



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 PM

Court Room/Council Chambers (2nd floor) and Online

MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL

Councilors present included Councilors Adcock, Hathaway, Mecham, Montoya, and Siddoway.

Others present included City Manager Norm Beagley, Assistant City Manager Jason Bond, Recorder Amalie Ottley.

Various members of the public attended the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Montoya led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Doug Boyer offered an invocation.

DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No council members declared any conflicts of interest.

CONSENT AGENDA (MINUTES, BILLS, ITEMS)

1. 02-10-2023 City Council Budget Planning Meeting
2. 02-11-2023 City Council Budget Planning Meeting
3. 03-07-2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
4. City Expenditures from 03-04-2023 to 03-17-2023 in the amount of \$1,230,360.43

Councilor Mecham motioned to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 4. Councilor Hathaway seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Hathaway	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Montoya	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The vote was unanimously approved.

RECOGNITIONS

5. Local Featured Artist at Payson Junior High School, Brooklyn Ottley, was recognized by her teacher Kyle Vincent. He read the following statement,

"Brooklyn Ottley is a very talented young Santaquin artist. She excels in drawing, painting, and digital art. There are many great things about Brooklyn, but one of those things is that Brooklyn spends her time making art that makes the world a more beautiful place. Heaven knows we need more of that. I have never yet seen Brooklyn create any art that draws attention to the ugly or depressing side of life. I know that there is a place for that type of art, and I myself have made a lot of it, especially in my younger years as an artist. However, it is inspiring to see an artist who spends their time celebrating the beautiful and the wonderful. Neil Gaiman once said, "The world always seems brighter when you've just made something that wasn't there before." Brooklyn, along with so many other young artists at Payson Junior High School, is making this world a little brighter by creating wonderful artwork that can be enjoyed by those who take the time to see it. I'm sure she will continue doing that for the rest of her life."

Brooklyn thanked the mayor and council for the recognition and gifted them an original drawing.

Mr. Vincent addressed an upcoming Art Show at the Chieftain Museum on May 6th at which time art pieces from students at the middle school will be displayed.

Mayor Olson expressed his thoughts on having a place at the new City Hall Building to display high-caliber artwork from youth and others in the community.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public wished to address the council in the public forum.

BUILDING PERMIT & BUSINESS LICENSE REPORT

Assistant Manager Bond presented the Building Permit Report. 24 single-family residential units have been issued building permits in the current calendar year. 16 multi-family residential units have been issued permits. One new commercial space has been issued a permit. In comparison, 74 single and multi-family residential units have been built in the current fiscal year. (July 2022 – June 2023) Two new home business licenses were issued in the last two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Resolution 03-04-2023 - Interlocal Agreement with Utah County for 2023 Elections

Mayor Olson and Manager Beagley presented Resolution 03-04-2023 an Interlocal Agreement with Utah County for the 2023 Elections. Mayor Olson pointed out the three seats that will be open on the City Council for which elections will be held this year.

Councilor Siddoway made a motion to approve Resolution 03-04-2023 – Interlocal Agreement with Utah County for the 2023 Elections. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Hathaway	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Montoya	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The vote was unanimously approved.

7. Resolution 03-05-2023 – Award of Contract to X-Factor for Public Involvement Professional Services
 Mayor Olson presented Resolution 03-05-2023 an Award of a Contract to X-Factor for Public Involvement Professional Services. Councilor Siddoway inquired if there was any metric to measure how successful the company is at providing information to Santaquin residents. Mayor Olson and Manager Beagley discussed the scope of work that will be provided by X-Factor should the contract be approved. Recommendations have come from other cities to use a professional firm to successfully provide timely and accurate information and to reach the community adequately. Manager Beagley recommended that a QR code be added to informational mailers, emails, etc. so that statistics could be gathered on how many people use the link to access City provided information. Council members and Mayor Olson discussed the ways X-Factor plans to reach residents. Councilor Mecham expressed his opinion that city staff and the city council likely cannot distribute the information in an accurate and professional way as much as X-Factor can. Councilor Hathaway expressed his concern about getting information out to enough people and the expectations of the city being expressed to X-Factor. Councilor Adcock and Councilor Montoya both expressed concerns about not knowing exactly how many people will be reached but stated that using a professional firm is the best opportunity to reach as many members of the community as possible. Councilor Hathaway expressed the need for the city to be transparent in all things and using a firm assists in those efforts.

