

**SALINA CITY CORPORATION
COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 p.m. July 14, 2021**

COUNCIL AND STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Jed Maxwell
Cade Hunter
Newell Hales
Jon Maxwell
Earl Taylor
Daniel Viers

Ashlee Larsen, City Recorder
Kathy Maxwell, City Treasurer excused
Brad Allen, Maintenance Supervisor
Al Taylor, Chief of Police
Kelly Laier, P&Z, Chairperson excused
Lora Fielding, Salina Sun

Meeting called by: Mayor Jed Maxwell

Visitors present for Council meeting:

Carol Lowman: USDA Main Street Fund Grant

Ryan Savage: Airport Contract

Mayor Jed Maxwell called the regular city council meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Salina City Hall, welcomed everyone present and led the pledge of allegiance. **Cade Hunter** offered the opening prayer.

Approval of Work Meeting Minutes May 26, 2021 was motioned by **Earl Taylor**. **Jon Maxwell** seconded. Motion carried 3 to 2. **Newell Hales** and **Daniel Viers** abstained.

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes June 9, 2021 was motioned by **Jon Maxwell**. **Daniel Viers** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approval of Work Meeting Minutes June 9, 2021 was motioned by **Daniel Viers**. **Cade Hunter** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes June 23, 2021 tabled.

Approval of Bills Submitted for Payment was motioned for approval by **Newell Hales**. **Earl Taylor** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

VISITORS:

Carol Lowman: USDA Main Street Fund Grant, Lowman The President from Salina City Chamber of Commerce Carol Lowman approached Salina City Council at their regularly scheduled meeting held On July 14, 2021 to announce the County's acquisition of a Main Street Revitalization Roadmap Grant. According to Lowman Sevier County submitted an application to Revitalization Roadmap Grant committee and was awarded \$22,000 which will be split between Salina and Richfield City. The funds are not for revitalization projects, rather for a Roadmap Grant which will give the area specific information regarding revitalization goals. **Lowman** was

asked to continue to spearhead the process for Salina City, **Lowman** asked for additional help of elected officials and other municipal employees to be on the steering committee, Salina City Councilmen Cade Hunter and Danny Viers were asked to serve, as well as County Commissioner Scott Johnson. Local business owners Angie Viers, Tammy Harrison, Natalie Porter, and Sherri Sampson will be participating as well. Council Members agreed that Main Street does not end at the four-way, it goes all the way through town, and with the new city building scheduled to be constructed, it's imperative the entire street area gets cleaned up. They were in support of the project and acknowledged that it will be helpful to have concrete findings regarding what is best for the area. "The objective of the 'Revitalization RoadMap' project is to increase employment and the study will ask for people's input as to what they would like to see happen to Main Street and the key problems as they see it," said Lowman. with this grant it will show what's happening and what businesses would thrive in the Salina area. **Mayor Maxwell** stated he doesn't feel comfortable going against the advice he received from Salina City Attorney and suggested evaluating the water Ordinance. Council also spoke about the water shortage concerns in Salina City.

Ryan Savage Savage Engineering Airport Contract: **Ryan Savage** stated a \$1 million grant was awarded to repave the surface of the local Gunnison/Salina airport. **Mayor Maxwell** reported that Gunnison and Salina were awarded the grant which provided \$900,000 towards the project with the two cities splinting the remaining \$100,000 needed. Sevier County contributed \$25,000, as did Salina City. Gunnison was working with Sanpete County to potentially split the remaining \$50,000 needed. **Savage** stated the project has been in the works for over four years and they've attempted various avenues to receive the funding, so it will be nice to get the work underway. **Savage** stated pending Udot approval, Staker Parson will be awarded the bid as lowest bidder. Discussion turned to reported interest in more hangers coming in, **Newell Hales** asked about the possibility of getting fuel on location. **Savage** stated estimates have been put together which total \$40,000 to construct fuel accessibility on site as this is a common complaint of the pilots- they can land at the Gunnison/Salina airport, but must go into Richfield for fuel. fund availability for the project is under consideration and research. **Mayor Maxwell** thanked Savage for coming to Council.

Rich Ryan resident of Salina City is not on the City Council agenda, but is here to voice his concerns about the road damage on 200 South. **Ryan** is wondering what Salina City is willing to do to fix the damaged road. **Brad Allen** Maintenance Supervisor stated he will look at the road and see if it's something that can be patched by the Salina City Maintenance or receive some bids if it's something too large for them to fix. Council agreed and thanked Ryan Rich for coming to Salina City

Council.

