



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 9th at 7:00 p.m.

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 Adcock, Siddoway, Mecham and Hathaway.

Councilor Montoya was excused from the meeting.

Others present included City Manager Norm Beagley, Assistant City Manager Jason Bond, Recorder Amalie Ottley, Legal Counsel Brett Rich, Fire Chief Ryan Lind, and Police Chief Rodney Hurst.

Various members of the public attended the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Doug Rohbock led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Councilor Adcock offered an inspirational thought.

DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

Mayor Olson wished to commend the city staff and other supporters that gave their time and talents to make Santaquin Orchard Days a success. He expressed his appreciation for the Police, Fire, and Public Works department for their around-the-clock attention to the event. He wanted to send a thank you to everyone who supported the Little Buckaroo Rodeo and the parade. He was impressed by the effort, time, and expense it took to have the livestock ready at the rodeo and enjoyed seeing the children's enjoyment at the event. He expressed the value in the Community Services department and the citizens that have supported the city in the last week.

CONSENT AGENDA (MINUTES, BILLS, ITEMS)

1. 07-19-2022 City Council Work Session Minutes
2. 07-19-2022 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

3. City Expenditures for 07/15/2022 to 08/03/2022 totaling \$3,213,697.73

Councilor Mecham made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that included the 07-19-2022 City Council Work Session Minutes, the 07-19-2022 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, and the City Expenditures for 07/15/2022 to 08/03/2022 in the amount of \$3,213,697.73. Councilor Siddoway seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

4. Employee of the Month

Chief Lind presented the August 2022 Employee of the Month award to Brayden Partridge by reading the following statement.

“Brayden is a paramedic and firefighter with Santaquin City and has been with the city for almost three years. He was given the task of learning the department’s report writing system, Imagetrend, and has excelled at it. According to our Fire Chief Ryan Lind, Brayden is an amazing paramedic firefighter, and the department is better off for his dedicated work.

Brayden grew up in Levan, Utah, and graduated from Juab High School. He then graduated in 2019 from UVU with a bachelor’s degree in Emergency Management. Along with his bachelor’s degree, he received five associate degrees. Brayden is employed full-time at Orem City as a firefighter/paramedic. He is married to his sweetheart Rachel, they have two little girls, and they live in Goshen, Utah. He loves to hunt and fish in his free time. When asked what he loves about his work at Santaquin City, he said it is the comradery of the Santaquin fire family.

The city is pleased to recognize Brayden as our August Employee of the Month. Thank you, Brayden, for your work with the city.”

Chief Lind praised Brayden’s hard work and dedication to the Santaquin Fire Department.

PUBLIC FORUM

Prior to opening the Public Forum Mayor Olson communicated recent processes both by city staff and legislative bodies in proposed updates to the city code. He expressed his appreciation to the public for attending meetings in person and being willing to confront issues with the city face to face in an appropriate manner.

Keith Judd wished to speak to the city council to express his own appreciation to the council for their consideration in reevaluating the details in the Automotive Service Code Amendment. He addressed the Planning Commission's willingness to work through the language in the code in a positive way with the public. He believes the city will move forward better after working through what could have been a difficult situation together.

Mayor Olson acknowledged his and the councils support of all local businesses in Santaquin and the city's desire to work with all business owners closely.

BUILDING PERMIT & BUSINESS LICENSE REPORT

Assistant City Manager Bond presented the Building Permit & Business License Report. 221 total Building Permits have been issued in 2022. Three new business licenses were issued in the last month.

One single-family home building permit has been issued in the last month pointing to growth slowing down in the city. From a budgetary standpoint, not seeing the expected growth in the last few weeks will be a consideration moving forward.

Mayor Olson spoke to housing and developments slowing down in the area and stated that the city will act responsibly with the money that is entrusted to them.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Ordinance 08-01-2022 Main Street Business Districts Land Uses

Assistant Manager Bond presented the proposed amendments to the Main Street Business Districts Zone. He pointed out several discrepancies in the ordinance that needed to be updated and fixed. The concerns received in automotive repair will be addressed in Ordinance 08-02-2022. The Planning Commission and City Council have both worked to clarify the definitions and land use terms listed in the code. Mr. Bond pointed out that updates are done regularly to zoning codes to allow for the city to make sure the code is sound in its implementation and legal obligations.

Councilor Adcock asked to look at storage units on the Land Use table.

Mr. Rich stated that he has reviewed the changes to the code and approves of the city's attempt to make appropriate adjustments to allow or not allow certain businesses in the area.

