



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 6th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers at City Hall and Online

MINUTES

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present included Art Adcock, Lynn Mecham Travis Keel, and Jeff Siddoway.
Absent Brian Del Rosario

Others present included City Manager Norm Beagley, Assistant City Manager Jason Bond, City Recorder Stephanie Christensen, City Legal Counsel Brett Rich, Willy Marvin, Cauleen Olson, Jason Callaway, Phil Baker, Brendan and Diann Bowen, Jon Jensen, Eric Kellers, Glad Nielson and several other members of the public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant City Manager Bond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Councilor Adcock offered an inspirational thought.

DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No members of the City Council expressed any conflict of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA (MINUTES, BILLS, ITEMS)

Minutes

1. 12-16-2025 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
2. 12-16-2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Bills

3. Review City Expenditures from 12-13-2025 to 12-30-2025 in the amount to \$1,899,895.53.

Councilor Keel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1, 2 and 3. Councilor Adcock seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Absent
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM, BID OPENINGS, AWARDS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Recognitions

4. Employee of the Month - Willy Marvin

Jason Callaway, Public Works Director, introduced his employee Willy Marvin and his family. Mr. Callaway said Willy is a great employee and we are blessed to have him working for us.

Willy has worked for Santaquin City for four years as a journeyman electrician and wastewater operator. His expertise with electric motors, VFDs, SCADA controls has saved the city significant costs. Like all our public works employees, Willy wears many hats. He has fully embraced learning and operating our state-of-the-art Water Reclamation Facility and is working toward his Grade IV treatment certification, which he will receive this coming year. He also oversees streetlight installations in new subdivisions, ensuring proper conduit placement and functionality.

Willy has lived in Santaquin with his wife, Lacy, and their four boys for the past 21 years. He was born in Santaquin, graduated from High School in Spanish Fork and finished his education at MATC. He's an active volunteer coach for multiple sports through Santaquin Recreation and enjoys hunting, camping, and supporting his kids' activities.

We truly appreciate Willy's dedication and look forward to his continued growth with Santaquin City.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jim Rowland with the Payson/Santaquin Chamber of Commerce updated the council that they had a great 2025 and helped many businesses. In 2026 the Chamber is tying together the theme from last year, Garage to Great, with the American/Utah 250 celebration. They are hosting the gala on February 5, 2026. Mr. Rowland introduced the Business of the Month, Stringham's True Value. They started their business in 1983 and have been in business for 43 years. They have helped many people in our community. They are very helpful and always friendly.

Brendan Bowen addressed the council with his concerns about the new data center being built. There is a lot of information online about neighborhoods not wanting them in their communities. He thinks it is important to have the issues in question addressed.

Jon Jensen, the developer of the data center, addressed the council and the public with answers to the questions the community has been asking. Mr. Jensen thinks it would be wonderful to have an evening where we could invite the public to come in and ask questions. Some of the concerns Mr. Jensen has heard about are the environmental concerns, resources and sound. Mr. Jensen informed the group that this data center in the Santaquin community is called an island power data center, which means it is not connected to the (electrical) grid. They will produce their own electricity on site. They don't impact the grid at all. They will buy their gas directly from the wells in Colorado and Wyoming. They are not on the Enbridge system. Regarding the water issue, They are happy to continue with their original plan when

they presented it, they use a closed loop system. This system does not necessarily evaporate the water. The closed loop system is similar to a car radiator type system; they have a closed loop system. This system allows them to fill with water once. It's also a metered resource so they can prove that we are not using large amounts of water. In regard to the sound, if you were standing at the curb of the facility, it would be about 65 decibels. The 65 decibels are about as loud as a regular conversation. Mr. Jensen informed the group that the outside of the building will be a tilt up building similar to the new buildings going in at the Santaquin Peaks Industrial Park. Mr. Jensen reported that they have to get and maintain an air quality permit for the emissions. The data center is regulated by the EPA in Utah County. Utah County is a non-attainment zone, which means the bar is set really high and they have to be very clean. The data center is a non-attainment company; their emissions have to be extremely clean. They can't change the current air quality that is presently here in Santaquin. It is a multi stage and is a hard process to go through. As far as the economic impact, they would remind the council that they are not going to beat up City roads, take a lot of City water, or consume your electricity or gas, but ultimately we do create municipal energy tax and it would be quite substantial. They will add a few jobs, but not a ton. Likely around 100 jobs.

Brendan asked a couple of additional questions. How often and where do you discharge the coolant? They cannot and will not discharge coolant. It is illegal to discharge coolant into the sewer system. They don't necessarily discharge coolant, they do clean it though. The fluid can get foul and build up sediment. They have a filtering system where they clean it. If they do dispose of it, they have to truck it to an appropriate disposal facility. Mr. Jensen addressed an additional question about EMF (Electrical Magnetic Force). Mr. Jensen informed the group that he will do some research, but he's anticipating if there was an EMF, he would imagine it would be impossible to allow EMFs to exist in a fashion/level that could interrupt their equipment. Mr. Jensen will do homework on it and have the answer at the open house on January 29th.

Mayor Olson reported the Mr. Jensen has been here several times and has always been open to answering all our questions. One question that the Mayor had heard asked is if it will destroy bandwidth at homes in Santaquin. Mr. Jensen replied that anything digital the public does will go through a data center. Mr. Jensen informed the group that their center requires a lot of internet connection, and we have "dark" fiber on dedicated lines. They are technically not on the residents' internet. They go from Santaquin all the way to the exchange in Salt Lake. They have multiply dedicated fiber lines allowing them to stay away from potentially interacting with this area. An additional question about the gas was asked. Mr. Jensen reported that all the gas comes from existing high pressure gas lines that are already in the community.

