

AGENDA FOR SALINA CITY CORPORATION
at the Salina City Hall
370 West Main Street, Salina, Utah
7:00 P.M. February 25, 2026

COUNCIL AND STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Brent Beach
Earl Taylor
Kevin Mickelsen
Randy Christiansen
Allen Tietjen
Tammy Hales

Kathy Maxwell, City Treasurer
Brett Green, Police Officer
LaRea Rasmussen, City Clerk
Brett Green, Police Officer
Lora Fielding, Salina Sun

Visitors:

Newell Hales
CG & Brenna Heath
Dustin Deaton

Mark Bosshardt
Kinsey Harrison
Sam & Gayla White

Mayor Brent Beach called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm. led the pledge of allegiance and Earl Taylor offered the opening prayer.

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

Visitors:

Newell Hales – Candidacy for Sevier County Commissioner

Newell Hales is a candidate for Sevier County Commissioner. As a fifth-generation resident, his roots run deep in the community. His family's commitment began in 1945, when his father purchased land in Redmond and founded Hales Sand & Gravel, a company dedicated to the betterment of the county.

Hales has a proven record of service and leadership. During his time on the Salina City Council, he helped bring new businesses to the area, spearheaded the development of the NS Recreation Center, and led annexation efforts to bring the City Park within city limits. One of his most notable achievements was reintroducing prayers into city council meetings.

As County Commissioner, Hales aims to be a strong advocate for citizens. His priorities include:

- **Economic Development:** Attracting businesses to create local job opportunities and reduce the loss of young residents.
- **Property Rights:** Protecting constitutional and property rights.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Addressing fraud, waste, and mismanagement of public funds.
- **Transparency:** Restoring public confidence in elections by improving voting laws.

Hales is a Conservative Constitutional Republican who believes in putting America, Utah, and Sevier County first. He has consistently worked in the county's best interests and seeks to continue that service. **Mayor Beach** thanked Hales for coming to City Council.

Dustin Deaton stated Mayor Beach called him several weeks ago to gather information about Carlise's existing water line which was installed during his term as the mayor around 2014-2015 Deaton remembers this being a three-way partnership with Carlisle's, Crane's, who supplied the materials and labor, while Salina City provided engineering, paperwork, and possibly a fire hydrant. **Deaton** remembers Jeff Albrecht from Savage being the city engineer at the time. The water line was increased to 8-inches to allow for fire hydrants

Deaton recalls Gary Carlisle and Chet Crane granted water connections as part of the agreement. Mayor Beach stated that Randy Crane is requesting a connection as well since the line crosses his property.

Earl Taylor asked when water billing began. **Kathy Maxwell** stated she will need to investigate when they started paying for a water connection.

Kevin Mickelsen asked Dustin Deaton if there was any documentation or an agreement.

Deaton recalled that Jeff Albrecht had drafted an agreement.

Mayor Beach stated Salina City cannot locate any agreement.

Deaton stated that an agreement existed and that Carlisle's and Crane's were to receive connections with waived impact fees for installing the line and their contribution of materials and labor.

CG Heath stated there is no easement on Randy's Crane's property, but he is willing to give the easement, if he can also receive a connection agreement in writing. The water line is located on the side of the road.

Deaton shared a personal story about his grandfather, which happened in the 90s. Salina City asked his grandfather to provide an easement in exchange for a water connection. The easement was placed, but his grandfather never received the water connection. Deaton has heard about "dirty politicians" that never honored the agreement. He urged City Council to act fairly and honor agreements.

Mayor Beach will attempt to contact Jeff Albrecht for further information.

City Council would like to find out when they started paying for the water connection, discussed easement requirements, types of allowable connections, and establishing a consistent policy moving forward.

The current ordinance prohibits "no outside water connections allowed." However, this situation predates the ordinance (adopted in 2022). **Mayor Beach** noted Salina City has plenty of water and other cities allow outside water connections he would like to review the current ordinance.

Salina City currently has 800 connections to sell, and the new development will acquire 250 connections.

Kevin Mickelsen suggested prioritizing needs within city limits first.

Tietjen supported growth and potential outside connections.

Randy Christiansen raised concerns about limited resources that Salina City needs to consider.

CG Heath stated he is willing to pay an additional \$500 annually to offset lost tax revenue. Heath currently has a meter and receives a bill but needs approval to construct a home. **Tietjen** stated Salina City needs to determine how to move forward.

Mayor Beach would like to hold a work meeting for further discussion. Mayor and City Council agreed to develop a policy and make a final decision for the next scheduled City Council meeting.

Sam White – Traffic Light Cameras Mr. White requested cameras at State and Main intersection due to vehicles running red lights and near-miss incidents involving pedestrians. **Mayor Beach** stated that UDOT already has cameras in place but expressed concern about costs and the city entering the surveillance business. **Beach** suggested increasing police presence instead. **White** described multiple close calls, including incidents involving his family and a child. Council members acknowledged the concern and advised caution. The mayor stated the city will investigate possible solutions.

Josephine Nargiso – Water Outside City Limits Josephine Nargiso was unable to attend City Council. Kathy Maxwell presented a map of her property outside city limits. Nargiso is requesting approximately 780 feet of pipeline from an existing 8-inch line to construct a home. **Kevin Mickelsen** recommended tabling the request until a policy on outside water connections is established. Kathy Maxwell noted that current ordinances prohibit such connections.