Councilor Mecham made a motion to adopt Ordinance 08-01-2022. Councilor Siddoway seconded the motion.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes

Councilor Hathaway	Yes
Councilor Montoya	Absent

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Ordinance 08-02-2022 Automotive Service Code Amendment

Councilor Mecham spoke about the opportunity to speak with Automotive Service Business owners in the city. He thanked them for their willingness to work with the city to get the code right.

Assistant Manager Bond addressed the adjustments as directed by the council to consolidate the two Automotive Service and Repair definitions into one definition. He pointed out the addition of the Automotive Car Wash service definition.

For clarification, Councilor Adcock inquired if any of the changes would affect current businesses in the Commercial Business District and/or Main Street Business District. Both Mayor Olson and Assistant Manager Bond stated that the amendment to the code would not impact existing businesses. City Manager Beagley also confirmed that the proposed changes do not impact businesses in the above-mentioned zones. Assistant Manager Bond pointed out that Automotive Service and Repair businesses would now be permitted uses in the zones and would now have the ability to expand when they weren't able to do so prior to the proposed amendment.

Councilor Siddoway motioned to adopt Ordinance 08-02-2022. Councilor Mecham seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Ordinance 08-03-2022 Agritourism as a Temporary Use Amendment

Mayor Olson stated that the city was approached by a local farmer/resident with an idea to allow agritourism in the city to support his and other local business. Assistant Manager Bond addressed the need to establish an agritourism definition for the city code. He read the language created in the code focusing on guidelines for which agritourism will be allowed. He explained the standards that will be put into use for agritourism specific characteristics such as

parking and hours of operation. Mr. Bond hopes that the changes to the code will allow local farmers to be creative and have more financially viable interests on their properties.

Councilor Siddoway inquired if the individual that brought up the initial concern will have enough land to participate in agritourism per city code. He wanted to make sure the city addressed their specific needs. Mr. Bond anticipated that most established agricultural businesses will be able to work with the minimum 5-acre requirement in the code.

Councilor Hathaway asked if the proposed amendment has any bearing on the issue of overnight RV parking at Rowley's Red Barn. Mr. Bond stated that the RV parking situation at the Red Barn doesn't apply to this code.

Councilor Adcock expressed his concerns for the listed hours of operation in the proposed amendment. He was concerned that the city's council latitude in deciding extended hours could set a precedent or portray favoritism in the council. Mr. Bond addressed the possibility of businesses asking for extended hours in certain situations but at the time didn't anticipate that it would happen often. Manager Beagley pointed out that should the council desire to, they may strike the proposed language for the council to consider exceptions on a case-by-case basis. Councilor Mecham stated the exception language could be beneficial in order to protect residents and it gives the council an opportunity to review what's happening in the agritourism scenarios. The council discussed whether to strike it out now or leave it as is. Councilor Siddoway stated that if exceptions are requested it'll give council a better idea on how to create guidelines in the code in the future. Mr. Bond agreed that exceptions requested by residents in this code would prove to be beneficial for creating more specific guidelines in the future.

Councilor Mecham motioned to adopt Ordinance 08-03-2022. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hathaway.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Fire Department Extrication Equipment Purchase

Chief Ryan Lind explained to the council the extrication equipment currently is use by the department is not as fast and reliable as needed. The department put out to bid for battery operated extrication equipment that will enable them to assist more effectively at accidents in the future. Councilor Adcock inquired where the money for the equipment is coming from. Chief Lind stated the money will come from the fire department reserve account. Chief Lind

spoke to two recent incidents that battery powered extrication tools saved lives. Mayor Olson asked about the downside of the equipment. Chief Lind stated like many other tools the battery itself can be a downside as well as the weight of the tool. It will not be a tool to be used underwater. Chief Lind explained the apparatus' included with the extrication tool that were included in the bid. He also explained that the extrication tool has a lifetime warranty.

Councilor Mecham made a motion to approve TNT's bid for the purchase of extrication equipment. Councilor Adcock seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Police Officer Wages and Related Budget Adjustment

Mayor Olson spoke to recent reports submitted to the council by Chief Hurst representing the police department's need for pay range and salary increases in order to keep staff and officers in the city. Manager Beagley stated that retention and recruitment of officers within the city over the years has been a challenge due to Santaquin not being able to keep up with salaries in other cities. He stated the proposed increase would be covered under the current budget but would also need to be seriously considered in next year's budget. He addressed competitive cities in the county that anticipate tax raises in their city to raise public safety costs alone. He stated that this would be a budget change that would lower the purchase of four new vehicles this year to two and reallocate those funds to the police department to allow for the increase in pay ranges and salaries.

Councilor Mecham told of an emergency situation he experienced at a school in a different community. He explained that after a child was hit by a vehicle the officers could not respond timely because of being short staffed. Councilor Mecham expressed the importance of the emergency response time for Santaquin's police department. He wants to look at pay increases for all employees but understands the immediate needs of the police department.

