

AGENDA FOR SALINA CITY CORPORATION
at the Salina City Hall
90 West Main Street, Salina, Utah
6:50 P.M. August 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

Mayor Jed Maxwell called the Public Hearing to order at 6:50pm. at the Salina City Hall, welcomed everyone present.

Public Hearing: Public notice is hereby given that the Salina City Council will hold a public hearing August 14, 2024, at 6:50 p.m. in the Salina City Council Chambers located at 90 West Main, Salina, Utah, for the purpose of accepting comments on proposed Ordinance 176-2024 an Ordinance amending Chapter 17.08 Planning Commission section 17.08.010 Membership. The proposed Ordinance 176-2024 is available for review at the Salina City Office. Mayor Maxwell opened the public hearing, explained the reason for the hearing and asked for any comments. No comments were made at this time.

Mayor Jed Maxwell called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00pm. at the Salina City Hall
Welcome everyone present. Jon Maxwell offered the opening prayer.

Approval of Work Meeting June 12, 2024, was motioned by **Earl Taylor**. **Jon Maxwell** seconded.
Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approval City Council minutes June 26, 2024, was motioned by **Jon Maxwell**. **Allen Tietjen** seconded.
Motion carried 4 to 1. **Earl Taylor** abstained.

Approval of Work Meeting June 26, 2024, was motioned by **Allen Tietjen**. **Jon Maxwell** seconded.
Motion carried 4 to 1. **Earl Taylor** abstained.

Approval of City Council minutes July 10, 2024, was motioned by **Jon Maxwell**. **Allen Tietjen** seconded.
Motion carried 4 to 1. **Earl Taylor** abstained.

Approval of Bills Submitted for Payment was motioned by **Earl Taylor**. **Kevin Mickelsen** seconded.
Motion carried 5 to 0.

Visitors:

Scott Johnson Sevier County Commissioner-Promoting Sevier County through Travel Council. Not in attendance.

Katie Crane- Discuss building on Main Street: **Katie Crane** approached City Council regarding her building at 51 East Main Street and stated the dilapidated building adjacent to her building on the east was donated to Salina City around 2015, when Salina City removed the brick wall between the two buildings it started pulling away from her building causing issues. Mayor Maxwell and Councilman Earl Taylor visited the site sometime in June 2024.

Mrs. Crane presented pictures and an estimated cost to repair her building asking if Salina City could help pay half of the cost. **Kevin Mickelsen** asked if the wall is adobe or a brick. **Earl Taylor** stated it's an adobe wall but there is wood in between the adobe with the roof attached. **Brad Allen** stated the back wall has never changed in the 30 years he's worked for Salina City. The front portion of the building.

was removed several years ago, due to the roof falling in. Mayor and Council reviewed the pictures and damage caused to Mrs. Cranes building. Mrs. Crane voiced her concerns for safety and liability.

Katie Crane asked if Salina City can at least stabilize the back wall of the courtyard. **Kevin Mickelsen** asked Mrs. Crane if he could reach out to her and visit the site with Mayor and Council, prior to making any decisions. Mrs. Crane agreed and gave him her phone number.

AGENDA TOPIC

Mayor

Jed Maxwell, swear in new Fire Department Members. Tabled.

Approval of Public Hearing Ordinance 176-2024 Planning & Zoning Membership. **Jon Maxwell** motioned to approve Ordinance 176-2024 Planning & Zoning Membership. **Allen Tietjen** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approval of full-time Blackhawk Arena employee. **Earl Taylor** motioned to approve Barry Albrecht as the new full-time Blackhawk Arena employee. **Jon Maxwell seconded.** Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approval of Code Enforcement employee. **Mayor Maxwell** stated they interviewed Ross Mitchell last week they were impressed and confident he'll do a great job. **Jon Maxwell** motioned to approve the new Salina City Code Enforcement Employee. **Kevin Mickelsen** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approval of finishing Pickle Ball Courts Mayor Maxwell stated at the NS Rec. Board meeting the Rec Board agreed to cover the cost of painting the Pickle Ball Courts at the new Salina City Park. The courts Should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Maxwell, Council and Salina City Maintenance discussed their concerns of the lawn at the new Salina City Park.