AGENDA TOPIC

Approval of Ordinance 189-2026 Ordinance will create a new zone that is better for business within the city limits. **Randy Christiansen** motioned to approve Ordinance 189-2026 as written. **Kevin Mickelsen** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approval of Ordinance 190-2026 Ordinance is a sister ordinance to the first one. **Randy Christiansen** motioned to approve Ordinance 190-2026 as written. **Kevin Mickelsen** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Schedule fiscal year budget meeting – New budget needs to be put in place before the end of May. **Mayor Beach** asked city councilmen to contact their department heads and make changes and a list for purchase for the next fiscal year. Mayor and Council scheduled the budget meeting for **March 28 at 2 pm**. Another meeting will be scheduled if necessary.

Discuss the purchase of new police vehicles **Mayor Beach** noted that Chief Taylor requested two new vehicles for the police department. Chief Taylor received a couple of bids, and he prefers the Dodge Durango, one of which requires a K9 unit. **Mayor Beach** presented a spreadsheet with different bids. It was determined that Classic Motors submitted the lowest quotes. Total amounts are \$20,579 for a Durango and \$23,748 for the K9 unit, both including trade-ins. These purchases are within this year's fiscal budget. These are all police package vehicles. **Kevin Mickelsen** motioned to approve \$20,579 for one Durango and \$23,748 for Durango with K9 unit. **Allen Tietjen** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approval of K9 Training **Brett Green** stated his K-9 training will be held in Las Vegas on March 22 – April 10, 2026.

The Training fee is \$3,000 (covered by K9 fundraising)

Per Diem \$972 (covered by K-9 fundraising)

Housing (Airbnb) is estimated to be between \$800-\$1500 for the three-week period.

which is set up through the K-9 training.

\$21,000 was raised through fundraisers with an additional \$8,500 donated through Redmond Minerals to purchase the dog Salina City Police Department is extremely grateful for the donations and thinks this is

a great asset to their team. **Kevin Mickelsen** motioned to approve the K-9 training. **Tammy Hales** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

New Planning and Zoning Members Mayor Beach stated there are two openings on Planning & Zoning following the resignations of Brody Bagley and Rodger Brazell. After reviewing the four applicants: Jeannie Nielson, Russell Holt, Reed Udy, and Fred Veater. It was decided that each council member would pick 2 applicants and choose the two with the highest votes. Based on the results **Tammy Hales** motioned to appoint Reed Udy and Jeannie Nielson, with Fred Veater as an alternate. **Allen Tietjen** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

COUNCIL MEMBER BUSINESS

Earl Taylor:

Kevin Mickelsen: Blackhawk Arena updates-Kevin Mickelsen discussed developments regarding the Blackhawk Arena:

- Facilities and Equipment: The bucking chutes have been installed, funded by a 50/50 grant from Sevier County. A porta-potty will be placed by the outdoor arena. Additionally, there are plans for roof repairs, a kitchen remodel, and moving the TV to the main arena. The Blackhawk is also looking into upgrading the outdated sound system and installing a cattle load-up ramp using remaining county grant funds.

The Blackhawk is considering purchasing a plate for the skid steer to assist with leveling the arena. To improve revenue, Blackhawk will require riding passes, currently individuals are riding without them.

- Budget and Rates: The social media budget has been increased to a couple of hundred dollars per year.

Kirk Rasmussen IT will oversee posting this on the Salina City webpage.

Blackhawk discussed increasing rates for RV hookups and shavings to raise TRT funds; however, this matter has been tabled pending further research to ensure they remain competitive.

Staffing: There is a request for an additional full-time employee. Mickelsen stated that Earl Taylor and he agreed that this position must be justified, Allen noted the importance of having a second person trained to ensure operational continuity.

Mickelsen stated Salina Fire Department has grant money that they need to use. Mickelsen will discuss this on the next agenda. Salina Fire Department will be scheduling to burn the hill.

Randy Christiansen - January Court Report 2026 Randy Christiansen presented the court report for January 2026. Total amount taken in \$4,142.97 Salina City portion \$1,995.09 **Randy Christiansen** motioned to accept the January court report. **Earl Taylor** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Tammy Hales – Discuss Salina City website. Mrs. Hales stated she reviewed Ephraim City website to find information regarding vendors for Scandinavian Festival; she then researched Salina City website and said the following items need to be updated:

The calendar & agendas need to be updated and specifically add links to the agendas directly within the calendar events.

The website needs to post minutes for every meeting on the site.

Some information is available on Facebook; the website currently lacks details.

would like to add more robust content, including a specific link for the Balloon Festival and vendor

Hales wants the website to provide information for current events and festivals.

Hales suggested that each council member contacts their department head to gather updated information to be featured on the website.

Hales said the calendar needs to have links so the public can review the agenda.

Allen Tietjen stated that some of Salina City information is located on Facebook.

Hales will reach out to Kirk Rasmussen since he manages the website and social media for these updates.

Mayor Brent Beach said he went to the rural water meeting and received an award for the most improved water system. Lora Fielding stated she would like to post this in the Salina Sun.

Kevin Mickelsen motioned to adjourn the City Council at 8:45 p.m. **Randy Christiansen** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Date 3/25/26 Mayor Brent Beach

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