



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Tuesday, October 21st, 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, Lynn Mecham, Travis Keel, and Jeff Siddoway. Absent Brian Del Rosario.

Others present included City Manager Norm Beagley, Assistant City Manager Jason Bond, Recorder Stephanie Christensen, Mary-Elizabeth McSorley, Jesse Christopher, Jayson Johnson, Penny Reeves and multiple fire and police members.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chad Holman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT**

Councilor Lynn Mecham offered an invocation.

**DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA (MINUTES, BILLS, ITEMS)**

**Minutes**

1. 10-07-2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

**Bills**

2. Review City Expenditures from 10-4-2025 to 10-17-2025 in the amount to \$1,482,879.44.

Councilor Keel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 and 2. Councilor Siddoway seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed.

## RECOGNITIONS & PUBLIC FORUM

### Recognitions

#### 3. Recognition of Public Safety Personnel by Mary-Elizabeth McSorley

Mayor Olson introduced Mary-Elizabeth McSorley. Mary-Elizabeth spoke on what an impact our first responders had on her when she lost her husband. She read the letter below to our first responders.

#### A LIFE OF SILENT SERVICE

#### A LETTER TO MY FIRST RESPONDERS

November 30, 2024

My heart was broken. My husband of 25 years laid lifeless on the bathroom floor. I am screaming at him demanding him to get up ... "No No No" Haunting guttural sounds wailed out of his body. I could not solve this problem. He had had various life-threatening illnesses throughout our marriage and survived. I thought we would outrun death again. I raced outside in search of help. No one was around. Gripped with terror, and the dawning realization that this was the end of his life, I called 911. By the time I returned, there were five police cars, one ambulance, and one fire truck parked in front of my house and EMTs everywhere in my home. I asked the police if I had committed a crime. They explained that this was normal protocol for all 911 calls. The EMTs were at work wrenching, reaching, pulling, shoving my husband's body out of the tiny bathroom, into the bedroom and onto the gurney. He was a big man. I was crying uncontrollably. A policeman enveloped me into his chest. I was witnessing an astonishing hopeless event. My sobbing was endless. Mike's life ended. No "goodbye." No "you are the last picture of life I want to see...your face." No more smiles. No more twinkles. No more intelligent wise cracks. No more tomorrows. Now my new intrepid journey... alone. I had worked so hard to keep him alive. The bond was broken. A major branch of my family tree had fallen into pieces. Dead.

December 2, 2024

To say the least I could not have survived such a magnitude of overwhelming emotion if it wasn't for the kindness, comfort and protective shield MY first responders displayed during my unforgiving moments. They crushed me with hugs.

IN THE MOMENT ..... 2025

This is the sacred work you do-not just saving lives but holding the ones that cannot be saved. You are the quiet heroes who walk into chaos and offer order, compassion, and dignity. You are the ones who see people in their most broken moments and make logical choices.

You are the incredible human beings who do this every day of your life without hesitation. This kind of love is infinite and worthy of a special place in God's divine world.

**Thank you for being the light in my darkest hour.**

#### **4. What Do You Love About Santaquin Photo Contest 10 Year Recognition**

Assistant City Manager Bond acknowledged Penny Reeves and thanked her for all her work and dedication to our monthly What do you Love about Santaquin photo contest. Assistant City Manager Bond informed the council that Steven Grey's picture was selected as the winner of our What Do You Love About Santaquin Photo Contest 10 Year Recognition award. Steven Grey was unable to attend but will receive a gift basket for his amazing photo.

#### **Appointments**

##### **5. City Recorder - Stephanie Christensen**

At the recommendation of Mayor Olson, Councilor Keel made a motion to appoint Stephanie Christensen as the City Recorder. Councilor Siddoway seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed.

Mayor Olson thanked Amalie Ottley for her years of service and dedication. Amalie was a great asset to our city and will be missed.

##### **6. Planning Commission - Jesse Christopher**

##### **7. Planning Commission (Alternate) - Jayson Johnson**

At the recommendation of Mayor Olson, Councilor Siddoway made a motion to appoint Jesse Christopher and Jayson Johnson (alternate) to the Planning Commission Board. Councilor Kelse seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed.

Mayor Olson informed the group of the amazing interviews he had for these new Planning Commission members. Mayor Olson stated that Jesse and Jayson stood out for their love of community and acts of service. Both men are grateful for the opportunity to provide service the community.

#### **BUILDING PERMIT & BUSINESS LICENSE REPORT**

Assistant City Manager Bond presented the Building Permit Report. 207 residential units have been issued building permits in the current calendar year. In comparison, 47 single and multi-family residential units have been issued building permits in the current fiscal year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026). 4 new business licenses have been issued in the last month.

#### **REPORTS BY STAFF, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND MAYOR OLSON**

Assistant City Manager Bond informed the council that before the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled, he will be doing an hour training for the new Planning Commission members. Also, staff is working through a couple of traffic control request that will be on our next DRC agenda. Our new employee Janesha Jackson is doing a great job and is getting trained to open our new passport office. There will be a total of 6 trained passport agents here at our office. We are shooting for November 18<sup>th</sup> as the opening day for our new passport office. We will start getting the word out through various social media outlets and our website of the service that we will start offering the public.

Manager Beagley reported on the Main Street construction progress. The contractor will be getting everything completed in the next few weeks. We are paving the east side of the public safety building parking lot to replace the parking lot and fix the draining issues we have had for many years.

Councilor Keel reported on the library board and what a fantastic job they are doing. Community Services is getting ready for the Spooky Night at the Museum. Councilor Keel and the Mayor expressed the huge turnout they had last year at the truck-or-treat and are hoping for another amazing year. Staff will provide the Mayor with a truck/trunk full of candy for all the trick-or-treaters.

Councilor Mecham had nothing to report.

Councilor Siddoway clarified the truck-or-treat will be held at the Centennial Park.

Councilor Adcock met with the Bott family they are largely sponsoring a Veterans dinner on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The dinner is open to members of the American Legion Post and any Veterans living in Santaquin. He had a great experience at the Murdock Ford store grand opening. Councilor Adcock appreciates the city, council and the citizens in town that help make this be a place we all like to live.

Mayor Olson appreciates those who are getting the Passport office up and running. He feels it will be a great asset to our city. Mayor Olson also reported on what a wonderful grand opening Murdock Ford had. Mayor Olson would like to try and get some input on how to get all the great things that are happening around the city out to the public. Possibly getting a report on the projects and businesses that are coming to the city and delivering the report at the City Council meetings. The Mayor had a tour of the WRF today and it is looking good.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

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**Daniel M. Olson, Mayor**

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**Stephanie Christensen, City Recorder**