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DATE: July 2, 2025 (City Council Chamber 30 West 100 South)

6:00 p.m. WORK SESSION

1. Agenda Item Discussion
2. Staff/Council Reports

7:00 p.m. AGENDA – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. Volunteer Motivational/Inspirational Message
2. Invitation to Say Pledge of Allegiance
3. Youth Council Report
4. SF / Salem Chamber Report
5. Decision: Resolution of the City Council of Salem, Utah, Appointing New Trustees to The Boards of Three Bridges Public Infrastructure District Nos. 1, 2, 3, And 4.
6. Decision: A Resolution of the City Council (The “City Council”) of Salem City, Utah (The “City”), approving an Amendment to and Entire Restatement of the Governing Document of Viridian Farm Public Infrastructure District Nos. 1, 2, And 3 (The “Districts”) to Reduce the Maximum Debt Mill Levy from 5 Mills to 3 Mills; to approve an Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement Consistent Therewith; to approve an Expanded Annexation Area; and related matters.
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8. Decision: Resolution Amendment of Salem City Fee/Rate Schedule
9. Decision: Third Amendment to Site Lease with Option PTI US Towers II, LLC
10. Decision: Off Premise Beer License (Local Consent) – Maverick Inc.
11. Decision: Name Options for the New Salem Frontage Road
12. Decision: Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2025
13. Decision: Bills for Payment

DIRECTORS REPORTS

14. Matt Marziale, Manager
15. Chief Brad James, Public Safety Dept.
16. Steve Cox, Building Dept.
17. Walter Bird, Attorney
18. Lisa Webster, City Planner

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19. Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
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21. Bradey Wilde, Engineering Dept.
22. John Bowcut, Fiber Dept.
23. Jen Wright, Recreation Dept.
24. James Thomas, Public Works Dept.

COUNCIL REPORTS

25. Mayor Kurt L Christensen
 - a. Finances/Budget
 - b. City Employees
 - c. Miss Salem
 - d. UMPA Report
 - e. Public Safety
26. Councilperson Kelly Peterson
 - a. Power
 - b. Fiber
 - c. SUVPS Report
27. Councilperson Cristy Simons
 - a. Parks & Recreation
 - b. Chamber of Commerce
28. Councilperson Cynthia Deveraux Rees
 - a. Library
 - b. Solid Waste/Recycling
 - c. Youth Council
29. Councilperson Paul Taylor
 - a. Water (Primary & Secondary)
 - b. Mt Nebo & SUVMWA
30. Councilperson Tim De Graw
 - a. Sewer
 - b. Storm Drain
 - c. Roads & Trails
31. 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.

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Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on July 2, 2025 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

6:00PM WORK SESSION

1. Agenda Item Discussion

Lisa Webster reported that the exhibit previously provided by WCG, now operating as Method Consultants, has been updated. The City had WCG conduct a study to evaluate the potential for a lighted intersection near SR-164, ensuring proper access to the commercial nodes in that area. As part of the study, the firm also reviewed the frontage road alignment along Loafer Mountain Parkway. This work helps clarify where future signalized intersections should be located, allowing for a clear and consistent plan as development occurs throughout the area. Lisa noted that Anderson Development has acquired the Christensen property and has submitted a mixed-use rezone application, along with a conceptual plan. Since mixed-use zoning requires a Development Agreement (DA), staff emphasized the importance of ensuring the DA is detailed and covers all necessary provisions. The proposed density for the overall project is 5.18 units per acre. If the commercial area is excluded, the residential portion calculates to 10.82 units per acre. Lisa sought feedback from the Council and Mayor Christensen to confirm whether the City wants to maintain current residential standards or allow for more commercial development in that area. Lisa estimated the commercial portion of the project to be approximately 45% of the total development. She recommended holding to the guideline of 10 acres per residential unit line to preserve an appropriate overall density. The residential component includes high-density apartments. Council discussed concerns regarding the frontage road, emphasizing that it should remain a drive-through only with no on-street parking allowed. The mixed-use component will follow master plan parking standards, and Lisa recommended holding firm at a 2.5 parking ratio per unit. She also noted that amenities, parks, and open space must be clearly defined in the DA. Mayor Christensen expressed reservations about the frontage roads. Lisa mentioned that the area is well suited for higher density development and that full left and right turns will only be feasible at the signalized intersections. Council reiterated their opposition to parking on the frontage road and suggested reviewing similar developments for reference. Matt Marziale added that developers will likely request park incentives, such as fee reductions, and that the City is exploring various incentive options to make the project viable. Councilmember De Graw asked whether the development could incorporate stronger connections to nearby parks or natural features, such as proximity to Beer Creek. Lisa noted that the developers are planning a large archway feature as a focal point of the project near Loafer Mountain Parkway. The Council and Mayor Christensen were not in favor of the proposed name "Salem Central" for the signage and suggested the possibility of two separate entrance signs instead. Matt Marziale said the developer is trying to brand the area as a destination and mentioned that another designated playground is being planned as part of the Arrowhead development. Staff will explore the possibility of including an additional playground in this project as well. Councilmember Paul Taylor stated that the Development Agreement should clearly define thresholds for commercial and residential development. A draft DA has not yet been submitted, but Lisa noted that discussions on the phasing plan should also be included.