Blackhawk Arena

Director Jake Van, excused

Police Chief

Al Taylor, Approval of Operation Underground Railroad Grant: Chief Taylor discussed a grant Salina PD received through Operation Underground Railroad for two additional license plate readers. **Chief Taylor** stated they've had a lot of success with the current readers in use by the city, and the two additional readers will be a great asset in solving cases. Last month Salina City helped rescue a female

out of California who was headed to Detroit for sex trafficking two homicide suspects were identified via cameras, and these readers were instrumental in finding a missing endangered victim from Illinois. Just last week, Salina City will receive a bill for the new equipment and software, but however, the foundation will send payment. **Chief Taylor** stated the group is an anti-human trafficking organization that supports law enforcement agencies across the country, and though some may worry about privacy violations with the license readers, data can only be obtained in certain instances, such as NCIC listings, kidnapping, missing, endangered, terrorist watches, or in the case of stolen vehicles. Chief Taylor stated the cameras were instrumental in determining which way, the Snow College kidnapping victim was taken a couple years ago. **Allen Tietjen** motioned to approve the grant for the Underground Railroad license plate readers. **Jon Maxwell** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Planning and Zoning

Chairperson:

Maint. Supervisor

Jorgen Mickelson Discuss water drainage & road repair next to NAPA & Barrett's: **Jorgen Mickelson** discussed the huge pothole regarding the property owned by Salina City, NAPA, and Barrett's. They are willing to split the cost into 3 ways to place drainage and fix the road. Mayor Maxwell asked where the water would be drained. Mickelson stated it will drain towards the water way behind the fire department. Mayor Maxwell and Council reviewed the bid and discussed the drainage issue. Mickelson stated they could also receive a bid to place a drywell. **Kevin Mickelsen** stated he wouldn't place a drywell in that area. Mayor Maxwell and Council asked maintenance to please receive a couple additional bids to bring back to the City Council meeting.

Discuss fixing potholes in town: **Jorgen Mickelson** stated Salina City received a bid from Cody Mickelson to fix around twenty potholes in town in the amount of \$1900.00. **Allen Tietjen** motioned to approve \$1900.00 to fix potholes in town. **Earl Taylor** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Jorgen Mickelson stated Gil from Dirt Worx is willing to come and repaint the crossing walks that he initially painted in February for \$500 to cover the labor cost. **Mickelson** will receive a speck sheet from Dirt worx showing he is using reflective paint and send it to Sunrise Engineering.

COUNCIL MEMBER BUSINESS

Earl Taylor: Discuss dirty roads left from the Sewer Project: **Earl Taylor** stated there needs to be cleanup from the city's current sewer project. The patch job is not adequate.

Jon Maxwell: NS Rec. update: **Jon Maxwell** presented an update on the North Sevier Recreation Department, stating the Rec. needs a new AC unit, permanent signs for the upstairs bathrooms have been installed and are appropriately labeled as family bathrooms to meet state code. On October 10, 2024, they will host a Deer Hunter's Ball. Jacey McKinley will hold a High Fitness class. Tackle football is underway, as is fall soccer, and flag football and volleyball signups are ongoing. Registration for basketball begins September 2nd, 2024.

Kevin Mickelsen, discuss Salina Fire Department amendment to constitution & bylaws **Kevin Mickelsen** asked Randy Christiansen to please read an email sent from Fire Chief Matt Murphree.

Regarding the Salina Fire Department bylaws. The SFD constitution states the following:

Article XI, No. 12 states anyone convicted of a felony cannot be a member of the SFD and will automatically be dismissed. Kevin Mickelsen recommends that the SFD obeys this article for now until they can amend their constitution.

