



PUBLIC HEARING & CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, August 7, 2025 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, Brian Del Rosario, Travis Keel, and Jeff Siddoway.

Councilor Lynn Mecham joined the meeting via Zoom.

Others present included City Manager Norm Beagley, Assistant City Manager Jason Bond, Legal Counsel Brett Rich, City Recorder Amalie Ottley, Finance Director Shannon Hoffman, Fire Chief Ryan Lind, Burk Terry, Clyde Holm, Kylie Keel, Kaylie Keel, Jackie Larson, Dale Summerhays, Wayne Robbins, Rose Larsen, Dennis Larsen, Patrice Whitlock, Dan Whitlock, Robert Westover, Jackson Jensen, and other members of the community.

Penny Reeves joined the meeting via Zoom. No other members of the public joined electronically.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rose Larsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Councilor Adcock offered an invocation.

DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

FORMAL PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing: Proposed Property Tax Increase

Councilor Keel made a motion to enter into a Public Hearing to address the proposed property tax increase for the FY 2025-2026 Budget. Councilor Adcock seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Del Rosario	Yes
Councilor Keel	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes (brief technical difficulties via Zoom)
Councilor Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed

The Public Hearing began at 7:04 p.m.

Burk Terry questioned the need for the City to increase property taxes. He expressed his frustration that even though it's minimal, all expenses add up and they (taxes) never go away. He stated he was totally against the tax increase two years ago and again this year.

Clyde Holm agreed with Mr. Terry. He stated he was against the City and the County both raising taxes. He felt that it is his patriotic duty to support the community but cannot support raising taxes. He stated that because the proposed resolutions were on the agenda the City Council had already made up their mind to pass the tax increase.

Jackie Larson stated she is a resident of Spanish Fork and attended the meeting on behalf of her dad that lives in Santaquin. She agreed with the previous statement that because the proposed resolutions were on the agenda the City Council had already made up their mind to pass the tax increase.

Dale Summerhays discussed the property tax increase that was passed in 2023. He read from the state code regarding continuing revenue from property tax increases. He proposed that the City use the "windfall funds" that they receive from the 2023 tax increase that was dedicated to police vehicles for current needs.

Dennis Larsen read a statement to the Council. (He did not provide the statement for the official record.) He stated that the City has not shown that they are business friendly because of the restrictions on businesses on Main Street. He stated that the City has made it difficult for applicants interested in agritourism. He expressed concerns about the Grey Cliffs gravel pits as it is an "eyesore and safety hazard" that makes the highway dirty and slows down traffic in that area. He wondered why the City does not receive revenue from the gravel pit. He quoted Councilor Adcock and City Manager Beagley from previous City Council meetings with regard to the Grey Cliffs gravel pit. He stated that he contacted Genola City and they indicated that they receive revenue monies from the quarry within their city limits. He suggested that if the City received the money owed to them in revenue from the gravel pits and other resources that they wouldn't have to raise property taxes. He thanked Mayor Olson and the council members for their work.

Rose Larsen thanked the mayor and council for their service. She read Artificial Intelligence (AI) overviews that she researched online about gravel pit operations and sales tax in Utah. She stated that in her opinion the city overspends and wastes money and fails to bring commercial businesses to the City. She quoted the meetings in which the City discussed the grants and associated costs for installing the bike skills park at Prospector View Park. Ms. Larsen questioned if the City received the discussed grant monies for the bike skills park. Mayor Olson and Manager Beagley confirmed that yes, grant money was received for the bike skills ramp park. Ms. Larsen asked if questions regarding security cameras and the costs associated with them were solved. Mayor Olson and Manager Beagley confirmed the affirmative. Ms. Larsen asked what the ongoing costs are each year

for the bike park. Mayor Olson indicated that Recreation, Arts, & Parks (RAP) Tax paid for additional improvements at the bike skills park, not taxpayer money. She expressed that she was surprised at how quickly the concept plan and final approval of the bike park moved forward. She opined that the majority of Santaquin residents agree with her that the bike skills park will not be used and was a waste of money. Ms. Larsen wanted to know how much time City staff spent on passing an ordinance allowing food trucks to come to the parks. Fire Chief Ryan Lind confirmed that at least one local food truck appears regularly at the local park. She asked how a food truck could be allowed to come into the town to make a profit. Ms. Larsen also stated that the City pays too much in consultation fees for various projects. Ms. Larsen expressed her opinion that the City does not support local farmers or is even ready to hear about agritourism. She stated that the City is not supportive of the proposed RV park on the Feild's property because the City doesn't know what they want in agritourism.