UDOT has indicated they are comfortable with the plan, as long as provided intersection spacing requirements are met.

Agenda Item 9 – This Third Amendment to the Site Lease with Option between Salem City and PTI US Towers II, LLC (successor to T-Mobile West LLC) pertains to the communications tower located at the Loafer Recreation Complex, also known as the T-Mobile Tower. The amendment allows Dish Wireless, LLC to be added as a subtenant. In return, Salem City will receive an additional \$250.00 per month in rent, effective upon Dish Wireless's equipment installation and use of the site. PTI is currently paying \$2,528.74 per month in rent to Salem City, which includes attachments from both T-Mobile and Verizon. This amendment also confirms that the existing lease remains in full force and effect, with no breaches by either party. They will not be changing the footprint of the existing tower, just adding equipment to the tower. Staff recommends approving the agreement. Salem City will be receiving an additional \$250 a month.

Agenda Item 7 – Matt Marziale stated that we are in the middle of a study right now that the south Utah county cities are participating in. Back on January 8, 2025, City Council meeting, we approved the Nebo Beltloop Study. Salem City, Spanish Fork, Payson, and Utah County was going to participate \$5,673.75 each, and Woodland Hills and Elk Ridge were going to contribute \$500 each. The remaining of the project was going to be paid for by Utah County (MAG Funding). We now have an agreement from Utah County to pay up to \$300,000 of the transportation study. Staff recommends approving the agreement so Salem City can get reimbursed their money from Utah County. Salem City is the Sponsor of the agreement. We will be billed by WCG who is doing the study, then Salem will get reimbursed from Utah County.

Agenda Item 10 – Maverik is applying for a beer license through the state and must first obtain consent from the City. This local consent is the initial step required before state approval can be granted.

Agenda Item 11 - The council discussed name options for the New Salem frontage road.

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:

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James Thomas, Public Works Dept.
Lisa Webster, Planner
Bradey Wilde, Engineer
Mashaylie Harrison
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OTHERS PRESENT

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1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Cammy Peterson stated she would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilperson De Graw 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 REPORT

No one was present from the youth council.

4. SF/SALEM CHAMBER REPORT

Kathleen Leavitt with the Chamber presented the Salem–Spanish Fork Area Guide, featuring a cover photo of Salem Pond. Upcoming events were reviewed. The Women in Business event is scheduled for July 9th. The Salem Business Luncheon will take place on

July 14th. A networking event is set for July 17th at noon. The final session of the three-part workshop series will be held on July 29th at noon in the Spanish Fork Justice Room.

Cambrie Peterson introduced herself as Miss Salem 2025 and shared her service initiative, “Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food.” Rowan Meagher introduced herself as Miss Salem’s Teen, with her service initiative titled “The Book Bomber: Veterans History Project.” Little Miss Salem, Ellery Meagher, also introduced herself. All members of the Salem Royalty expressed their excitement and enthusiasm for the opportunity to serve their community.

