AGENDA FOR SALINA CITY CORPORATION
at the Salina City Hall
90 West Main Street, Salina, Utah
7:00 P.M. February 12, 2025

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, excused
Al Taylor, Chief of Police

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

Approval of City Council minutes January 22, 2025, was motioned by **Jon Maxwell** with the change that Earl Taylor was at City Council. **Kevin Mickelsen** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approval of work meeting minutes January 22, 2025, was motioned by **Earl Taylor Randy Christiansen**. seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approval of special meeting minutes January 29, 2025. Tabled.

Approval of bills submitted for payment was motioned by **Jon Maxwell. Earl Taylor** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Visitors:

Sylvia Barney-Discuss Miss Mary's Museum

Sylvia Barney stated she's here to discuss the Miss Mary's Museum, she would like to express her appreciation to Mayor Maxwell and City Council on behalf of the museum board.

They started the museum board in 2014, the last few years under this administration they've had more help from Salina City, and it's really made a difference in what they've been able to accomplish at the museum.

Barney stated we appreciate the office girls and the maintenance employees, who have been very accommodating and helpful.

Barney stated the reason she is here tonight is to address the sprinkling system problems at the museum. During the summer, the system is working on the north end of the building, but in other areas it doesn't work. it's been hard for the ladies to drag hoses all summer long. The maintenance has been great to help when they can.

Barney stated in 2000, they took on a project moving an old DUP building. The museum received a grant from MPNHA. Which is called Mormon Heritage Highway 89 project, this was a 50/50 $10,000 match grant.
With these funds Robinson's helped move the building to the museum, they were very generous and donated the foundation.
The museum also used the funds for a new roof, siding on the building, and placed a new floor on the inside.
Around the building there is dirt, and it's hard to keep the weeds down, we've had volunteers and the maintenance crew help.
The museum received a bid for sprinkles from Peterson Plumbing in the amount of $6,566.32.
They never received a bid for turf to be placed around the building because they had already gone over the $10,000 match grant.
Barney is here to ask if Salina City can help fund the lawn.
Hopefully the museum can receive an additional match grant to help with this project.
Barney stated the museum received an additional grant of $3,750, to add electricity to the DUP building. Miss Mary's received a donation of a cement walkway to the building from the driveway. This was donated by Springer-Turner mortuary. They also donated the cement around the base of the Black Hawk Monument, which has been really a generous thing on their behalf. Riker Johanson did the concrete work, and they donated the payment to him.
Barney contacted the Fremont Indian State Park and hopefully they are going to sign a contract with us to add a display in the DUP building with some of the Anasazi, it's early Pueblo, they have wonderful artifacts, and they've come and agreed to sign a loan to us. They also have been in contact with some other county historians because Salina has a real unique place in the history of the Spanish Trail.
It came through Salina Canyon and went through Monroe near Poverty Flat. closer to Koosheram. The museum wants to feature this effect of the Spanish Trail in our area.
Barney asked Mayor and Council if they can remember the Anasazi Indian girl near the railroad tracks across from the old train depot.
Redmond Minerals generously gave Miss Mary's Museum, artifacts from early mining.
Barney asked Mayor and Council if they can help improve the sprinklers and update the drip system into the roses. The current drip system doesn't work very well and needs to be updated.
The museum also needs to a camera system to help prevent vandalism, and an asphalt driveway.
Mrs. Barney stated she received a bid from Barbara Williams to do the electrical at the building. **Earl Taylor** said he is willing to help with the electrical if needed.
Kevin Mickelsen suggested Earl Taylor look at the building.
Ashlee Larsen stated there's some funds remaining in the Museum's.
Mayor Maxwell suggested redoing the sprinkler system this fiscal year and budget for a camera for the next fiscal year.

Ashlee Larsen asked Mrs. Barney if the museum can apply for an additional grant to help. Mrs. Barney said she can reach out to Monte Bona from the state.
Mayor Maxwell said Salina City is willing to help pay for the sprinkling system this fiscal year and budget for a camera system next fiscal year. **Mayor Maxwell** thanked the ladies for all they do form Miss Mary's Museum.