Patrice Whitlock asked about the food trucks in the area. Mayor Olson indicated that all requirements and allowances for food trucks and associated sales tax are mandated by state law. Ms. Whitlock also expressed concerns about the Grey Cliffs gravel pit that is an "eyesore" that gets cars dirty and wet. She has concerns about the large trucks that go in and out of the Grey Cliffs area and drive through neighborhoods. She indicated that she pays more for property taxes than her friends that live in neighboring cities. Ms. Whitlock expressed concern about her neighborhood being an "eyesore" and specific neighbors that won't clean up their property unless there is a city celebration. She wanted to know why the City won't clean up her neighborhood and people's homes or enforce on people who have a lot of dogs. Ms. Larsen stated she'd like to move out of the city but can't sell her home because of the state of her neighborhood. Mayor Olson encouraged her to stay apprised of the My Hometown initiative that is currently in the works. He stated the program will support clean-up efforts in the community. She stated that one councilmember used to drive around town and take notes of the properties that were unclean, and they would get taken care of by the police chief. She stated her disappointment with the City but thanked the council for their work.

Dan Whitlock expressed his concerns regarding the dust that comes from the Grey Cliffs gravel pit. In his work experience, he believed that the gravel pit puts off more dust than what should be legally allowed. He also expressed concerns about junk cars and garbage on people's property in "this" area of town. Mr. Whitlock stated that water is wasted along Center Street where there are not improvements like curb and gutter and that the water runs all the way to the canal. Mr. Whitlock hoped that future developments would be addressed because the roads don't line up and they are "like a maze." He reiterated, that more than anything, he is concerned about health concerns from the dust coming from the Grey Cliffs gravel pit that he sees every day.

Fire Chief Ryan Lind addressed the members of the community in the audience. He stated as an owner of four different properties in Santaquin, he does not take property tax increases lightly. He explained the struggles that he faces covering firefighters shifts in his department stating that "volunteerism is dead." He indicated that he loses firefighters to other departments and even fast-food restaurants because they pay more. Fire Chief Lind indicated that response times would be so much faster if he could only staff his department the way that he needs to. In his own medical

emergency, he was grateful that an engine and an ambulance were able to respond quickly because the staffing was available to transport him to the hospital. Chief Lind indicated that during Orchard Days, the busiest weekend of the year, he could not get adequate staffing and only had two individuals at the station. He stated that the tax increase in the amount of \$164,000.00 will support ½ of a full-time firefighter, ½ of a full-time police officer, and staffing at the library. He asked those in the audience when they call 911 what the level of service and response time they expect. He invited anyone who is against the property tax increase to visit him personally at the office. A member of the audience asked where the money from the tax increase in 2023 is going. Chief Lind indicated that the money is being used to pay his current firefighters a wage that will hopefully keep them here in Santaquin City. Other questions were asked by the audience that were not on the official record, as they were inaudible to all in the room.

There were not any individuals on the required Zoom meeting that wished to address the Mayor and members of the City Council.

Jackson Jensen stated that he works for Rowley's Red Barn (He did mention that he was not on official business on behalf of the Rowley's) and stated that he hopes the City will support the farmers in the area because they work hard throughout the year to bring revenue to Santaquin City.

Councilor Del Rosario made a motion to end the Public Hearing. Councilor Keel seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed.

The Public Hearing ended at 7:51 p.m.

Mayor Olson stated that he will continue to address all of the questions posed in the Public Hearing in time but wanted to directly address some statements made in the meeting. He did not want to appear to target anyone specific in the audience that had commented during the public hearing. He discussed that ongoing changes to the tax levy rate are mandated and audited by the State of Utah. He stated that even with inflation and increases in cost of living, the property tax dollar amount stays the same throughout the years. Mayor Olson discussed the business of maintaining the roads and utilities in the city and the inflated costs just the take care of the residents. He stated that everything he and members of the council do is for residents as well as for members of staff. He indicated that every penny from the 2023 tax increase is used to support costs of four police vehicles. He went on to say that supporting the staffing in the fire department will aid in response times and operation of fire trucks as mandated by federal law. Mayor Olson discussed the 84% increase to sales tax brought into the city in the last four years by the current City Council. He said

that property taxes make up 8% of the total city's budget each fiscal year. Mayor Olson also discussed the taxes brought into the city by the Sunroc gravel pit on the south side of the city. He stated the City has continually worked with Gregy Cliffs to bring taxes to the City and continues to do so. He invited anyone with questions to meet with him; his door is always open. He thanked those willing to attend the meeting and voice their opinions.

