



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 5:30 PM
Court Room/Council Chambers (2nd floor) and Online

MINUTES

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 R. Ottley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager Beagley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Councilor Mecham offered an invocation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Local Water Update and Report

Mayor Olson presented updates on the current water situation in Santaquin and addressed concerns he has received from members of the community regarding the current high-water situation and the City's mitigation efforts. He spoke about actions taken by Summit Creek Irrigation Co. to monitor water flows in reservoirs and channels in the city. Mayor Olson also spoke about the levels and qualities of the melting water in Santaquin and Pole Canyons that eventually enter the city's aquifers. Manager Beagley discussed in detail the current percolation rate and amount of water entering the local aquifers. Manager Beagley used maps to demonstrate where the water can travel through the channels and debris basin in the city. He addressed statistics from prior years measured by Snotel sites in several local canyons, including Santaquin Canyon. Manager Beagley also showed water flows and snowpacks from prior years and compared this year's measurements thereto. Manager Beagley recognized Emergency Manager Chris Lindquist's efforts in working with area church leaders to have current information and to fill sandbags to have on hand as needed. Manager Beagley addressed what specific weather conditions and/or events that would have to happen for flood control to be implemented in the city. Mayor Olson addressed rumors circulating on Social Media stating that the conveyance system in Pole Canyon failed in a prior year, stating the untruth of those rumors. Manager Beagley continued to assure council members that the city is doing all that is possible in preparing to handle and mitigate those high-water situations that may come. Council members expressed their concerns for houses that have flooded in past years and discussed the details of Manager Beagley's reports.

2. Upcoming Agenda Items

Mayor Olson and members of the City Council discussed items on the upcoming City Council agenda. Mayor Olson focused on Resolution 03-05-2023 – Award of a Contract to X-Factor for Public Involvement Professional Services. Council members and Mayor Olson addressed the specific need to reach as many residents as possible about a possible property tax increase to be considered by the council this year. Council members addressed their concern for not having a measurable metric for how X-Factor will perform their services for the city. Council members wanted to make sure that Santaquin's unique culture and view for city matters will be something X-Factor can focus on in their efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Montoya motioned to adjourn the Work Session Meeting. Councilor Mecham seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed unanimously in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at XXX p.m.

ATTEST:


Daniel M. Olson, Mayor


Amalie R. Ottley, City Recorder