



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 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 via Zoom included City Manager Reeves, Assistant Manager Beagley, Operations Manager Marker, Community Development Director Bond

Various members of the public were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Doug Rohbock.

An Invocation was offered by Councilor Art Adcock.

DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of potential conflicts offered by any of the councilors.

RECOGNITIONS

Before addressing the Consent Agenda, Mayor Olson wished to recognize a member of the Youth City Council sitting in the audience. Councilor Montoya introduced Youth Councilor Sabrina Collins.

Mayor Olson also recognized Thor Mongie on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Simple Nutrition was not present to accept recognition for Business of the Month. (Item #5.)

CONSENT AGENDA (MINUTES, BILLS, ITEMS)

1. Council Regular Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2022
2. Council Work Session Minutes – April 5, 2022
3. Special Council Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2022
4. City Expenses for March 31 to April 14, 2022 totaling \$1,107,692.59

Councilor Mecham moved to approve the Consent Agenda items consisting of the April 5th, 2022 Work and Regular Council Minutes, April 8th Council Minutes, and City Expenses from March 13th to April 14th, 2022. Councilor Siddoway seconded.

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

Motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jody Reid brought a written statement to share with the City Council (see attached.) Ms. Reid made suggestions on how the city could better communicate with the residents and discussed with the mayor a positive way to move forward.

Brendan Bowen addressed the City Council as well echoing Ms. Reid's thoughts on making the website more user friendly. Mr. Bowen addressed the recent appearance of representatives from Mike Lee's office in Santaquin City. Mayor Olson agreed that it was frustrating that notice was not provided by Mike Lee's representatives stating they would be present in Santaquin on that day. Mr. Bowen expressed his appreciation to the City Council for their hard work.

Denise Rohbock inquired about future communications being sent through the city telephone broadcast system. Mrs. Rohbock expressed her well wishes to City Manager Ben Reeves on his future away from Santaquin. Mrs. Rohbock commented about the decision-making process of finding a new city manager.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Ordinance 04-02-2022 Amendment to I-1 Industrial Zone to Allow for Heavy Commercial.

Mayor Olson introduced the Amendment to the I-1 Industrial Zone to Allow for Heavy Commercial where any landscaping supply type companies would be able to come into a city I-1 Industrial Zone. Community Development Director Jason Bond added his synopsis of the change in the land use table adding Heavy Commercial to the City's I-1 Industrial Zone.

Councilor Mecham pointed out that a unanimous recommendation for the proposed change came from the Planning Commission.

Councilor Mecham motioned to approve the ordinance amending the Santaquin City Code Land Use Table in the I-1 Industrial Zone to Permit Heavy Commercial Uses, providing for codifications, correction of Scrivener's errors, severability, and an effective date of 04/20/2022 for the ordinance.

Motion seconded by Councilor Montoya.

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

Motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

7. Resolution 04-02-2022 Foothill Development Reimbursement Indemnification Addendum.

Mayor Olson introduced the Resolution to Amend the Foothill Development Agreement. City Manager Reeves confirmed the solidification of the city reimbursing the current developer for the booster pump station project.

Counsel Brett Rich addressed the need to fix a typo in Paragraph (E) but otherwise positively recommended the addendum to the City Council.

Councilor Siddoway motioned to accept Resolution 04-02-2022 Approving an Amendment to the Ahlin Property Development Agreement Regarding the Clarification and Modification of Certain Development Parameters Between Santaquin City and DR Horton, INC. including the revision in Paragraph (E) changing "Their" to "Third."

Motion seconded by Councilor Montoya.

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

Motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

8. Change Order – Harvest View Park Phase II

Mayor Olson established the reasons for the Change Order to Harvest View Park as increased costs for fuel and project materials. Assistant City Manager Beagley agreed that the increased cost of the project is in harmony with the best interests of the city and not from any malicious intent by the contractor.

Councilor Mecham motioned to approve the updated Change Order #2 for Contractor Stratton and Bratt LLC to increase the original contract price by \$163,565.55 along with the noted time extension for the Harvest View Park Phase 2 improvements. Motion seconded by Councilor Montoya.

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

Motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

9. City Manager Job Description and Recruitment Next Steps

Mayor Olson updated the council on continuing discussions regarding any changes needed to the current City Manager Job Description. Mayor Olson addressed the need to appoint an Interim City Manager.

Councilor Mecham assured members of the public that the City Council is taking their time to properly appoint a new City Manager the right way.

Councilor Mecham motioned to appoint Assistant City Manager Norm Beagley as the Interim City Manager. Councilor Hathaway seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, STAFF, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

There was no update from City Manager Reeves.

Assistant City Manager Norm Beagley updated the City Council on the status of site plan, building permit, etc. for the new Murdock Ford site. Mr. Beagley asked if the City Council would consider issuing a Development Agreement Amendment to allow Murdock Ford to install a temporary sign larger than what would normally be allowed by current city code. The above stated agreement would first be considered in a Special Planning Commission meeting.

Community Development Director Bond affirmed that any potential amendments must go through the legislative process of first receiving a recommendation from Planning Commission and then approval from the City Council.

The proposed Development Agreement Amendment for a temporary sign to be placed at the new Murdock Ford site will move forward per Council & Mayor direction to staff.

Community Development Director Jason Bond reported on the General Plan status. Director Bond mentioned that the city will be looking at updating and reviewing land use tables in the current city code. Mayor Olson stated he is onboard with updating the code where time allows.

