

AGENDA FOR SALINA CITY CORPORATION
Work Meeting at the Salina City Hall
370 West Main Street, Salina, Utah
8:15 P.M. March 9, 2026

COUNCIL AND STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Brent Beach
Earl Taylor
Kevin Mickelsen
Randy Christiansen
Allen Tietjen
Kathy Maxwell, City Treasurer

Mayor Brent Beach called the Work Meeting for City Council to order at 8:15 pm.

Allen Tietjen motioned opening the Work Meeting at 8:15 p.m. **Randy Christiansen** seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Mayor Beach stated Following our recent meeting, I am providing a summary of the discussion regarding the water connection situation for CG Heath and Gary Carlisle.

Current Status and History

Mayor Beach noted that CG Heath currently has a water meter and is being charged for water, while Gary Carlisle has a barrel but no meter. The infrastructure—an 8-inch line, fire hydrants, and a meter barrel—was installed approximately ten years ago. This project was funded entirely by Carlisle and Chet Crane with no cost to the city. Randy Crane has also requested a connection as the line crosses his property.

Easements and Infrastructure

There is a question regarding the specific location of the water line and whether it sits on the county road or private property. While the county road has an easement, an additional 5–10-foot easement may be required depending on the line’s exact placement. Furthermore, because only septic systems are available in the area and a city lift station would be too costly, providing city sewer services is not currently feasible.

Legal and Administrative Considerations

An unsigned agreement was located suggesting that anyone hooking onto the line should pay impact and connection fees to Crane and Carlisle. The primary question before the council is whether to allow water service for Heath and Carlisle outside city limits.

Annexation Proposal

Mayor Beach and the council discussed the possibility of requiring or encouraging Heath and Carlisle to annex into the city. Annexation would require the city to provide road maintenance but would allow the city to collect property and sales tax. Council members suggested several strategies:

- Encouraging Heath and Carlisle to lead an annexation effort for the surrounding properties.
- The possibility of charging higher water rates for those outside city limits to incentivize annexation.
- Utilizing deed contracts that prevent owners from opposing future annexation.

We will continue to review the legality of these options and the status of the easements before a final decision is made.

this meeting is to discuss the water connection situation for CG Heath & Gary Carlisle. Heath has a water meter already and is being charged for water, Carlisle has a bucket but no meter. Randy Crane had stated that he was in the deal to get a connection as well because the water line went across his property. Taylor asked if there was an easement through Crane's property. Mayor Beach stated that he was not sure if the water line goes on the county road or through the property but that the easement would be a stipulation. The county has a road with an easement, but we might need another 5–10-foot easement depending on where the water line is in the south road.

Maxwell stated that she found a past unsigned agreement on the computer in a shared folder but was told that it was not the right agreement. The city billed Chet Crane for a year and a half and then the meter was off and had not been charged until Heath moved in. Map review of parcels indicating the 8-inch line in question is by Chad's. Ten years ago, they put an 8-inch line down to CG Heath's and put a fire hydrant and then on to Gary Carlisle's and put a fire hydrant and a water meter barrel. Heath has a water meter because it was previously Chet Crane's who needed the water to water his cows. Carlisle and Chet Crane paid for the digging, line materials and labor to put the water line in. Per Mayor Beach, there was zero cost to the city.

Mickelsen stated the problem he sees is that the city needs to do something about this situation because the city had put in an 8-inch line for city standards which committed the city. Mayor Beach stated that this is a city line. Maxwell read minutes from a meeting from approximately 10 years ago that says, "Crane explained that he has invested in some cows and has drilled a well. The well sanded in and is no good. He would like to have city water at his farm north of Salina. Deaton stated he would like to review some things and discuss this at the next scheduled meeting." The farm originally belonged to Chet Crane and he had water to water his cows. When Crane sold the property to Kevin Rasmussen, the water was turned off and had not been used for years. The unsigned agreement the council has in front of them states that anyone that hooks on the line would have to pay impact and connection fees to Crane and Carlisle because they were the ones who originally put the infrastructure in. However, the question before the council is does the city allow water for Heath and Carlisle outside city limits. Taylor stated that the cost for the line, materials and labor was \$140,000. Heath bought the property on the assumption that there was a water connection so that he could build a house. The homes in that area of the county do not have city sewer. Only septic is available. The city would have to have a lift station to provide sewer to the area and that would be too costly. Mayor Beach stated that most of the people that have new houses in this area have a contract on their deed that says they cannot fight annexation if it becomes necessary and he feels the city should try to get Heath and Carlisle to annex which would mean everyone between them and the city line would have to annex. For the city this would mean the city has to provide services such as road maintenance in the area but the city would also receive the benefits of sales tax, property tax, voting rights. Beach and Mickelsen agreed that the city should lean on Heath and Carlisle to annex. That would help the city. Randy concurred. Taylor asked if we ask them to annex in before a decision is made. Tietjen said we should have them lean on everyone else to get them all to annex in, then if only a couple families said no, the city could force it. Christiansen asked why they

would not want to annex because the property tax only goes to the county and the city gets nothing. Tietjen raised a proposal to charge more for water outside the city so that people would want to annex in. Although he was not sure if this could be done legally. However, if a home annexes in, they get the city rate for water.

At present the issue is that Heath and Carlisle were promised a water connection.

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

Date 4/22/26 Mayor Burt CBA

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