**5. DECISION: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SALEM, UTAH,
APPOINTING NEW TRUSTEES TO THE BOARDS OF THREE BRIDGES
PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICT NOS. 1, 2, 3, AND 4.**

Matt Ence, with the law firm of Snow, Jensen & Reece. I represent the Three Bridges Public Infrastructure Districts (PIDs), Numbers One through Four. On your agenda this evening is a request for the City Council’s assistance. As the creating entity for these districts, the Salem City Council holds the responsibility to appoint replacement board members when vacancies arise on the PID boards. At this time, two board members have transitioned away from their roles with the developer, creating two vacancies. We are requesting that the Council appoint two new individuals to fill these seats. These proposed appointees represent property owners within the districts. We have submitted the relevant documentation, including the names of the proposed board members and those they are replacing. This request is presented in the form of a resolution for your consideration and adoption. The seats filled by Mr. Horsley were originally held by Ryan Miller, who was appointed to each seat for an initial six-year term. The seats filled by Mr. Orsak were originally held by Kevin Miller, who was appointed to each seat for an initial four-year term.

MOTION BY: Councilperson De Graw motioned to appoint Mr. James Horsley of Bluffdale to serve the remainder of Mr. Ryan Miller’s six year term and Mr. Trey Orsak of Lehi to serve the remainder of Mr. Kevin Miller’s four year term.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Taylor

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

6. DECISION: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL (THE “CITY COUNCIL”) OF SALEM CITY, UTAH (THE “CITY”), APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AND ENTIRE RESTATEMENT OF THE GOVERNING DOCUMENT OF VIRIDIAN FARM PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICT NOS. 1, 2, AND 3 (THE “DISTRICTS”) TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM DEBT MILL LEVY FROM 5 MILLS TO 3 MILLS; TO APPROVE AN AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CONSISTENT THEREWITH; TO APPROVE AN EXPANDED ANNEXATION AREA; AND RELATED MATTERS.

Matt Ence with the law firm of Snow, Jensen & Reece, and we also represent the Viridian Farms Community Infrastructure Districts (CIDs) Numbers One, Two, and Three. This item is a proposal to adopt an amended governing document for these three districts. The proposed amendments have already been approved by the boards of each respective district. There are two key changes included in the amended governing document: First, the districts are requesting City Council approval to reduce the maximum allowable tax rate from 5 mills to 3 mills. The reason for this change is that CID No. 1 recently issued approximately \$0.6 million in bonds, and to support that issuance, only a 3-mill tax rate was necessary. The goal is to apply a consistent 3-mill rate across all three districts and to update the maximum allowable rate accordingly. This change not only benefits current and future property owners by capping the rate at a lower level, but it also simplifies disclosure requirements by allowing the districts to advertise a 3-mill maximum rather than 5. We view this as a positive step for the project as a whole. Second, the amendment proposes to revise the annexation area map to include additional property that was previously approved for annexation by the City. This property is owned by the developer and was originally intended to be sold to another party, which is why it was not included in the original district boundaries. However, plans have shifted, and the developer now intends to incorporate this property into the existing project, creating a more integrated and cohesive development. All changes to the governing document are strictly limited to these two revisions—reducing the maximum tax rate and updating the annexation area map. No other modifications are being proposed at this time. We’ve submitted the relevant documentation for your review. The annexation area includes the active adult section featuring the twin homes, which the developer, D.R. Horton, has decided to build themselves. Staff recommends approval.

MOTION BY: Councilperson De Graw motioned to approve a Resolution of the City Council (The “City Council”) of Salem City, Utah (The “City”), Approving an Amendment to and Entire Restatement of the Governing Document of Viridian Farm Public Infrastructure District Nos. 1, 2, And 3 (The “Districts”) to Reduce the Maximum Debt Mill Levy From 5 Mills to 3 Mills; to Approve an Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement Consistent Therewith; to Approve an Expanded Annexation Area; and Related Matters.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Simons

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

7. DECISION: INTER-LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN UTAH COUNTY AND SALEM CITY FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS NEBO BELTWAY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Matt Marziale explained that this item pertains to securing the funding that was granted to the City last year through MAG and Utah County. On January 8, 2025, the City Council approved participation in the Nebo Belt Loop Study. As part of the agreement, Salem City, Spanish Fork, Payson, and Utah County each committed to contribute \$5,673.75, while Woodland Hills and Elk Ridge agreed to contribute \$500 each. The remaining project costs were to be covered by Utah County through MAG funding.

