



Salem City Council Meeting will also be held electronically, using the Zoom program.
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DATE: July 1, 2026 (City Council Chamber 30 West 100 South)

6:30 p.m. **WORK SESSION**

1. Agenda Item Discussion

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. Swearing in of Officer Cassidy Groves
6. DECISION: Purchase of Toro Groundsmaster 4000 Lawn Mower for Parks
7. DECISION: Award Bid for Loafer Soccer Park Restrooms
8. DECISION: MAG Senior Center Contract for Congregate Meals
9. DECISION: Fee Schedule FY 2027
10. DECISION: Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2026
11. DECISION: Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2026
12. DECISION: Bills for Payment

DIRECTORS REPORTS

13. Matt Marziale, Manager
14. Chief Greg Gurney, Public Safety Dept.
15. Steve Cox, Building Director
16. Walter Bird, Attorney
17. Lisa Webster, City Planner
18. Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
19. Adam Clements, Electrical Director
20. Bradey Wilde, Engineering Director
21. John Bowcut, Fiber Director
22. Jen Wright, Recreation Director
23. James Thomas, Public Works Director

COUNCIL REPORTS

24. Mayor Cristy Simons
Finances/Budget, City Employees, Miss Salem, UMPA Report, Public Safety, Economic Development, UCCG, MAG, MPO

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25. Councilperson Tim De Graw
ULCT, Fiber, Utah Lake Committee, Sewer Treatment Plant/Collections, Community Development, MAG Alt
26. Councilperson Cynthia Deveraux Rees
Library, Solid Waste/Recycling, Memorial Day, Pond Town Christmas, Kindness Creates Peace (Mt Loafer Elem)
27. Councilperson Paul Taylor
Public Works, Mt Nebo & SUVMWA , Kindness Creates Peace (Foothills Elementary), SUVSWD Alt, DRC Alternate, Emergency Preparedness, SUVPS Board Member
28. Councilperson Craig Sacco
Parks & Recreation, Youth Council, Emergency Preparedness, Kindness Creates Peace (Salem Elementary), SUVMWA Alt/Mt Nebo Water Alt
29. Councilperson Delys Snyder
SF/Salem Chamber of Commerce, Salem Business Network, DRC, UMPA Alt, Citizen Education
30. 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.

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on July 1, 2026 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

6:30PM WORK SESSION

1. Agenda Item Discussion

Mayor Simons was excused from the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Tim De Graw called the work session to order.

Toro Lawn Mower – Staff reported that the purchase price had been negotiated down from just over \$100,000 to \$95,000. Staff confirmed that the mower purchase is included in the approved budget.

Loafer Soccer Park Restrooms – Staff reviewed the proposed restroom project for the east side of the soccer park. The proposed bid from Halesbuilt Construction is \$258,851.00 and includes a storage area within the restroom facility. Staff noted that additional budget capacity may allow for a future restroom on the west side of the park, but the current approval is only for the east-side restroom. The budget currently includes funding only for the restroom project.

MAG Senior Meals Contract – Staff explained that the City provides the building, staffing, and paper products for the senior meal program and retains a 4% donation, which is remitted back to MAG. The estimated cost is approximately \$6.00 per meal, with the program typically serving 45 to 65 meals each Tuesday and Thursday.

FY2027 Fee Schedule – Staff presented the updated fee schedule for Council review and approval prior to publication on the City's website. Councilmember Taylor asked about the proposed increases to subdivision plat review fees. Lisa Webster and Bradey Wilde explained that the City has collected data documenting the staff time required for Engineering, Planning, and City Attorney reviews, and that the proposed fees more accurately reflect those costs. The Council expressed support for the increases, provided the supporting cost data is maintained. Finance Director Jeff Nielson added that maintaining this documentation is important for audit purposes. The Council also discussed several proposed fee adjustments related to recreation programs and requested clarification on those changes.

MEETING CONVENED AT: 7:06 p.m.

CONDUCTING: Mayor Pro Tem Tim De Graw

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Councilperson Tim De Graw
Councilperson Cynthia Deveraux Rees
Councilperson Craig Sacco
Councilperson Delys Snyder
Councilperson Paul Taylor

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder
Chief Greg Gurney, Police Chief
Walter Bird, City Attorney
Adam Clements, Electrical Director
Matt Marziale, City Manager
Steve Cox, Building Director
John Bowcut, Fiber Director
Lisa Webster, City Planner
James Thomas, Public Works Director
Jen Wright, Recreation Director
Megan Grover, Deputy Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT

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1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Councilperson Sacco stated he would like to offer a motivational message in the form of prayer.

2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jaxx Bowen invited those who wish to participate to stand and say the pledge of allegiance with him. He then led the pledge of allegiance to those who wanted to participate.

3. YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

n/a

4. SF/SALEM CHAMBER REPORT

Kathleen Leavitt thanked the Council for their support and participation at recent Chamber events. She announced that the next Business After Hours event will be held on Thursday, July 9, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Golden West Credit Union. The next networking event is scheduled for July 16, with the location still to be determined.