AGENDA TOPICS

Mayor

Jed Maxwell:

Resolution 206-2021 Ken Garff lease agreement: **Cade Hunter** motioned to approve the Ken Garff Resolution 206-2021 truck lease agreement. **Earl Taylor** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Approval of Airport Contract: **Earl Taylor** motioned to approve the Gunnison/Salina Airport contract. **Cade Hunter** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Car Show approval of restrooms: **Mayor Maxwell** spoke about the blast from the past car show scheduled July 31, 2021 and would like to donate trashcans from White's Sanitation and portable restrooms and the Veterans Park for their event.

Cade Hunter motioned to approve donating portable restrooms and trash can fees towards the Blast from the past car show. **Daniel Viers** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Police Chief

Al Taylor:

Planning and Zoning

Chairperson: Kelly Laier excused

Maint. Supervisor

Brad Allen: **Allen** spoke about concerns with the intermittent power failure issues at the City's lift station. **Earl Taylor** scheduled a time with Brad Allen to inspect the power issue.

COUNCIL MEMBER BUSINESS

Newell Hales: Multiple size culinary water connections for residential use **Newell Hales** read a statement to the Council and Mayor regarding his opinion that citizens in the city should be able to purchase whatever size of water connection they want. **Hales** mentioned at the previous City Council meeting Mayor Maxwell brought to their attention, the Salina City Attorney reviewed 5 areas where it states Salina City residents could only hook-up a ¾ inch line **Hales** believes this Ordinance is broken and needs to be fixed. **Hales** stated this prohibits Salina residents from being able to purchase larger than a ¾ water connection lines for residential use, if they are willing to pay for the metered water going through it, even though there are many connections both inside and outside city limits currently being used today. **Hales** stated last time he spoke with Brad Allen Maintenance Supervisor he told him the water from Lost Creek to Salina City tanks is approximately 1 million gallons per day and approximately 250 thousand gallons per day flows down the creek unused, unsold and wasted. **Hales** stated that water should be captured and sold to any Salina Citizen who is willing to pay for it. Especially during times of limited available irrigation water.

It's not that a person that lives outside Salina City has more water rights than those who live inside the city and are property tax payers. The very idea that a citizen can't do this or do that, if that citizen is willing and able to pay for as long as no one gets hurt, appears to have origins in the Communist Manifesto and pushed by UN Agenda 21/Agenda 30, ULCT and the CCP. It is Unamerican and has no place in America let alone Salina City. **Hales** stated he motions to continue and or to allow citizens to purchase larger than ¾ in culinary water connections for residential purposes, that have been allowed in the past, and correct the problem areas in the ordinance book to reflect it. **Mayor Maxwell** stated he met with Richard Chamberlain to review the Water Ordinance and he mentioned the Impact and connection fees shall not be prepaid without a building permit. It also states in the Ordinance that a residential

hook-up line is ¾ inch. Council members agreed the Ordinance needs to be looked at but the current municipal codes state otherwise and to pass a motion to disregard city regulations would be illegal. They all agreed to investigate the situation. Various scenarios were proposed to “capture” the water but were concerned with the growth potential that must be balanced with water usage. The council also discussed various piping issues to utilize all available water, especially during these drought conditions.

Earl Taylor:

Jon Maxwell:

Cade Hunter Court Report: Hunter presented the Court Report for June 2021. Total collected \$4,507.00 with Salina City’s portion \$ 2,691.47 Hunter motioned to accept the court report for June 2021. Newell Hales seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Assistant pool manager & starting wages: Hunter stated Bree Nielsen pool manager will be going on vacation soon and would like to hire Camee Caldwell for the assistant pool manager. Hunter stated Caldwell is CPO Certified so she would be able to feel in for Nielsen when she is out of town. Hunter asked Council what their thoughts are on hiring an assistant pool manager and the wage that is fair. Council agreed to pay the assistant pool manager \$12.50 per hour. Cade Hunter motioned to approve the wage of \$12.50 for the part-time assistant pool manager. Newell Hales seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Cade Hunter mentioned Salina City swimming pool needs new life jackets, and a 20-foot container to house all the equipment. Mayor Maxwell and Council agreed to purchase equipment needed for the pool but wants to hold off on the 20-foot container.

Daniel Viers: Approval of part-time Blackhawk Wages Danny Viers, stated the Blackhawk Arena is looking to hire a part-time employee and asked Council what a fair wage would be. Council agreed to pay the new part-time employee between \$12 and \$15 per hour depending on experience. Viers stated he would like to place an ad in the paper ASAP.

Approval of equipment agreement Viers stated the Blackhawk Arena is in need of renting a skidsteer to prepare for the Ruby Buckle. Viers motioned to approve the rental for the Skidsteer \$200 per day. Newell Hales seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Earl Taylor motioned to adjourn the City Council at 8:40 p.m. **Cade Hunter** seconded. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Date 8/11/2021 Mayor 

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