

AGENDA FOR SALINA CITY CORPORATION
At the Salina City Hall
90 West Main Street Salina, Utah
6:00pm. March 25, 2026
Work Meeting

COUNCIL AND STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Brent Beach

Earl Taylor

Kevin Mickelsen 6.19 pm.

Randy Christiansen

Allen Tietjen

Tammy Hales 6.07pm.

Ashlee Larsen, City Recorder

Jorgen Mickelsen, Maintenance

Brad Allen

Corey Crawford

Work Meeting:

Discuss hiring Salina City employees Mayor Beach informed the Council that Brett Gates' final day of employment will be tomorrow. Mayor Beach and Kevin Mickelsen met with Jorgen Mickelson and Brad Allen to evaluate options for maintaining city operations and filling the vacancy. Mayor Beach stated he thinks they need to replace Brett Gates' position.

Allen Tietjen recommended that the city move forward with filling Gates' maintenance position and begin advertising the job opening as soon as possible. **Brad Allen** suggested keeping the maintenance position open until a suitable replacement has been hired, ensuring continuity of services during the transition.

Jorgen Mickelson stated during prior discussions, Kevin Mickelsen proposed obtaining bids from private companies to handle mowing all city lawns as a potential alternative to hiring a full-time employee. Jorgen Mickelson expressed concerns about this option, noting the sensitive nature of mowing around headstones, which requires extra care and familiarity to avoid damage. The Mayor and Council discussed the advantages and disadvantages of contracting out lawn maintenance. While outsourcing could reduce direct staffing responsibilities, they noted that the estimated cost of hiring a contractor would be comparable to employing a full-time maintenance worker. Mayor and Council agreed with potential liability related to damage to headstones, sprinkler systems, and other city property. Overall, the Council appeared to lean toward hiring a full-time employee to replace Gates, cost-effectiveness, greater control over work quality, and reduced liability risks. The Mayor and Council discussed the possibility of purchasing artificial flowers for the hanging pots along Main Street. Mayor Beach stated doing so could help conserve water and reduce maintenance time and costs for watering the flowers daily. Mayor and Council also expressed interest in obtaining bids for live flowers at the Veterans Memorial.

Discuss Heath's water connection outside city limits Mayor Beach reported on his recent conversations with CG Heath and Gary Carlisle, noting that City Council needs to establish a formal plan on the water connection and stated Carlisle indicated he would consult his attorney.

Kevin Mickelsen stated that there is no documentation or mention in any meeting minutes regarding an agreement for the water connection. **Ashlee Larsen** said she read through the Salina City Work Meeting

minutes from 2016 and couldn't find any documentation regarding the water connection. **Allen Tietjen** stated they did make a deal with the previous Mayor Deaton even if it's not documented.

Earl Taylor stated Carlisle paid for all the materials to place the 8-inch line, and fire hydrant. **Allen Tietjen** noted that the ordinance prohibiting water connections outside city limits was completed in 2023. However, this particular connection was established in 2016, prior to the enactment of that ordinance.

Mayor Beach stated if Salina City ever touches their property they can't fight the annexation process. **Brad Allen** stated there was never supposed to be more than 3 connections on the 8-inch line and if there is they are to continue the 8-inch line to make a loop line past Darryl Noyes property. **Mayor Beach** stated unless a subdivision is constructed then they would need to annex into city limits. **Allen Tietjen** stated Salina City should give them the connection and force them to start paying. **Jorgen Mickelson** said Carlisle has a setter and barrel, but no meter. **Mayor Beach** said if Carlisle wants a meter he will need to pay for it. **Jorgen Mickelson** mentioned that, according to the ordinance, any residents outside city limits are required to purchase their own meters and the fee for the installation of meters.

Kevin Mickelsen stated if Salina City decides to honor this agreement he wouldn't let anyone else connect or add to this line without annexing into city limits.

Mayor Beach clarified this is an existing water connection rather than a new one. The connection includes an established 8-inch line and fire hydrant.

Jorgen Mickelson mentioned that the Fire Marshal requires the results of a fire flow test before any home construction can begin at the site. **Mickelson** said he could reach out to the Fire Marshall regarding the fire flow test.

Ashlee Larsen asked if the homeowner is required to provide a water share.

Mayor Beach stated that, according to the Ordinance, a water share must be provided if the property owner is ever annexed into Salina City.

Mayor and Council reviewed the location of the parcel.

Mayor and Council stated Heath and Carlisle will not receive more than one connection.

Allen Tietjen indicated that Salina City needs a survey to determine the exact location of the lines. **Brad Allen** mentioned that while there is a locator wire, the locator is currently broken.

Mayor Beach stated he reached out to Sunrise Engineering to see if the replacement of a new locator could be included in the sewer project. They confirmed it can be included for a total cost of approximately \$12,000.

Ashlee Larsen asked Mayor Beach whether he would have the Salina City Attorney prepare an agreement for the water connection. **Mayor Beach** confirmed that he would, noting that he plans to contact the attorney tomorrow and meet with him to discuss it.

Allen Tietjen asked for clarification on whether the goal is to limit the line to only two connections. **Tammy Hales** inquired if Randy Crane also has a connection.

Mayor Beach noted that these reports only consist of here say, as there is no official documentation available.

Kevin Mickelsen suggested Salina City Engineers mark and survey the line and make sure it is recorded with Seiver County.

Mayor Beach agreed and wanted to have the easement recorded with Sevier County.

Mayor and Council stated the proposal needs to state:

1. **Water Connections**

CG Heath and Gary Carlisle will each be entitled to one (1) water connection per parcel.

2. **Annexation Agreement**

Both parties agree not to oppose any future annexation into Salina City limits. In the event the property is annexed, all applicable city ordinances and regulations in effect at that time shall be followed, including requirements to provide a water share.

3. **Meter and Service Requirement**

Gary Carlisle will be responsible for purchasing the water meter and initiating water service through Salina City. Once the service is initiated, the Salina City Maintenance department will install the meter.

4. **Easement Requirement**

All applicable parties must sign an easement of the water line.

Mayor Beach noted that Salina City's only obligation is the maintenance of the water line. Additionally, the mayor inquired whether the city is currently charging sufficient fees for outside city water lines to cover the maintenance of broken lines. **Jorgen Mickelson** stated that typically a water line break cost is around \$25,000. Mayor and Council agreed to investigate this further. **Ashlee Larsen** said the utility bill per month is around \$134.00 for water, sewer, pressurized irrigation and trash. Mayor and Council discussed the ordinance and the requirements for water shares when annexing them into city limits and discussed other lines.

Discuss 390 West Sandy Lane Connection line: **Mayor Beach** explained that Corey Crawford is requesting a temporary utility connection for his home while it is being remodeled. **Tammy Hales** indicated she supports granting the temporary connection, while Randy Christiansen asked for clarification on the terms of the agreement. Mr. Crawford has requested 9-month temporary utility connections while remodeling his home. **Allen Tietjen** stated he is agreeable to the 9-month period but emphasized that the deadline must be firm, with no option to return for an extension or reevaluations. Mayor and Council agreed to these terms and confirmed that the matter will be presented for an official vote at the upcoming City Council meeting. The agreement will take effect when the meter is turned on, and a formal notarized agreement is signed.

COUNCIL MEMBER BUSINESS

Earl Taylor

Kevin Mickelsen:

Randy Christiansen:

Allen Tietjen:

Tammy Hales:

Earl Taylor motioned to adjourn the City Council at 6:54 p.m. **Tammy Hales** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Date 4/22/26 Mayor *Earl Taylor*

Date 4/22/26 City Recorder *Ashlee Layze*