Councilor Mecham made a motion to approve Resolution 03-05-2023 – Award of Contract to X-Factor for Public Involvement Professional Services. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Hathaway	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Montoya	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The vote was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

Santaquin resident Crystal Shultz attended the meeting to ask about recent concerns that she expressed to the mayor and council regarding mining operations close to city boundaries. Mayor Olson and Manager Beagley stated that they have been in contact with the property owners but don't have any further information to report at this time.

STAFF, COUNCIL, AND MAYOR REPORT

Assistant City Manager Bond reported about items on upcoming DRC and Planning Commission meetings. Assistant Manager Bond also brought up that he is working on amendments to existing City Employee Policies and will bring those before the council in the coming meetings.

Manager Beagley brought up the upcoming Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference in April at which time city staff and council members will be out of town. Manager Beagley recognized Community Services Director John Bradley for the recent award he received that will allow him to travel and train other small communities with the help of a grant. Manager Beagley encouraged members of the public to review the night's Work Session meeting for high runoff water updates.

Councilor Hathaway reported on additional trainings Community Services employee Shauna Jo Eves participated in that will allow her to bring more programming back to the department and serve the senior citizens. He also congratulated Hattie Rowbury on the award she received in a competitive application process for the URPA Leadership Academy for 2023-2024. Councilor Hathaway encouraged residents to read the upcoming community events mailer that was received this week.

Councilor Mecham expressed his appreciation to city staff for their efforts in providing information to residents regarding the water situation.

Councilor Siddoway reminded council members and the community about the upcoming Couch to 5K Event coming up on Saturday, March 25.

Councilor Adcock inquired about a Community Garden that was recently brought up as an idea in a past meeting and gardening class. Manager Beagley stated that the city staff is looking into potential locations and options for the garden but currently doesn't have any more information to report at this time.

Councilor Montoya spoke about the idea of the Community Garden coming from the Youth City Council and she expressed her appreciation for the wheels continuing to turn to get that started. Councilor Montoya also brought up the City's Easter Egg Hunt and performing competition for the Arts Festival. Councilor Montoya also discussed recent Senior Citizen activities.

Mayor Olson asked about assignments given to Council Members in February. Councilor Montoya reported on meetings that she's had with Councilor Adcock and city staff regarding the Chieftain Museum. She also reported on efforts for fundraising for the library. Mayor Olson asked council members to each have reports ready on their assignments for the May 2nd meeting. Mayor Olson spoke about the work underway at Santaquin Peaks Industrial Park. Manager Beagley reported that CentraCom is working to install fiber internet and conduits for streetlighting in the industrial park. Mayor Olson and Manager Beagley also reported on the Main Street widening project. Mayor Olson addressed the Environmental Assessment and Transportation Studies soon to be conducted by the State of Utah along with UDOT. Mayor Olson also spoke about a property easement near Pole Canyon donated to the City by the Kester family. Furthermore, Mayor Olson spoke about communications he has had with State Legislators regarding repairs and possibly opening the canyon once again. Lastly, Mayor Olson informed council members of the opportunity he had to participate in a "Meals on Wheels" type event with MAG.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Siddoway made a motion to enter into an Executive Session to address the purchase, exchange, and/or lease of real property. Councilor Mecham seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Hathaway	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Montoya	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The Executive Session was entered at 8:17 p.m.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to exit the Executive Session and enter back into the Regular City Council Meeting. Councilor Mecham seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Hathaway	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Montoya	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The Regular City Council Meeting reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Montoya motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Mecham seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Hathaway	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes
Councilor Montoya	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The vote was unanimously approved.

The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

ATTEST:


Daniel M. Olson, Mayor


Amalie R. Ottley, City Recorder