon Maxwell** motioned to approve the purchase of placing stock pens in the amount of $24,296,

concrete in the amount of $4,000.00, and the cost of welding in the amount of $4,000.00 Earl Taylor seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Approval of bids for air coolers. Van stated they need two additional air coolers for the events in the Summertime. The old air coolers have a tough time running. They work great once they are working. **Earl Taylor** asked if the old coolers have frequency drive, he suggested having the power company look at the coolers to receive an incentive from Rocky Mountain Power. **Taylor** will email Bryce from Rocky Mountain Power. **Jon Maxwell** motioned to approve two new air coolers in the amount of 6,000.00. **Earl Taylor** seconded the motion carried 4 to 0.

Police Chief
Al Taylor:

Planning and Zoning
Chairperson

Maint. Supervisor
Jorgen Mickelson/Brad Allen:
Discuss crack seal & potholes around town, Jorgen Mickelson stated Salina City have several potholes and cracks throughout town that need repair. Mayor and Council asked Salina City Maintenance to receive bids. Tabled for bids.

Approval of part-time maintenance summer help, Salina City Maintenance is looking to hire a part-time seasonal maintenance employee. The fulltime employees will be busy helping with the sewer project. **Jorgen Mickelson** stated they need the part-time to help mow lawns, water flowers and maintain the city during the summer months. Mayor Maxwell and council agreed to hire a part-time maintenance employee and suggested not having them mow the cemeteries. **Mayor Maxwell** asked Ashlee Larsen to place an ad in the paper to hire the part-time maintenance employee who is 18 years or older. **Kevin Mickelsen** motioned to place an ad in the paper to hire a part-time maintenance employee from May-September 2024. **Earl Taylor** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Discuss maintenance truck Brad Allen stated the Ford-F350 needs new fuel injectors. **Jorgen Mickelson** received a bid from Dave Vandyke in the amount of $2900. Mayor Maxwell asked if there is a warranty. Jorgen Mickelson said yes, it will be under a year warranty. **Earl Taylor** motioned to fix the fuel injectors on the Ford F350 in the amount of $3,000. **Kevin Mickelsen** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Discuss Courtyard, Jorgen Mickelson stated in 2023 Sunrise Engineering looked at the east wall at the Courtyard on Main Street and said it looked fine. Salina City Maintenance noticed the wall is separating from the building. Salina City Maintenance called Sunrise Engineering to look at the wall again and the engineer suggested removing the wall. Mayor Maxwell stated he requested a second opinion. **Jorgen Mickelson** reached out to Jones & Demille and they agreed that the wall would be fine with steel set beams. asked if they could place steel set beams to support the wall. Mayor Maxwell asked Salina City Maintenance to remove the top portion of the wall then reach out to Jones & Demille for a bid. Mayor and Council discussed the safest way to remove the top of the wall.

Discuss tree removal, tabled for bids.

COUNCIL MEMBER BUSINESS

Earl Taylor:

Jon Maxwell:

Kevin Mickelsen:
Discuss Proposal for Cadet and Junior Firemen Membership- Matt Murphree reviewed the proposal with Mayor and Council, and stated, "anyone seeking to be a member of the Salina Fire Department who is between the age of 18 and 21, may apply for Cadet Membership." Due to insurance reasons the Cadet cannot drive Fire Department vehicles when responding to a page or when the apparatus is "in service." Cannot be in any situation where the Cadets would be required to use a SCBA pack. Ride in a lead truck, operate extrication equipment, or saws (unless Sawyer Certified). Cannot function as an IC. Murphree stated the Cadets could be certified for Wild Land FFI, they may function as an IC for Wildland Firefighting operations. Murphree asked if the Cadet Program is approved, he would like to work with Barry Smith from NS High school and start recruiting graduates. The Junior Fireman program will design to provide an opportunity for High School age individuals who are interested in the fire service to serve our community as a part of the Salina fire Department. Junior Firefighters must be in Grades 9-12 and be in good standing with their school. Murphee suggested Working with Salina City Attorney to develop a release waiver for parents to sign. The Junior Cadets will be involved in firehouse activities as supervised by SGD Firemen, training, cleaning, equipment servicing, business meetings, rolling up hoses, etc. The Salina Fire Department will do an official vote for the proposed Cadet Program. **Kevin Mickelsen** asked what the Fire Department will do for an incentive. **Murphree** stated the Cadets are eligible for pay once they complete fire school at the age of eighteen. Murphree said this is a wonderful experience to be part of our community, the Fire Department placed an ad in the paper and Facebook page for recruitment. **Murphree** asked if the Salina City Attorney could draft documentation for the Junior Cadet. Mayor and Council agreed. Mayor and Council suggested having the Attorney review the proposal before making a motion. Jon Maxwell suggested. Holding an assembly at the schools for recruitment.

Discuss bid for the CCC Camp Kevin Mickelsen presented a bid for the CCC Camp board and batten for the three buildings and exterior painting on all the buildings and the gun tower. The total is $38, 085.00. The second bid came in at $49,000 to replace all the board and batten **Ashlee Larsen** will email the second bid to Monte Bona for approval of the grant for the CCC Camp.

Randy Christiansen: Approval of January 2024. Randy Christiansen presented the court report for January 2024. Total taken in $1,514.04 with Salina City's portion $1378.39. Randy Christiansen motioned to accept the court report. Kevin Mickelsen seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Allen Tietjen: Discuss maintenance of the Salina City retention pond, Allen Tietjen voiced his concerns of the retention pond with weeds and trees. **Jorgen Mickelson** stated they have cleared the trees around the pond but will not be able to clear the trees inside the retention pond until summertime when the ground is solid.

Earl Taylor motioned to adjourn the City Council at 9:33 p.m. **Randy Christiansen** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Date 3-13-2024 **Mayor** _____

Date 3/13/2024 **City Recorder** _____