City Manager Beagley informed the group about the municipal energy tax and the ability to remit those taxes directly to Santaquin. The data center MET is about 1.6 to 1.7 million dollars to Santaquin per year. The whole of it is around 3.2 to 3.4 million dollars directly to benefit Santaquin. Mr. Jensen also stated they have a Nexus in Santaquin City for all the purchase of materials and equipment to be bought in Santaquin. Therefore sales taxes for those purchases comes to Santaquin City.

Mayor Olson stated as elected officials we follow the law to the letter, and we have an attorney always sitting with us. We have not hidden any information; it is all on our website.

BUILDING PERMIT & BUSINESS LICENSE REPORT

Assistant City Manager Bond presented the Building Permit Report. 0 residential units have been issued building permits in the current calendar year. In comparison, 72 single and multi-family residential units have been issued building permits in the current fiscal year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026). We had 4 new business licenses issued in the last month.

RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES & DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 01-01-2026 – America/Utah 250 Memorandum of Understanding

City Manager Norm Beagley informed the Council that this Memorandum is between Santaquin City and the State allowing us to have a little bit of funding to help with the celebration. We are not going to have our own America/Utah 250 celebration but will support the County and the State with the \$1,500.00 they provide for our City.

Councilor Mecham made a motion to approve Resolution 01-01-2026 - Approve America/Utah 250 Memorandum of Understanding. Councilor Keel seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Absent
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

Resolution 01-02-2026 – America/Utah 250 Licensing Agreement

City Manager informed the group that this resolution allows us to use the State's America/Utah250 logo, within their parameters, to help and support the County and the State efforts for the celebration. Allowing all the logos throughout the state to be uniform.

Councilor Keel made a motion to approve Resolution 01-02-2026 America/Utah Licensing Agreement. Councilor Mecham seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Absent
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

CONVENE OF THE SANTAQUIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL AGENCY

Mayor Olson stated we needed to convene into the Santaquin Community Development and Renewal Agency. Councilor Mecham made a motion to enter into the Santaquin Community Development and Renewal Agency (CDRA) Board Meeting. Councilor Adcock seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
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Councilor Del Rosario	Absent
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

The CDRA Board meeting began at 7:57 p.m.

Resolution 01-01-2026 CDA – Purchase Agreement Amendment Mahogany Land Development

City Manager Beagley reported that this resolution is for Silver Creek Design. They are the cabinet company in the Industrial Park. They are requesting to change from their original pitch roof to a more cost effective tilt up building with a flat roof. They will still have their primary materials with wood, brick and block design look. They will also be adding perforated panels.

Councilor Mecham made a motion to approve Resolution 01-01-2026 CDA Purchase Agreement Amendment Mahogany Land Development. Councilor Siddoway seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Absent
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

Resolution 01-02-2026 CDA – Purchase Agreement Amendment Precision Millwork

City Manager Beagley informed the councilors that this resolution is for Precision Millwork. The amendment is similar to the previous one in regard to moving from a pitch roof to a tilt up building with a flat roof building. They also will be adding some woodwork to the outside of the building for their primary materials.

Councilor Keel made a motion to approve Resolution 01-02-2026 CDA – Purchase Agreement Amendment Precision Millwork. Councilor Siddoway seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Absent
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

Councilor Mecham made a motion to end the Santaquin Community Development and Renewal Agency (CDRA) Board Meeting and enter back into the Regular City Council Meeting. Councilor Keel seconded the motion.

The CDRA Board meeting ended and the Regular City Council meeting reconvened at 8:03 p.m.

REPORTS BY STAFF, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND MAYOR OLSON

Assistant City Manager Bond informed the council that the Planning Commission will be reviewing the Central Business District discussion and will also have nomination for chair and vice chair.

City Manager Beagley informed the council about the great inauguration ceremony that was held yesterday and is thankful the council members and Mayor are willing to run and help the City once again.

Councilor Keel reported that YCC is signed up for Elected Official Day. They have a full fun bus going up to the State House. They will meet with our State Senators and our State Representatives and will also get a tour of the State Capitol building.

Councilor Mecham has nothing to report.

Councilor Siddoway spoke how grateful he was for the support and vote last November. Councilor Siddoway stated he is getting ready for the LPC and legislative session coming up.

Council Adcock spoke of his appreciation of working with each councilor and for the citizens and their goodness they share with their neighbors.

Mayor Olson reported we have been running 24/7 with our fire department, and we are really doing well with it. It's been a little difficult, but we are doing great. Mayor Olson stated on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning he heard about what an incredible job our EMS did and they were able to respond to a medical situation within 2 minutes. Mayor Olson has worked for several years with the fire department and knows how critical it is when someone passes out to give CPR within 4 minutes. Mayor Olson states we are making amazing changes in our City and is grateful to the support. We are working within our budget restraints and are doing really well. There is a lot of growth coming to our city and we are ready to support the growth. Mayor Olson will be sending out new job assignments for the year to all the councilors.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilor Mecham made a motion to enter into the closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation; collective bargaining; and/or the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, a proposed development agreement or a project proposal or a financing proposal related to the development of land owned by the State. Councilor Keel seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Absent
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

The closed session began at 8:13 p.m.

Present at the closed session included City Manager Norm Beagley, Legal Counsel Brett Rich, Mayor Dan Olson, Assistant City Manager Jason Bond, Councilor Travis Keel, Councilor Lynn Mecham, Councilor Jeff Siddoway and Councilor Art Adcock.

Councilor Mecham made a motion to end the closed session and enter back into the Regular City Council Meeting. Councilor Siddoway seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Absent
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

The closed session ended, and the Regular City Council Meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Mecham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Keel seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Absent
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST:


Daniel M. Olson, Mayor


Stephanie Christensen, City Recorder