RESOLUTIONS

2. Resolution 08-01-2025 - Adoption of the Certified Tax Rate With an Increase of 8.21% in the Overall Amount of \$164,039.

Councilor Keel made a motion to approve Resolution 08-01-2025 – Adoption of the Certified Tax Rate. Councilor Del Rosario seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed.

3. Resolution 08-02-2025 - Adoption of the Final FY2025-2026 Budget

Councilor Mecham made a motion to approve Resolution 08-02-2025 – Adoption of the Final FY 2025-2026 Budget. Councilor Keel seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed.

CONVENE OF THE SANTAQUIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL AGENCY

Councilor Del Rosario made a motion to enter into a Santaquin Community Development and Renewal Agency (CDRA) Board Meeting. Councilor Siddoway seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed.

The CDRA Board meeting began at 8:08 p.m.

4. Resolution 08-01-2025 CDA - Adoption of the Final FY 2025-2026 Budget

Board Member Adcock made a motion to approve Resolution 08-01-2025 CDA – Adoption of the Final FY 2025-2026 Budget. Board Member Del Rosario seconded the motion.

Board Member Adcock	Yes
Board Member Del Rosario	Yes
Board Member Keel	Yes
Board Member Mecham	Yes
Board Member Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

Board Member Siddoway made a motion to end the CDRA Board Meeting and reconvene the Regular City Council Meeting. Board Member Keel seconded the motion.

Board Member Adcock	Yes
Board Member Del Rosario	Yes
Board Member Keel	Yes
Board Member Mecham	Yes
Board Member Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

The CDRA Board Meeting ended, and the Regular City Council reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

CONVENE OF THE SANTAQUIN LOCAL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Council Member Keel made a motion to enter into a Santaquin Local Building Authority (LBA) Board Meeting. Council Member Adcock seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed.

The LBA Board Meeting began at 8:10 p.m.

5. Resolution 08-01-2025 LBA - Adoption of the Final FY 2025-2026 Budget

Board member Siddoway made a motion to approve Resolution 08-01-2025 LBA – Adoption of the Final FY 2025-2026 Budget. Board Member Adcock seconded the motion.

Board Member Adcock	Yes
Board Member Del Rosario	Yes
Board Member Keel	Yes
Board Member Mecham	Yes
Board Member Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

Board Member Keel made a motion to end the LBA Board Meeting and reconvene the Regular City Council Meeting. Board Member Mecham seconded the motion.

Board Member Adcock	Yes
Board Member Del Rosario	Yes
Board Member Keel	Yes
Board Member Mecham	Yes
Board Member Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

The CDRA Board Meeting ended, and the Regular City Council reconvened at 8:11 p.m.

CONVENE OF THE SANTAQUIN SPECIAL SERVICE (WATER) DISTRICT

Council Member Keel made a motion to enter into a Santaquin Special Service (Water) District (SWD) Board Meeting. Council Member Siddoway seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed.

The SWD Board Meeting began at 8:12 p.m.

6. Resolution 08-01-2025 SWD - Adoption of the Final FY 2025-2026 Budget

Board member Keel made a motion to approve Resolution 08-01-2025 SWD – Adoption of the Final FY 2025-2026 Budget. Board Member Adcock seconded the motion.

Board Member Adcock	Yes
Board Member Del Rosario	Yes
Board Member Keel	Yes
Board Member Mecham	Yes

Board Member Siddoway Yes

The motion passed.

Board Member Keel made a motion to end the SWD Board Meeting and reconvene the Regular City Council Meeting. Board Member Adcock seconded the motion.

Board Member Adcock	Yes
Board Member Del Rosario	Yes
Board Member Keel	Yes
Board Member Mecham	Yes
Board Member Siddoway	Yes

The motion passed.

The CDRA Board Meeting ended, and the Regular City Council reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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


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

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

ATTEST:


Daniel M. Olson, Mayor


Amalie R. Ottley, City Recorder