Leavitt also announced the grand opening of the Bank of Utah branch in Spanish Fork on July 29 at 11:30 a.m. She recognized the UCCU Salem Branch as the previous Business of the Month and announced that SWAD Cabin in Spanish Fork will be recognized as the next Business of the Month.

5. SWEARING IN OF OFFICER KASSIDY GROVES

Chief Greg Gurney introduced Kassidy Groves, who recently joined the Salem City Police Department from the Pleasant Grove Police Department. Finance Director/City Recorder Jeff Nielson administered the Utah State Oath of Office. Officer Groves then signed her employment agreement with Salem City and posed for photographs with the Council, her family, and members of the Salem City Police Department.

6. DECISION: Purchase of Toro Groundsmaster 4000 Lawn Mower for Parks

Recreation Director/Public Information Officer presented the discussion of purchasing a Toro Groundsmaster 4000 Lawn Mower for the parks department. It is proposed to purchase the item for \$95,000 from Turf Equipment & Irrigation.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sacco motioned that we purchase the Toro Groundsmaster 4000 Lawn Mower for \$95,000 from Turf Equipment & Irrigation.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Snyder

VOTE: Councilperson De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Sacco; Aye, Councilperson Taylor; Aye, Councilperson Rees; Aye (5 Ayes)

7. DECISION: Award Bid for Loafer Soccer Park Restrooms

This item is a proposal to build restrooms on the east end of the Loafer Soccer Park which also includes a storage facility. After receiving several bids, the staff recommended bid is from HalesBuilt for \$258,851.00 which was \$76,247 less than the next lowest bid. Council had a few questions about the timing of parking construction at the soccer park as well as landscaping at the park which Marziale answered.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Snyder motioned to accept the bid for the loafer soccer park restrooms from HalesBuilt for \$ 258,851.00.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Rees

VOTE: Councilperson De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Sacco; Aye, Councilperson Taylor; Aye, Councilperson Rees; Aye (5 Ayes)

8. DECISION: MAG Senior Center Contract for Congregate Meals

Assistant Recreation Director Coleman Jacklin and Recreation Director Jen Wright presented the proposed FY2027 contract with MAG for the Senior Meals Program. MAG provides congregate meals at the Salem Activity Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The contract amount for Salem City for the upcoming year is \$20,481.74.

Councilmembers asked about participant satisfaction with the meals provided by MAG. Staff explained that participants are encouraged to make a suggested \$4.00 donation per meal, which is remitted to MAG. In return, MAG reimburses Salem City \$25.00 for each day meals are served, plus \$0.30 per meal. The Council expressed support for the program and agreed that it provides a valuable service for the City's senior residents.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Taylor motioned to approve the MAG Senior center contract for congregate meals.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sacco

VOTE: Councilperson De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Sacco; Aye, Councilperson Taylor; Aye, Councilperson Rees; Aye (5 Ayes)

9. DECISION: Fee Schedule FY 2027

Finance Director/City Recorder Jeff Nielson presented the proposed Fee schedule for FY 2027. Individual items were discussed during work session. Mayor Pro Tem De Graw offered council the opportunity to ask any further questions about the fee schedule and there were no additional questions.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Rees motioned that we accept the fee schedule FY 2027 as

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Taylor

VOTE: Councilperson De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Sacco; Aye, Councilperson Taylor; Aye, Councilperson Rees; Aye (5 Ayes)

10. DECISION: MEETING MINUTES – June 3, 2026

Councilperson Snyder had a formatting question about line 67 on to remove the word “lack” and also on line 554 to correct the acronym to say “UMPA”. The meeting minutes for June 3rd were approved with corrections to those minor formatting errors.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Snyder moved to accept the minutes with her two changes.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Taylor

VOTE: Councilperson De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Sacco; Aye, Councilperson Taylor; Aye, Councilperson Rees; Aye (5 Ayes)

11. DECISION: MEETING MINUTES – June 17, 2026

MOTION BY: Councilperson Sacco moved that we accept the minutes for the June 17, 2026 city council meeting.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Snyder

VOTE: Councilperson De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Sacco; Aye, Councilperson Taylor; Aye, Councilperson Rees; Aye (5 Ayes)

12. DECISION: BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Councilperson Sacco had a question about the expenses for power regarding different developments and how those are reimbursed with impact fees. Nielson and Marziale answered his question that expenses are collected in advance as impact fees from the developers.

Mayor Pro Tem De Graw asked for a motion to pay the bills in the sum of \$2,867,991.74.

MOTION BY: Councilperson Snyder moved that we accept the bills in the amount of \$2,867,991.74.

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Sacco

VOTE: Councilperson De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Sacco; Aye, Councilperson Taylor; Aye, Councilperson Rees; Aye (5 Ayes)

13. MATT MARZIALE, MANAGER

n/a

14. CHIEF GREG GURNEY, PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT.

Chief Greg Gurney presented the Police Department's June activity report. The Fire Department responded to 70 calls during the month. Police Department statistics included 15 arrests, 37 citations, 151 traffic stops, 415 calls for service, and 19 traffic accidents.