We have received an agreement from Utah County to reimburse up to \$300,000 for the transportation study. The study is already underway, and Salem City has fronted \$100,000 to begin the work. Staff is now requesting Council approval to authorize the signing of the agreement so that the City can be reimbursed for the funds expended.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Taylor motioned to approve the Inter-local Cooperation Agreement between Utah County and Salem City for a Project known as Nebo Beltway Transportation Study.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Peterson

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

8. DECISION: RESOLUTION AMENDMENT OF SALEM CITY FEE/RATE SCHEDULE

Jeff Nielson explained that the proposed changes reflect updates to our fee rates in alignment with the current budget and planning objectives. He presented a table outlining the specific adjustments. Additionally, he noted the recent addition of a cremation niche wall at the cemetery, with corresponding pricing included in the updated fee schedule.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Peterson motioned to approve the Resolution Amendment of Salem City Fee/Rate Schedule.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Rees

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

9. DECISION: THIRD AMENDMENT TO SITE LEASE WITH OPTION PTI US TOWERS II, LLC

During the work session, the Council discussed the Third Amendment to the Site Lease with Option between Salem City and PTI US Towers II, LLC (the successor to T-Mobile West LLC), regarding the communications tower located at the Loafer Recreation Complex—commonly referred to as the T-Mobile Tower. The proposed amendment would allow Dish

Wireless, LLC to be added as a subtenant. In exchange, Salem City would receive an additional \$250.00 per month in rent, effective once Dish Wireless installs its equipment and begins use of the site. Currently, PTI is paying Salem City \$2,528.74 per month, which includes equipment from both T-Mobile and Verizon. It was noted that this amendment confirms the existing lease remains in full force and effect, with no breaches by either party. The physical footprint of the tower will not change—Dish Wireless will simply be adding equipment to the existing structure. Staff recommends approving the agreement.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Rees motioned to approve the Third Amendment to Site Lease with option PTI US Towers II, LLC.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Taylor

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

10. DECISION: OFF PREMISE BEER LICENSE (LOCAL CONSENT) – MAVERICK INC.

Jeff Nielson stated this marks the first step in obtaining a beer license, beginning with local consent followed by state approval, as required by state regulations.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Simons motioned to approve the Off Premise Beer License (Local Consent) – Maverick Inc.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Peterson

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

11. DECISION: NAME OPTIONS FOR THE NEW SALEM FRONTAGE ROAD

This item pertains to the newer development area near the freeway. As part of the planning and design, we've often referred to the frontage road that extends from Salem Parkway, runs through the development, and continues into Payson, eventually connecting to their future freeway access. The developer, New Salem Boyd Brown, has requested that this roadway be officially named by Salem City. The proposed name, Beer Creek Boulevard, has received general support. The name is tied to a natural feature in the area—Beer Creek, a small creek that runs nearby. It was suggested that signage be added along the road to provide educational context and explain the origin of the name.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Taylor motioned to approve the name “Beer Creek Boulevard” for the New Salem Frontage Road.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Peterson

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

12. DECISION: MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 18, 2025

Mayor Christensen asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2025.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Peterson motioned to accept the minutes of June 18, 2025.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Rees

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

13. DECISION: BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mayor Christensen asked for a motion to pay the bills in the sum of \$3,290,692.07.

MOTION BY: Councilperson De Graw motioned to pay the bills in the sum of \$3,290,692.07.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Rees

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

14. MATT MARZIALE, MANAGER

Matt Marziale shared photos of the Salem–Payson trailhead junction sign and provided an update on the trail progress. The trail was paved earlier this week, and the goal is to have major construction completed by July 15th. He showed before-and-after images of the older and newly completed sections. The trail runs along the fence line, and there is no curb due to the absence of a storm drain in that area. The resulting gap has been filled with cobble, which will be maintained as part of the project. Mayor Christensen and Council thanked Matt for taking the lead on this project. Matt also informed the Council that at the next meeting, he will present the playground design for Reflections Park. Two other playgrounds were ordered last week for the soccer park near Arrowhead. While these were previously approved by the Council, they are being ordered by Flagship as part of the park's completion process. Matt noted that pricing has increased. The playground at Reflections Park will feature a fish-themed design, which will be discussed in more detail at the upcoming Council meeting. James Thomas and his team have begun work on the Reflections Park parking lot, which has now been staked out. James Thomas also reported that a pedestrian bridge was set in place earlier today and stated that it looks great.