David Kinney-Discuss utility bill: Kinney stated apparently Salina City Maintenance read his meter and discovered the meter was constantly spinning, even when he shut the water off inside his house.
Mr. Kinney said he hired a plumber to dig it up and they placed a temporary line. Salina City Maintenance took the meter in question that same day, before the line was in place. In my opinion, it was completely out of line, and he didn't get an opportunity to dispute it. Maintenance told me I used over 260,000 gallons with in a two-month period.
Kinney stated he never found where the leak was coming from. There's no water in his basement and he has a cracked basement.
Because of the cracked walls in his basement, it floods every time he turns on his irrigation water.
Kinney stated he worked six years at Cottonwood Builders as a contractor, digging ditches, installing water lines, working at the University of Utah, installing water meters. Kinney asked Salina City Maintenance where 200,000, to, 150,000 gallons of water has entered his property, especially because there is no water damage. **Kinney** thinks the water meter was damaged and they never gave him a chance to inspect the meter.
Kinney stated he's the tenant and he is here for some answers, because at the end of the day he is left with around a $600 water bill.
Mayor Maxwell asked when this happened.
Kathy Maxwell stated this happened back in November, Salina City Maintenance read meters, and she noticed Mr. Kinney's meter read high.
When that happens, the maintenance will visit with the homeowner. The last time the meter was changed was February 2017.
Kathy Maxwell stated 50 East 200 North has had a solid read, each month, and Mr. Kinney has a copy of it. In November of 2024, the radio reads come back, and the read was excessive, so this is why it was flagged.
Salina City Maintenance returned to the home to let Mr. Kinney know he might have a possible water leak.
Salina City Maintenance replaced the old meter on December 1, 2024. Because Salina City has been updating old meters in town. **Maxwell** said she switched out the new meter in the computer system.
Mr. Kinney is behind on two bills because the billing cycle runs on the 15th each month.
Kathy Maxwell stated Mr. Kinney's sewer was adjusted, and he hasn't paid since November, not even the base rate payment. Mr. Kinney came into the Salina City office to discuss this matter, and he was really upset. Officer Harwood happened to

be in the city office that day and walked up to the front to make sure everything was good. Mr. Kinney left shortly after, and nothing was resolved.
We didn't come to a happy medium nothing was resolved that day because he left. He was upset!
Mr. Kinney turned Salina City into the state audit. They requested paperwork from Salina City. It took about a week to turn everything into the state. They asked for several ordinances to make sure Salina City is in compliance. **Maxwell** stated she received a letter stating Salina City is in compliance.
In the Salina City Ordinance Mr. Kinney has 20 days to approach the mayor and city council and ask for an adjustment on his water utility. Mr. Kinney was upset and never came back into the city office. **Kathy Maxwell** stated she spoke with Mr. Kinney over the phone and suggested he bring this matter to City Council for the adjustment he is requesting. **Mr. Kinney** is past due $387 and owes an additional $634.00.
Mr. Kinney stated I'm asking for that $634 to be proven. No one has been able to prove that the meter wasn't damaged.
Mayor Maxwell asked maintenance if they still have the old meter? **Jorgen Mickelson** stated yes, it's at the shop.
Brad Allen said they can hook the old meter back up tomorrow.
Mr. Kinney said he would like to hook up the old meter to make sure it's not reading a false positive.
Mayor Maxwell agreed with the maintenance he would like them to place the old meter at Mr. Kinney's and test it.
Mr. Kinney said that's fine and if that's the case, then he'll pay the bill, but he'd like to know where the water went because it's not on his property. and it's just him and his wife who live there. It's physically impossible for me to use that kind of volume of water.
Mayor Maxwell stated he watched 750,000 gallons drop out of a water tank, and it never surfaced.
Mr. Kinney stated when the water table goes back into the system. He's got to pay for it twice.
Mr. Kinney voiced his concerns of the up-charge rate. It was explained to him how that whole thing works. But I'm paying already, year-round, for more than he uses. I'm paying a prorated rate that everybody pays the same amount on.
if you look at the numbers, my wife and I have never used that kind of volume. There is no evidence showing that kind of water usage. There's no evidence anywhere. He's got pictures to back it up.
Earl Taylor said obviously, there was an elevated rate on the meter, or else it wouldn't have flagged it in the system.
Mr. Kinney stated when he worked at the University of Utah. They would see water meters where they just simply give a false positive. The water's present, even though it's not flowing, but it's still showing the positive read on the meter, and we've had to replace those many times.

