



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 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, Travis Keel, Lynn Mecham, and Jeff Siddoway.

Councilor Del Rosario was excused from the meeting.

Others present included City Manager Norm Beagley, Legal Counsel Brett Rich, City Recorder Amalie Ottley, Jim Rowland, Mark Openshaw, Mark Brown & family (Jamie, Cassidy, & granddaughter).

Assistant City Manager Bond was excused from the meeting as he had a different administrative meeting to attend.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Mecham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Councilor Keel offered an inspirational thought.

DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. 12-17-2024 City Council Work Session Minutes
2. 12-17-2024 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
3. City Expenditures from 12-14-24 to 1-3-25 in the amount of \$1,376,641.06.
4. Resolution 01-01-2025 - Ratification of Surplus Property
5. Resolution 01-02-2025 - Surplus Property

Councilor Keel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 5 with the correction of the date on item #3. Councilor Siddoway seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mark Openshaw attended the meeting to address the City Council. He read a statement expressing his support of the City and council members. (See attached.)

6. Payson Santaquin Area Chamber of Commerce Report

Jim Rowland from the Payson Santaquin Area Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting. He gave a report of all of the business and activities the chamber participated in 2024.

Jim recognized Brown Family Mortuary as the chamber's Business of the Month spotlight. He highlighted Mark Brown, his wife Jamie, and his daughter Cassidy for their superb running of the business. The mortuary came highly recommended by many members of the community for the recognition.

Mark Brown thanked the chamber and the City Council for their support of his business. He also thanked his wife Jamie for her support and his daughter Cassidy who is also a certified funeral director.

BUILDING PERMIT & BUSINESS LICENSE REPORT

The Building Permit & License Report was presented during the City Council Work Session meeting.

REPORTS BY STAFF, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND MAYOR OLSON

Manager Beagley reported on a possible PRCA Rodeo event in Santaquin in Spring, 2025. The City is working through the typical event process with the applicant. He also reported on the streetlight installation on Main Street. Manager Beagley reported on the status of the Central Utah Project pipeline. Manager Beagley stated that a budget amendment will come before the council at the next meeting to amend the cost of lighting installation at the Orchard Hills park ballfield.

Councilor Keel reported on the upcoming Library Board meeting and the Youth City Council activities.

Councilor Mecham had nothing to report.

Councilor Siddoway had nothing to report.

Councilor Adcock requested that the Spring Clean Up event be moved to a different weekend so as not to coincide with LDS Church's General Conference and the School District's Spring Break. Councilor Adcock also asked if there were any changes to council member assignments in 2025. Mayor Olson indicated that the assignments would stay the same unless there's a request to change.

Mayor Olson had nothing to report.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilor Mecham made a motion to enter into a 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, a project proposal, or a financing proposal related to the development of land owned by the State. Councilor Adcock 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 7:40 p.m.

Present at the Closed Session included Mayor Dan Olson, City Manager Norm Beagley, Legal Counsel Brett Rich, Council Member Lynn Mecham, Council Member Jeff Siddoway, Council Member Travis Keel, Council Member Art Adcock, and City Recorder Amalie Ottley.

Councilor Mecham made a motion to end the Closed Session and return to the Regular City Council 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 Closed Session ended at 8:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

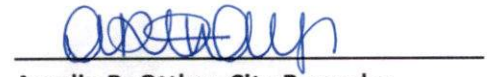
The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST:



Daniel M. Olson, Mayor



Amalie R. Ottley, City Recorder

Mayor, Council Members, and Santaquin City Staff,

I would like to take a moment to thank you for your hard work. Over the past few months, I have visited the city office frequently, and even under challenging circumstances, I have only experienced one meeting where I was not treated with respect.

I also want to highlight a few things I deeply appreciate that required significant care and attention:

1. The preservation of the Santaquin City Museum Building.
2. The excellent maintenance and care of our parks. This year was exceptional, and my family and I greatly enjoyed spending time in them.
3. The professionalism, knowledge, and training demonstrated by the front-end staff and community development office. If they did not have an immediate answer, they always made an effort to follow up with me.

Thank you for doing all this.

I love this town and am truly grateful for your service. I understand that all of us could likely earn more money working elsewhere, but Santaquin offers each of us something unique and valuable. For me, one of those things is a sense of friendship and community.

To be clear, I will not be running for city council—first, because I doubt I would be elected, and second, because I would not want to take on the challenges and pressures that I see you handle. Thank you again for your service.

This evening, I would like to bring up a few considerations for the council and Mayor:

1. **Transparency in Property Sales:** Would it be possible for the Council and Mayor to publicly post notices before selling city property? I ask this for two reasons:
 - It helps avoid any perception of under-the-table dealings.
 - It ensures everyone has an opportunity to participate in the buying process.

I understand the goal is to have the land developed in designated zones. These objectives could still be achieved through well-structured real estate contracts.

2. **Open Communication:** I have one personal request for this council: Please reach out to me directly to ask for my thoughts on matters instead of relying solely on one person's opinion. You are welcome to email me so that my responses are documented and can be shared if needed. If you need clarification, don't hesitate to ask. If legal counsel needs to reach out, that's fine too.

Please don't assume I am planning to oppose you. While I want my property protected, I remain open to communication.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely, Mark Openshaw A Willing Taxpayer