Operations Manager Dennis Marker extended appreciation to City Recorder Ottley for her good work and tenacity in learning her new duties. He also pointed out new legislative changes to Utah State Law that will change how votes are recorded in future minutes. Mr. Marker confirmed Mayor Olson's inquiry about current processes in updating the city code. Departmental meetings will be held in the future to address code enforcement within the city.

Operations Manager Marker reported on the new goal-oriented Employee Evaluation Program. Mayor Olson agreed with Mr. Marker's commendation of Santaquin's employees and their future success in the city.

Assistant Manager Beagley offered the city's help in addressing city code concerns with members of the public as the city code can be difficult to navigate. Director Bond echoed Mr. Beagley's sentiments in offering staff assistance with city code questions should they arise from members of the public.

Councilor Montoya reported on the activities of the Youth City Council. Youth Councilor Sabrina Collins presented her positive experience with the council in the recent Easter festivities. Councilor Montoya also reported on the Library Board Meeting, patronage, and the award of grant monies.

Councilor Adcock reported on his participation in the Easter festivities. Councilor Adcock had concerns with large vehicles and semi-trucks parking on residential neighborhood roads. Lastly, Councilor Adcock reminded the council of the Utah Great Shakeout happening on Thursday April 21st, 2022.

Councilor Siddoway inquired if the city considered increasing recycling bin pickups. City Manager Reeves reported that due to the actual cost of recycling the increase in pickups would be an increased cost to all city residents. Councilor Siddoway also asked if recycling material is being taken to a recycling facility. Mayor Olson and Manager Reeves both confirmed that all recycling bin material is taken to a sorting facility where about 30% of ineligible recycling items are sorted out and taken to a landfill.

There was no update from Councilor Mecham.

Councilor Hathaway reminded the public and council of the upcoming Community Services Board meeting on Thursday, April 21st as well as a Mountain Nebo Water Agency meeting on May 9th, 2022.

Mayor Olson asked Assistant City Manager Beagley to give an update on the Main Street Widening Project. Mayor Olson and Assistant City Manager Beagley also spoke to the general transportation study from MAG, UDOT, Utah County, and Payson City. Mayor Olson spoke about the many meetings being held to assist transportation issues in the city. Mayor Olson reported on meetings he held to discuss Santaquin Canyon opening to the public. Mayor Olson also reported on regular meetings with CUP to address property negotiations and water delivery from CUP along the railroad right-of-way to make sure local water needs are being met. Mayor Olson recognized Greg Fowkes' contribution of solar lights and Utah Power and Light's contribution of 6 old power poles to the City for the canyon bike bridge. Utah County Commissioners have recently met with the mayor to address the county line issue between Juab and Utah Counties.

Councilor Mecham moved to enter into an Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Councilor Siddoway seconded the motion.


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

Motion passed unanimously in the affirmative.

Executive Session entered at 8:45 p.m.
Executive Session adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.


Daniel M. Olson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amalie R. Ottley, City Recorder

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

It's great to see you all, and thanks for all the great work you've been doing. I don't think anyone had any idea just how much would land on your plate right off the bat, but I'm grateful that you're demonstrating being up to the task.

I'm also grateful to Nicci McNeff for her efforts to address communication issues in our city, but I wanted to share a different viewpoint tonight.

I don't think the heart of the communication problem involves worrying about getting all the information out to all the citizens. A lot of people truly don't care and they're fine.

The problem is that the information a lot of people want and need is not being put out there and finding it is both difficult and time consuming. Here's where I believe the real problems lie and how they could easily be addressed:

–**Earlier Agenda Postings:** When something controversial comes up, people don't have much time to talk to their neighbors about it or contact others they know might be affected, because the meeting agendas are posted just before the weekend, only a few days before meetings (or sometimes even the day before...). To restore public trust, agenda postings need to be made earlier.

–**Better Public Notices:** When public notices are required, it's often really difficult to determine what's being considered and whether it deserves attention. "We're considering a change" with no details of what the change actually is isn't very helpful. If public notices were worded so that it was easy to see what was going on and why (with maps—when applicable—that would make it easy for residents to know where things were happening), many resident concerns would be alleviated.

–**Reaching Out with Meeting Summaries:** Some of the Council Members and a past Planning Commission Member have been great at posting meeting summaries on social media that have been extremely valuable and welcomed by residents. These summaries have already done a lot to ease the disconnect many residents have felt in the past. Thanks to all those who have made these important efforts! And if each council member would post their own interpretation on the city's social media or wherever they choose so that people could come to look for it, that would be even better.

–**Devote Some Newsletter Space to What's Been Happening/Coming Up in the Council:** The Mayor has done a great job moving in this direction, giving a deeper look into what's ahead for the city. But there could also be sort of a "Council Corner" section, where meeting summaries could be made, along with notes on dissenting votes in matters not decided unanimously, with Council Members briefly explaining their positions. This would help residents see the complexity of many decisions, and recognize all the hard work Council Members do for our community.

–**Make the City Code User Friendly:** Have you ever tried to find something specific in the City Code? The search function is inadequate, bringing up way too many hits, instead of narrowing where someone might look for the info they need. A more user friendly code experience would help residents search for the information they need and help everyone be better informed as to the laws in our city.

–**Use the Assemble App:** Several cities in the county use this very inexpensive app in order to poll residents occasionally when hearing resident opinions would help the Council to make better, more informed decisions. Sure, everyone won't participate, but those who care a lot certainly will and their input can be useful and easy to obtain.

–Jody Reid, Dave Reid, Jessica Mitchell, Melonie Smith, Leroy Kinder, Nell Morgan