15. CHIEF BRAD JAMES, PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT.

Chief Brad James reported that the Police Department is currently accepting applications. He also provided an update on the new UTV that was included in the current fiscal year's Fire Department budget. The pricing has been finalized, and the department is moving forward with the purchase. The UTV will serve as a rescue unit, designed to access areas that are not reachable by standard emergency vehicles. It will be equipped with a rear rack capable of carrying a gurney, making it a valuable resource as the city expands its trail systems. The unit will be purchased through the state bid process from Jorgensen's in

Richfield. Chief noted that this type of equipment is something the department has needed on several occasions. During the last SEMA (Salem Emergency Medical Association) meeting, Chief appointed a temporary administrator to oversee the volunteer ambulance association in collaboration with Captain Boothe. Chief has asked Greg Miller to evaluate the current status of the ambulance association and help move it forward. Greg is a Salem City resident and a full-time firefighter with the Salt Lake City Fire Department, where he has served for approximately 17 years. He is also a certified EMT and has extensive field experience. Chief expressed confidence in Greg's ability to improve the department, elevate its professionalism, and attract more community members to serve in the volunteer ambulance association. Greg introduced himself to the Council, stating that it is an honor to serve and that he is committed to strengthening the city's emergency services. He acknowledged the city's ongoing growth and the potential challenges ahead and shared that he is actively meeting with members of the association, with a focus on recruiting younger participants. Greg stated he is excited for the opportunity and looks forward to making a positive impact.

16. STEVE COX, BUILDING DEPT.

Wyatt Cloward successfully passed his commercial electrical certification. Regarding interviews, a few offers were extended, and Amy Mathews will begin on the 7th to assist Kammy. For the fiscal year, a total of 625 permits have been issued—324 for single-family homes and 301 for townhomes. These permits resulted in 586 utility connections.

17. WALTER BIRD, ATTORNEY

Attorney Walter Bird didn't have anything to add to tonight's meeting.

18. LISA WEBSTER, CITY PLANNER

Lisa Webster informed Mayor Christensen and the Council that the Smart property, previously zoned R-12, is now being master planned with a new developer. Representatives will attend the next City Council work session to discuss the project.

19. JEFFREY NIELSON, FINANCE/RECORDER

Jeff Nielson didn't have anything to add to tonight's meeting.

20. ADAM CLEMENTS, ELECTRICAL DEPT.

Adam Clements stated we have hired two new employees who we believe will be valuable additions to our team.

21. BRADEY WILDE, ENGINEERING DEPT.

Bradey Wilde didn't have anything to add to tonight's meeting.

22. JOHN BOWCUT, FIBER DEPT.

John Bowcut stated the Fiber Department currently has 2,181 hookups.

23. JEN WRIGHT, RECREATION DEPT.

Jen Wright was excused from tonight's meeting.

24. JAMES THOMAS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

James Thomas provided updated maps for the HA5 maintenance schedule, overlay plans, and bonded matrix treatments. One item not yet shown on the HA5 map is the full length of the trail running through Salem, which is scheduled to receive an asphalt treatment this year. The trail will be sealed from end to end, with the work completed in phases to avoid full closure and minimize disruption. Crews will spray the surface section by section as they progress. James also shared some preliminary overlay plans for 2025. In addition to the planned work, several older roads in the historic part of town are scheduled for repairs. Apple Blossom Road is currently slated for an overlay, pending final confirmation. The bonded matrix plan will also include improvements to 100 East.

COUNCIL REPORTS

25. MAYOR KURT CHRISTENSEN

Mayor Christensen expressed appreciation that everything went well with the budget and was pleased that Miss Salem, Miss Salem's Teen, and Little Miss Salem were able to attend. The Mayor then asked Matt about the house located on the soccer field. Matt responded that the tenant is expected to move out by January 1st, at which point the house will be removed.

26. COUNCILPERSON KELLY PETERSON

Councilperson Peterson stated that Suvps recently approved the purchase of a 105-foot bucket truck for the organization. With member cities installing taller infrastructure to support expanding transmission systems, it was determined that owning a truck of this capacity would be a valuable shared resource. Salem City will have access to the bucket truck as it begins building out its own transmission system and related facilities. The truck will be

housed at the Salem City shop. This is a brand-new unit, and the organization was fortunate to acquire it. It will be shared among all SUVPS members and is expected to meet a growing need across the group.

