SALINA CITY CORPORATION
COUNCIL MEETING
April 22, 2020

COUNCIL AND STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Jed Maxwell
Earl Taylor
Daniel Viers
Newell Hales
Jon Maxwell
Cade Hunter
Ashlee Larsen, City Recorder
Kathy Maxwell, City Treasurer
Eric MacArt, Police
Jennifer Vought, Court Clerk

VISITORS PRESENT FOR COUNCIL MEETING:

Carson Demille-Jones and Demille
Trent Brown-Sunrise Engineer
Lora Fielding-Salina Sun

Jed Maxwell called the regular city council meeting to order at 7:03 PM by Electronic Zoom, welcomed everyone present. **Newell Hales** offered the opening prayer.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes April 8, 2020 was motioned by **Earl Taylor. Newell Hales.** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approval of Bills Submitted for Payment was motioned by **Newell Hales. Daniel Viers** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

VISITORS:

Keith Hayes: TextMyGov; Keith Hayes spoke about TextMyGov he mentioned how this could be a great notification system for Salina City. **Hayes** stated this program is developed to open lines of communication with local government agencies and citizens of Salina. The system works 24 hours a day and is easily connected with our website and other communication methods. This can be used on a regular messaging app with any type of phone, with smart texting technology it allows citizens to ask questions and get immediate responses, find links to information on the agency's website, address problems, report any issues and upload photos to the communication systems. **Hayes** stated one of the good features with this program is it can help take out the middle man. Salina City phones won't be tied up with residents asking the same type of questions. For example, when Salina City's Pressurized Irrigation had several breaks in the system, Salina City Maintenance crew shut off the system for about week to fix the repairs instead of receiving over a hundred phone calls Salina City could send out a mass message regarding the PI system being turned off. Agencies can engage citizens and ask specific guided questions regarding location, address, street names, and more.
Mayor Maxwell asked if the $1500 is an annual fee. **Hayes** stated yes, it's $1500 per year with a two-year lease. **Cade Hunter** feels like this is a reasonable fee and could be a good program for Salina City. **Jon Maxwell** is wondering who will run the program. **Hayes** stated its self-sufficient and shouldn't need a lot of maintenance. **Newell Hales** can see some benefits but is not completely sold on it yet. **Cade Hunter** motioned to approve TextMyGov for a two-year contract $1500 per year. **Daniel Viers** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

AGENDA TOPICS:

Mayor
Jed Maxwell:
Award Sewer Study: Cade Hunter motioned to award the Salina City Sewer Study Bid to Sunrise Engineering/Savage **Newell Hales** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Review Budget Cade Hunter motioned Salina City reviewed the budget for the quarter **Daniel Viers** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Discuss Covid-19 soft opening: Mayor Maxwell stated he called the Governor's office and the Health Department today, and they recommend not having any gatherings until May or possibly even opening all the way until July or August. **Mayor Maxwell** spoke with Kim Robinson President board of the Blackhawk Arena he feels the Blackhawk should hold off on events for now. **Viers** spoke with Scott Christensen about his concerns losing events permanently to other Arenas that are already open. **Mayor Maxwell** stated he reached out to several communities and they are not opening events at this time due to the liability of this virus. **Mayor Maxwell** wants to keep events closed for now. **Maxwell** wants to keep City Offices closed until the next City Council meeting on May 13, 2020

Police Chief
Chief Al Taylor: Eric MacArt is filling in for Al Taylor. **MacArt** stated Taylor is wondering when the budget meeting will be scheduled. **Mayor Maxwell** stated Salina City will get some dates set when we can open the City office again.

Planning and Zoning
Chairperson:

Maint. Supervisor
Brad Allen: excused

COUNCIL MEMBER BUSINESS

Earl Taylor Maintenance Summer help; Earl Taylor motioned to hire Alex Hales at the next pay period as the Salina City Part-time maintenance summer help. **Jon Maxwell** seconded. **Newell Hales** abstained. Motion carried 4 to 1.
Mayor Maxwell wants to know what Alex's wage was last year, and possibly raise him .50 cents. **Earl Taylor** stated he will check with Ashlee and Kathy tomorrow.

Jared Hallows curb & sidewalk; Earl Taylor stated Salina City needs to receive bids for the sidewalk next to Jared Hallows property.

Jon Maxwell: Jon Maxwell is wondering what's going on with the Salina City Pool. **Mayor Maxwell** stated he met with **Cade Hunter** yesterday and went over swimming pool numbers and hopes that Singing S Pools can get started this July. **Maxwell** is concerned that it might be hard to get started in July due to the Covid-19. **Mayor Maxwell** is hoping the swimming pool will be

completed for the summer of 2021.

Daniel Viers: Daniel Viers asked when the new Maverick is coming. **Kathy Maxwell** spoke with Ryan Savage this morning, Maverick just submitted their civil plans. Ryan is reviewing the plans to make sure they meet the criteria that Jeff Savage stated in his letter. If they meet the criteria Salina City will pass it to the building inspector and will begin the project.

Newell Hales; Newell Hales stated Straight Stripe will start the crack seal project next Monday due to the rain. Newell Hales and the Maintenance crew will help oversee this project.

Cade Hunter,

Cade Hunter motioned to adjourn the City Council at 7:52 p.m. **Newell Hales** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Date 5/13/2020 **Mayor** _____

Date 5/13/2020 **Recorder** _____