Chief Matt Murphree would like to expedite this amendment as soon as possible. This will need to be approved by both our department and the City Council. "Here is my recommendation to amend our constitution, stated Chief Matt Murphree." Rewrite the article to state the following:

Anyone charged or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor during their membership of the SFD may be automatically suspended from the department and may be immediately dismissed from the department without the need of a Discipline Committee.

A new prospective member who was convicted of a felony in their past may be a member of the fire department on a case-by-case basis if they meet the following conditions:

1. An adequate amount of time has elapsed since the conviction and has exceeded the statute of limitations for the crime in the state of Utah.
2. The individual is willing to be open and transparent about the circumstances surrounding the conviction, understanding that some crimes cannot be overlooked due to the nature of the fire service, such as theft, homicide, etc.
3. The individual meets all other criteria for membership.
4. Upon voted approval from the members of the fire department, the individual and a current SFD officer will attend a private meeting with City Council members to petition City Council for approval into membership.
5. Like any other new member, the standard 1-year probation will apply for the following membership.

As you can see, we are building on the opportunity to make an exception on a case-by-case basis. I imagine that we will not need to use this exception very often. In certain cases, I believe that this is warranted and should be moved forward soon.

Kevin Mickelsen stated he met with the Salina Fire Department and read through the constitution and suggested adding an amendment to the bylaws. **Mayor Maxwell** stated Salina City Fire Department will need to follow Salina City employee policy by receiving a background check. Mayor Maxwell and City Council discussed the situation and stated whoever has a felony they can give them a grace period for an expungement or a 402 reduction. **Chief Taylor** stated with the statue of limitations the Salina Fire Department might want to change the amendment bylaw. There is a presumption of innocence when you're charged with a crime you can't terminate an employee because they are presumed innocent until they are convicted by a jury. **Mayor Maxwell** stated when applying for Salina City a background check is required, it doesn't matter what position they are applying for. **Fire Chief Matt Murphree** suggested submitting the constitution to Salina City Attorney. **Chief Murphree** asked Kathy Maxwell if she heard back from the attorney about the parent waiver for the Cadet Progrm. **Kathy Maxwell** stated yes, she will get with Chief Murphree sometime next week.

Kevin Mickelsen stated in Bylaws #12 it states, anyone convicted of felony cannot be a member of the SFD and will automatically be dismissed. **Jon Maxwell** suggested removing the conviction of the misdemeanor and asked how the background screening is being completed. **Murphree** stated the background check is being completed by one of the firemen. **Mayor Maxwell** stated a full background screening needs to be completed by Salina Police Department for all Salina City employees. If you make an exemption for one, you need to make it for all employees. Salina City Council agreed to amend the SFD bylaws and submit them to the Salina City Attorney. Salina City Council, Fire Chief and Police Chief discussed the steps of and expungement and the steps an individual would need to take to have it removed. **Kevin Mickelsen** stated the hiring process is in the SFD bylaws which needs to be followed.

Randy Christiansen, approval of June 2024 Court Report. Randy Christiansen presented the court report for June 2024. Total amount taken in \$3,275.27 with Salina City portion \$2,882.93. **Randy Christiansen** motioned to accept the court report. **Kevin Mickelsen** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Randy Christiansen, approval of July 2024 Court Report. Randy Christiansen presented the court report for June 2024. Total amount taken in \$1,117.36 with Salina City portion \$1,110.66. **Randy Christiansen** motioned to accept the court report. **Kevin Mickelsen** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Allen Tietjen Discuss 9/11 service projects Tietjen discussed the 9/11 project working on the baseball fields at the park: Allen Tietjen proposed a multistage improvement service project for the Salina City baseball fields as part of the 9/11 day of service. Tietjen recommended leveling the fields, installing a sprinkling system, hydro seeding, and eventually building a spectator location. Tietjen is working with the Salina City Maintenance department on supplies and potential grants, as well as asking for volunteers.

Allen Tietjen motioned to adjourn the City Council at 8:37 p.m. **Randy Christiansen** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Date 8/28/2024 Mayor J. W. Christiansen

Date 8/28/2024 City Recorder Chhlee Larse