27. COUNCILPERSON CRISTY SIMONS

Councilperson Simons stated the next concert and business networking luncheon are scheduled for July 14th. She expressed appreciation to everyone who contributed to the Salem Days video.

28. COUNCILPERSON CYNTHIA DEVERAUX REES

Councilperson Rees didn't have anything to add to tonight's meeting.

29. COUNCILPERSON PAUL TAYLOR

Councilperson Taylor stated, a special meeting was held yesterday with Mount Nebo Water Agency, including local, federal, and state officials. Doug Welton attended the meeting. The discussion focused on the purpose and future plans of the agency, with an emphasis on retaining water resources within South Utah County.

30. COUNCILPERSON TIM DEGRAW

Councilperson De Graw reported during the work session James Thomas reported that the Salem–Payson Trail junction, located just outside of Elk Ridge Drive where it intersects with Salem Canal Road, is nearly complete. The Council commended the work done on this project. Councilperson De Graw also provided updates on several roads currently under construction or repair. He mentioned holding a coordination meeting with Matt regarding progress at the sewer treatment plant. Primary construction activity on the plant is scheduled to begin in August and continue through May, pending the arrival of necessary parts and equipment. Phase 3 of the project is projected to begin in May 2026. Additionally, Councilperson De Graw reported that he has been working with Councilperson Simons and Jen Wright on a new “Signature Spaces” initiative in Salem, which aims to recognize businesses that maintain clean and well-cared-for properties. Participating businesses would receive a utility voucher or credit as a form of recognition. This effort is intended to promote a sense of safety and community pride. Some details of the program are still being finalized. Councilperson De Graw also submitted to staff a proposal as a starting point to review and refine ordinance language regarding business expectations and engagement. The goal is to support a welcoming environment for new businesses considering Salem. It was suggested that this topic be added to a future work session for further discussion.

Joleen Ballard, a Salem resident, addressed Mayor Christensen, the City Council, and staff to express her concerns regarding the Veterans Memorial. Specifically, she requested that the name of the war her husband served in be listed alongside his name on the memorial wall.

Jeff Nielson responded, explaining that the decision was made to list only the names of those who served, rather than including the specific wars, due to limited space—an issue the City had encountered with the previous memorial. The goal was to ensure room for all veterans without risking space constraints in the future. Matt Marziale added that significant effort and funding went into redesigning and improving the memorial, including hiring a professional design firm to create a more meaningful and visually pleasing tribute. There are currently approximately 400 names on the wall. While wars are not individually listed, the City deeply honors and appreciates the service of every veteran represented on the memorial.

31. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Christensen asked for a motion to go into closed session due to litigation.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Peterson motioned to go into a closed session due to litigation.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Taylor

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

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Taylor motioned to adjourn the council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Rees

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:30

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder

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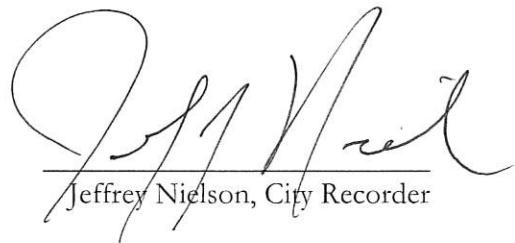
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SECONDED BY: Councilperson Rees

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:30



Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder

Salem City Attendance Record
For City Council held on July 2, 2025

	Please Print Name	Please Sign Name
1	Craig Sacco	R. C. Sacco
2	Kathleen Leavitt	Kathleen Leavitt
3	Greg Miller	Greg Miller
4	Glade Nelson	Glade Nelson
5	Idlene Baker	Idlene Baker
6	MATT MEAGHER	Matt Meagher
7	Holly Meagher	Holly Meagher
8	ELLERY Meagher	Ellery Meagher
9	Veraleen Larson	Veraleen Larson
10	Cammy Peterson	Cammy Peterson
11	Rowan meagher	Rowan meagher
12	Cambrie Peterson	Cambrie Peterson
13	LANDON Larsen	Landon Larsen
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