

**MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING
at the Salina City Hall
90 West Main Street, Salina, Utah
8:00 p.m. August 12, 2019**

COUNCIL AND STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Jed Maxwell
Dwayne Brown
Newell Hales
Earl Taylor
Jon Maxwell
Cade Hunter

Ashlee Larsen, City Recorder
Kathy Maxwell, City Treasurer

Meeting called by: **Mayor Jed Maxwell** called the special meeting to order at 8:15 PM. At the Salina City Hall.

Visitors: None

AGENDA TOPICS

Preparation and discussion for tax public hearing scheduled for August 13, 2019

Mayor Maxwell: stated that Salina City is here to discuss the tax increase to 55% Which will generate Salina City \$197,553 in new revenue. So out of the \$197,553 new revenue **Mayor Maxwell** is planning to put \$55,000 towards the new Salina City swimming pool payment. \$5500 for the new police dispatch fee, and \$55,000 to \$60,000 for the new Salina City Hall. If Salina City has this expense it will absorb the 55% tax increase.

Earl Taylor asked about the MBA Blackhawk if the expense came out of the general budget.

Kathy Maxwell: stated the Blackhawk has its own expense that doesn't come out of the general budget.

Earl Taylor asked why the swimming pool expense is so high at \$136,231.42 when it is supposed to only be at \$55,000.

Kathy Maxwell: stated that we processed a check for Gooch for \$96,000 to get started on the pool excavating.

Mayor Maxwell is wondering why we have \$600,000 carried over at the end of this year and if that's the case we don't need to raise our taxes.

Kathy Maxwell: stated this amount is budgeted for the sewer and water we are over \$272,981.88 not \$600,000 but we must keep 5 to 25% budgeted in our General Fund Revenue for our retirement fund per the fiscal year per State Law.

Earl Taylor stated Salina City usually figures the budget of 1 million per year. Former Salina City Recorder **Sherri Westbrook** on the phone stated to Earl that amount is for the entire budget. Its everything from the courts to cemetery's. A lot of the Blackhawk expense is coming from the CIB loan.

Mayor Maxwell stated he would like to do a hand out tomorrow for Salina City residents at the Public Hearing, so they have something in front of them to explain what is coming in and going out of the Salina City budget, regarding the tax increase with the total expenses and budgets from each department out of the general fund. **Maxwell** would also like a sign in sheet for the Public Hearing, stating if they are a resident of Salina City or a property owner their free to give their input on raising the taxes but if they are not a resident they don't need to make a comment.

Mayor Maxwell: stated it would be nice if Salina City could save extra money with raising our taxes to buy some extra property instead of never having any extra money if property ever comes up for sale.

Mayor Maxwell: stated Salina City needs improvements with everything. Whatever Salina City owns is old and needs repairs, nothing is free and it all comes with a price.

Cade Hunter: asked what some of the complaints are that Salina City residents are having about the tax increase.

Newell Hales: stated the new police trucks, raises for employees, mayor, and City Council Members. A lot of residents didn't realize that the Mayor and City Council members is a paid position.

Mayor Maxwell: stated the Blackhawk payoff is in October he's concerned the county will take away the \$40,000 they put into it each year.

Mayor Maxwell: stated Salina City residents don't realize the number of meetings, hours, time, and gas the council members spend with this position.

Mayor Maxwell stated he will come to the City Hall tomorrow to look over the General Fund expenses and budget that will be handed out to the public at the hearing.

Jon Maxwell motioned to adjourn the Special Meeting at 9:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by **Newell Hales**. Motion carried 3 to 0.

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