Mayor Maxwell asked Brad Allen in the thirty years you have worked for Salina City have you ever seen a false read on a meter. **Brad Allen** sated, no, the only reason we changed his meter out at the time, is due to a meter upgrade.
Mr. Kinney said in the past eight years he's lived here, why all the sudden would he receive a spike and there is no evidence of water. Especially since he has two large cracks right up the side in his basement.
Mr. Kinney purposely has not put the pump back in there so he can check for a water leak in his basement.
Earl Taylor asked Salina City Maintenance when they shut the water off did the meter stop spinning. **Jorgen Mickelson** stated yes.
Earl Taylor asked Mr. Kinney how he would have a false read? **Kinney** stated because there would be no water present in the meter itself because it shuts it off at the main. **Brad Allen** said in town they have had other leaks, and once the water hits the sandy soil it can't be found.
Mr. Kinney asked if anyone ever tested the meter. **Allen** said the leak was found in the ground. So, they didn't need to test the meter.
Jorgen Mickelson said the maintenance will go to Mr. Kinney's house tomorrow with the old meter and test it.
Brad Allen asked who will pay for the resetter, and what about the water Salina City let Mr. Kinney use for an entire week at his house.
Mr. Kinney said when you guys brought me that meter, I looked right at both of you and said, no, that is not the meter you took out of the ground.
Allen said the maintenance had to pull the meter out so they could put you on a bypass that day.
Kinney said no, you didn't need to pull the setter.
Jorgen Mickelson said no, you need to remove the setter and discussed how the meter works.
Mr. Kinney was upset with the Salina City Maintenance.
Mayor Maxwell asked Mr. Kinney to calm down or he needs to leave City Council.
Mr. Kinney stated he is allowed to voice his opinion to this council, and you might not like how he brings it to them, but they must sit there and take it. That's the law.
Mayor Maxwell said we just gave you our result the Salina City Maintenance will place the old meter at your house tomorrow.
Kinney stated if the meter is spinning, he will personally come down and pay the bill himself. But if it comes back up that it isn't his fault, he wants an apology from everybody in this room, because he was right.
Mr. Kinney stated he's allowed to be animated and voice his opinion because you work for us as residents.
Mayor and Council discussed the situation and decided if something is wrong with his meter the city will reimburse him but if the meter is spinning the homeowner will need to pay the full amount.

R6 Regional Council's annual report. Brock Jackson stated he's here to give a review of other programs R6 offers.
Jackson spoke about the housing program and aging programs. They even offer some veteran programs.
Jackson asked Mayor and Council to review the 1st page of the pamphlet. There are housing services, regarding home repairs, rental assistance, utility assistance. Heat assistance. USDA helps with self-help homes, if there's ever an opportunity in Salina City to do some self-help homes, it's a great program.
They're also involved in the senior meals. They help with Medicare enrollment, tax returns. If anybody makes $70,000 or less, they can get their tax returns filed for free. Six County offers, case management, for seniors that want to age in their home, instead of being put in a home, they can qualify and receive services in their home, we help with economic development.
The R6 programs run about 55 to 70 state and federal contracts through their agency. **Jackson** said he helps with economic development, community advisors. With the economic development, there's a revolving loan fund to help with business growth, they receive contributions from the counties. For every $1 from the counties, we leverage that to $35 through state and federal funds.
They changed their name from Six County to R6 Regional Council. If Salina City ever have any questions about any of these programs, if there's residents, neighbors, anybody in your community that could benefit from these programs please contact him or visit their website and contact those departments directly as well.
The new R-6 building is located across from Crazy Lady Auto in Richfield.
Jackson mentioned that R-6 receives grants to help with funding and services.

