

**SALINA CITY CORPORATION
WORK MEETING
September 24, 2019**

COUNCIL AND STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Jed Maxwell

Dwayne Brown, Excused

Newell Hales, Excused

Jon Maxwell

Earl Taylor

Cade Hunter

Ashlee Larsen, City Recorder

Kathy Maxwell, City Treasurer

VISITORS PRESENT FOR WORK MEETING:

Jennifer Robinson

Mayor Jed Maxwell called the work meeting to order at 7:26 pm at the Salina City Hall.

AGENDA TOPICS:

Jennifer Robinson DEQ Grease Traps: Jennifer Robinson stated she is here to speak to Salina City about pretreatment and prevention problems in our Sewer Lagoon. Sarah Leavitt is here with me and knows a lot about grease traps. **Robinson** stated she has been with the Division of Water and Quality for 19 years she started out as an intern, working with Paul Crowlth helping with engineering, writing permits and compliance section. **Robinson** stated she has a lot of knowledge with waste water. She is now over the pretreatment water since 2005. **Robinson** stated pretreatment is to help communities who are having issues with industrial users. An industrial user is anyone who is not a domestic source. **Robinson** is here to talk about Salina City's Restaurants and their grease traps. Robinson stated it seems like this is where Salina City's problems are coming from the collection systems. **Robinson** looked at Salina City's Ordinance to see what they have in place, she is happy to see some of the prohibited standards Salina City has in place but feels like Salina City needs to bulk up their Ordinance, as well as with the Utah Sewer Management program. Salina City needs to have a general permit that requires them to maintain their sewer system. Robinson is glad to see that Salina City has been having Twin D come to their city to clean out their sewer lines. Salina City has less than 2000 connections, so it is not required to have a fog-controlled plan, but because of the issues Salina City has been having in town she recommends we investigate the program. A fog control plan is working with your restaurants letting them know their impacting our sewer system. If we act with industrial users or restaurants that our causing the community some issues. Salina City is allowed to take action with a business that is not in compliance with the Ordinance. Salina City needs to have

proper authority before they can penalize a business. **Robinson** stated she has a packet with her that can help with do's and don'ts how a business should take care of a grease trap she'll leave with Salina City. This will help restaurants with an understanding of things they should be doing in keeping their grease traps clean. **Robinson** recommends Salina City put a schedule in place to check on the restaurant's grease traps at least every 6 months. Once Salina City checks the traps if it's not up to 25% in compliance and the restaurant doesn't take care of the issue in a timely manner Salina City can follow-up with a penalty or fine. Salina City needs to set a standard grease trap regulation for every restaurant in town there are several different options they can choose from. **Robinson** recommends the round grease trap. After the restaurant puts in the grease trap and if it's not collecting the grease. Salina City has the right to make them purchase a new grease trap. **Robinson** feels like the camera idea for our sewer system is a good idea, she recommends it be done yearly or at least every five years. **Robinson** stated there's a new dental rule in place that all dentist office's need to put an amalgam separator in their business **Robinson** will contact the dentist office's in town and let them aware of this. **Leavitt** stated it looks like your maintenance is keeping up on the industrial users in town and checking on their grease traps regularly. Salina City community needs to be aware of what residents should and shouldn't be putting down their drains. Salina City Maintenance workers need to make sure they speak with the businesses in town to let them know how important it is to dump all food in the garbage and not down the drains. **Mike Stevens** asked if we do an inspection every 30 days and if the business is not in compliance with Salina City Ordinance how often do we go back to check on the grease traps, is it every 14 days? **Robinson** stated it's up to Salina City they need to develop a policy and be consistent with it. Depending on what the business is they might need to clean the traps nightly or update the traps if it's not working. **Brad Allen** asked about the Fire Department, North Sevier Rec Center and Schools in town. **Robinson** stated they might be ok using a grease trap under the sink, but Salina City needs to let them know the importance of dumping the food in the trash first. **Mike Stevens** stated he likes the idea of rewarding businesses who comply with the city Ordinance and keeping their grease traps clean. **Robinson** stated she spoke with Phil Harold with Rural Water he contacted her on Monday and shared some of the results of the orange colored sewer lagoon. Phil Harold sent her some of the analytical things she could see in the report was fatty acids or something that was decomposing in the sewer system. **Robinson** had a Chemistry teacher look at the report he felt like it wasn't drugs that were being dumped down Salina City man holes. he looked at the pictures and felt like it was a septic haler or a grease problem. **Leavitt** stated that's a way Salina City can go to the restaurants in town and let them know grease is being dumped into our sewer system and causing major problems. If the traps aren't being cleaned daily Salina City will go after the owner of the business. **Mayor Maxwell** stated how far do you let it go before Salina City can take legal action or shut the business down. **Robinson** stated if Salina City has evidence and pictures they can take civil action. If the restaurants want to stay in business they'll want to comply. **Robinson** stated Salina City might want to involve their city attorney before we start penalizing businesses. **Mayor Maxwell** stated Salina City has spent around \$60,000 cleaning out our lines and sewer system and we continue to have a problem. **Earl Taylor** stated Salina City needs to make it mandatory in our Ordinance that all businesses need to have a grease trap and make changes if the trap isn't working. **Mayor Maxwell** stated Salina City does have that in place we just need to take further action. **Robinson** stated for all new installations they're required to have some type of interceptor or trap you can

give options, but if it fails Salina City is going to make the business use a different option. **Kathy Maxwell** stated in the Salina City Ordinance it lists the fines, but it doesn't list the procedure if Salina City gives them a warning they'll be back in so many days to take further action. **Earl Taylor** stated we need to add to the Ordinance if we find evidence that businesses aren't cleaning their grease traps they need to have an interceptor outside. **Robinson** stated Salina City just needs to update their Ordinance and take further action if the business is not in compliance. **Robinson** will email Salina City some information of other city ordinances. **Jon Maxwell** asked if the grease is what has been causing Salina city sewer problems. **Robinson** stated Salina City phosphorus was high and she feels like it could defiantly be a grease problem. **Leavitt** stated the paper work they've given us tonight might be something Salina City should place on their website to educate our community. **Brad Allen** stated Jennifer and Sarah will be going around with the maintenance crew tomorrow morning to look at several businesses grease traps.

Conrad Miller Grease Traps: These ladies already covered a lot that I wanted to talk about. **Miller** feels like under-sink grease traps work but if the business is not maintaining it the city has the right to take further action. But for a business to change all their grease traps to 500 hundred-gallon tanks is not a good idea because Salina City will end up putting a lot of business out of business. **Earl Taylor** stated if we spend all the money to camera the lines and the business continues to put grease down the drains they should have to pay for it. **Mike Stevens** stated he went to Mom's Café at 7:30am this morning they opened the lid and it was clear full of grease and said the dishwasher was supposed to clean it last night, he feels like the business needs to have a list of the time and date the grease trap was emptied. **Jon Maxwell** stated if Salina City has something in place maybe the manger of the business would make sure the grease traps are getting cleaned nightly. **Mayor Maxwell** thinks if we continue to go to businesses every thirty days Salina City wouldn't have such a problem. **Mayor Maxwell** thanked everyone for coming to the meeting Salina City received a lot of good information and it will be good to get something into place it's been an issue that's been going on for a while and sooner or later Salina City needs to solve it.

Earl Taylor,

Jon Maxwell,

Dwayne Brown, Excused

Newell Hales,

Cade Hunter,

Jon Maxwell motioned to adjourn the work meeting at 8:38 p.m. The motion was seconded by **Cade Hunter**. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Date 10/9/19 Mayor 
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