Chief Gurney reported that additional patrol officers would be on duty during the Fourth of July weekend to enforce the City's fireworks restrictions. He noted that the department will utilize state forestry laws as part of its enforcement efforts during the fireworks ban.

Chief Gurney also reviewed the Police Department's FY2026 year-end totals, which included 2,100 calls for service, 98 traffic accidents, 500 traffic stops, 210 citations, 165 arrests, and 96 bookings into jail.

Councilmember De Graw asked how the increase in traffic stops resulting in arrests and jail bookings impacts the department's performance metrics.

15. STEVE COX, BUILDING DIRECTOR

Nothing

16. WALTER BIRD, CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing

17. LISA WEBSTER, CITY PLANNER

Webster reported on a recent meeting with Utah Inland Port Authority and Webster would like to encourage them to come back again for a meeting with council. Webster will schedule meetings for July 21st with council members. Councilperson De Graw agreed with Webster that this is an interesting option for Salem City and the council has the ability to choose which industries we are interested in partnering with.

18. JEFFREY NIELSON, FINANCE/RECORDER

Nielson wished everyone a Happy New Year as July 1st is the beginning of the new fiscal year.

19. ADAM CLEMENTS, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR

Excused

20. BRADEY WILDE, ENGINEERING DIRECTOR

Wilde reported that Aug 8th is the expected date for completion for East Pump Station where Red Pine has been working on putting in a PRV for an additional source for secondary water for the city.

21. JOHN BOWCUT, FIBER DIRECTOR

Nothing tonight.

22. JEN WRIGHT, RECREATION DIRECTOR

Jen provided a Salem Days pamphlet to each of the council. The Golf tournament event filled in 5 minutes. We currently have 130 registered for our Senior Dinner. Councilperson Snyder asked if council is invited to the Senior Dinner and Wright confirmed that they are. We are expecting roughly \$6000 more in sponsorships this year above what we earned last year.

Council pictures are scheduled for July 29th at 4pm.

23. JAMES THOMAS, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Councilman Taylor reported on behalf of Thomas on the Viridian Well. The samples are looking better. Fireworks signs will be posted tomorrow around town.

Councilperson Snyder asked whether fireworks are still planned for Salem Days. As of right now, the Salem Days fireworks are on.

Councilperson De Graw reported that the new camera van for sewer collections is scheduled to be here in August. He had a question for Councilperson Snyder about dates for the Salem

University and Councilperson Snyder proposed September 3rd with a pause for Nebo Fall Break.

COUNCIL REPORTS

24. MAYOR CRISTY SIMONS

Excused

25. COUNCILPERSON TIM DE GRAW

De Graw mentioned that he looks forward to John Bowcut's update on the fiber infrastructure upgrade he is currently working on.

26. COUNCILPERSON CYNTHIA DEVERAUX REES

Nothing

27. COUNCILPERSON CRAIG SACCO

Councilperson Sacco reported on the recent library art gala and expressed his appreciation for the quality of artwork submitted by community members. He also reminded staff and Council of the upcoming Community Day of Service on July 11th. The event is expected to have approximately 200–250 participants, and Councilmembers were invited to attend at Loafer Ballpark at 10:00 a.m. He also reported on the recent senior trip to Tuacahn, noting that it was a great success. He thanked Cassie Casperson and Andrea Black for their efforts in organizing and coordinating the trip.

28. COUNCILPERSON DELYS SNYDER

Salem Business Network Lunch July 6th at noon and Ashton's Burger Barn will be catering.

29. COUNCILPERSON PAUL TAYLOR

Councilmember Taylor reported on the Mount Nebo Water Agency annual luncheon held earlier in the day with several Utah legislators. He shared that discussions focused on the City's efforts to actively evaluate future water sources and continue planning for long-term water needs.

Councilmember Taylor also commented on the City's decision to ban fireworks. He acknowledged that it was a difficult decision but expressed his belief that it was the right decision. He thanked the public for their support and understanding regarding the fireworks restrictions.

30. CLOSED SESSION

No closed session today.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Taylor

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Rees

VOTE: Councilperson De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Sacco;
Aye, Councilperson Taylor; Aye, Councilperson Rees; Aye (5 Ayes)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:52pm

Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder

30. CLOSED SESSION

No closed session today.

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY: Councilperson Taylor

SECONDED BY: Councilperson Rees

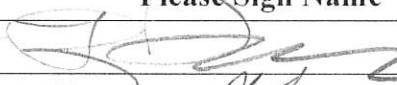
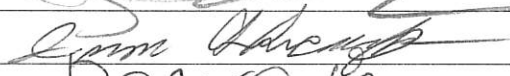
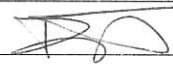
VOTE: Councilperson De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Snyder; Aye, Councilperson Sacco;
Aye, Councilperson Taylor; Aye, Councilperson Rees; Aye (5 Ayes)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:52pm



Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder

**Salem City Attendance Record
For City Council held on July 1, 2026**

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