AGENDA TOPIC
Mayor
Jed Maxwell
Resolution 242-2025 standard procedure for utility billing. Kathy Maxwell reviewed Resolution 242-2025 with Mayor and Council regarding the standard procedures for utility billing.
Allen Tietjen asked about the delinquency payment. **Kathy Maxwell** stated she'll need to look up the exact code. **Tietjen** said he can look it over.
Kevin Mickelsen asked if they need to add in the bill adjustments to state 20-days.
Kathy Maxwell stated it's located in the Salina City Ordinance. **Mickelsen** stated this is located under bill adjustments, it says any adjustments must be approved by Salina City in a council meeting.
Kathy Maxwell stated yes, you're correct, we probably should correct stating 20 days.
Jon Maxwell motioned to approve Resolution 242-2025 with the correction. **Earl Taylor** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Blackhawk Arena

Director Jake Van: **Mayor Maxwell** stated were sad to lose Barry Albrecht he received a full-time job with Sevier County Fairgrounds. The Blackhawk Arena board wants to open a part-time position to help Jake Van 30 hours per week.

Police Chief
Al Taylor:
Approval ADF Grant for body cameras: Chief Taylor stated he Salina City Police Department received an ADF grant to purchase new body cameras. They currently have four body cameras, and we'd like to purchase an additional four to have sparces on hand for the part-time employees. Chief Taylor discussed the importance of needing these cameras.
Kevin Mickelsen motioned to approve Salina City Police Department to purchase an additional 4 more body cameras on the ADF Grant. **Randy Christiansen** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approval of psychological evaluation for new hire Chief Taylor stated with the new state statutes the police department needs to run law enforcement officers, through a series of testing, whether they're a lateral transfer or a new hire from the streets. This will consist of psychological testing and a polygraph.
The psyche evaluation will cost around $800.
The new hire is Brett Green out of Roosevelt he will need to go back through the academy because his certification lapsed.
Earl Taylor motioned to approve $800.00 for a physiological evaluation for the potential new police officer. Kevin Mickelsen seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Planning and Zoning
Chairperson:

Maint. Supervisor
Jorgen Mickelson
Brad Allen:

COUNCIL MEMBER BUSINESS

Earl Taylor:

Jon Maxwell:
Business of the Quarter -Coal Mine Mayor Maxwell and City Council presented Business of the Quarter to Danny Viers and Burke Nielson from the coal mine and thanked them for their service.

NS Rec. update: **Jon Maxwell** stated the Rec. Director is now doing a printout, which gives an overview of the basketball season, how it turned out and the cost of

everything. The Rec. Department needs to purchase new rec. equipment. Lindy James, is coming up with some figures.
The elevator needs to be fixed they received a letter from the state. **Kevin Mickelsen** suggested reaching out to Tyson Krupp and see if he can look at it.
A girl wants to place a gaga ball and Frisbee Golf and water fountains at both Salina City Parks for her scout project.
Mayor Maxwell suggested she reaches out to Salina City Maintenance. She will receive funding from NS. Recreation and plastic bottles. ay, so, yeah, that was part of her deal. And then we got another Eagle Scout wanting to put a Paiute trail sign up at the park.
Mayor Maxwell stated there is another Eagle Scout interested in placing a Paiute marker on the Old Spanish Trail. They will build markers all the way down the trail. They will place a physical sign at the Salina at the park.
They have a plan drawn up of how they would like to place the markers.

Kevin Mickelsen:

Randy Christiansen:

Allen Tietjen stated they will continue to work on the park ball fields they need a sprayer for hydro seeding when it starts to warm up.

Kevin Mickelsen motioned to adjourn the City Council at 8:39pm. **Allen Tietjen** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Date 2-26-2025 Mayor _____

Date 2/26/2025 City Recorder _____