Councilor Adcock expressed his concerns in lowering the vehicle rotation from four to two and the affect it will have on the city long term. He stated he met with the Public Works Director Jason Callaway and was able to locate money that could possibly be reallocated. Councilor Adcock commended Jason Callaway for his creative thinking when it came to the budget.

Councilor Hathaway talked about his concerns with the slowing of growth in the city. He stated that he thinks down the road the city will need to think outside of the box with the budget and city employees' income.

Manager Beagley read the following statement submitted by Councilor Montoya.

"Esteemed Mayor and Fellow Council Members,

Due to a personal vacation, which was planned before the council meeting schedule was changed from August 2 to August 9,

I am unable to attend the council meeting on August 9 in person or virtually. I have asked that my thoughts on police officer wages be read into the minutes for the official record.

- 1. I truly respect and appreciate our police chief and officers and am thankful for their service to our community. Their job is a difficult one and, many times, thankless as they often see people on their worst day. They put their own lives on the line every day for the safety of the residents of Santaquin City. It is a challenging time to be in law enforcement and our officers handle themselves with dignity and care.*
- 2. We have invested a tremendous amount of time and money, precious resources, into our officers and I want to keep them in Santaquin so that our residents can see the fruits of those investments. It is frustrating to see other agencies benefit from the high-quality training of our officers when they are poached and lured by said agencies. Those agencies do not have to invest what we have invested in our people because they arrive capable to do the job they are hired to do.*
- 3. We cannot compete with all other agencies. However, as State and County law enforcement agencies have very recently increased wages significantly, and many cities are set to do that same, I believe that we must do what we can do and not stand still and watch our people leave. In my opinion, doing nothing and thereby seeing a reduction in services is not an option.*
- 4. I support the proposed wage and range increases for those identified in the Staff memo, which is included in the packet for this meeting, held August 9, 2022.*
- 5. I support the proposed methods of covering the costs of wage and range increases, for the immediate time period, as identified in the Staff memo for this meeting, held August 9, 2022.*

Most Sincerely,

Council Member Montoya"

Councilor Mecham made a motion to authorize the reallocation of budget funds in the amount of \$130,000 from the Capital Vehicle and Equipment budget to the Police Department Salaries and Wages budget. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hathaway.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Manager Beagley stated that a ratification and budget amendment will be submitted to council at a future meeting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, STAFF, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Assistant Manager Bond introduced the State of Utah's recent mandate for municipalities to update their Moderate-Income Housing plans by October 1st, 2022. (See attachment.) Mr. Bond pointed out the need for City Council to update and implement strategies for Moderate-Income Housing within Santaquin. Mr. Bond addressed the recent discussion had by the Planning Commission regarding Detached Accessory Dwelling Units that could possibly satisfy one of the suggested strategies provided by the State in October 2022.

Assistant Manager Bond spoke to the Mountainland Association of Government's (MAG) update to their Regional Transportation Plan. He stated localized meetings are being held and our area meeting will be on September 8th. Manager Norm recommended that the mayor and council attend this meeting as it has been beneficial in the past to look at roads and transportation plans in and around Santaquin.

Assistant Manager Bond also addressed an upcoming meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and Senator Romney.

City Manager Beagley updated the council on the future design of the fire station in the Summit Ridge area. Manager Beagley stated that the city will focus on putting the station on the west side of the bridge on Summit Ridge Parkway due to anticipated growth in the area. He stated that Chief Lind concurs that it makes more sense to have the station on the west side of the bridge after reviewing response times and associated radii.

Manager Beagley reiterated the mayor's previous commendations to the city council and employees and their work to pull off Orchard Days. Manager Beagley brought up dates for the pickleball court ribbon cutting.

Manager Beagley inquired about Labor Day week and the council meeting scheduled for that following Tuesday. All council members present confirmed that they will be in town and present to that meeting.

Manager Beagley also brought up the council's upcoming newsletter schedules.

REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilor Hathaway asked Manager Beagley to update the council on the Mt. Nebo Water Association meeting. Manager Beagley stated that Strawberry Water Users Board items will be brought to the council in a future meeting as an amendment to the existing agreement.

Councilor Hathaway updated the council on interviews for the Recreation Coordinator.

Councilor Hathaway expressed his honor in being a part of the planning for the Orchard Days Rodeo and wanted to thank the staff for the efforts put into the venues and activities all year long. He expressed his appreciation to the staff for all their hard work.

Councilor Mecham also expressed his thanks to city staff for their hard work in the Orchard Days events and said he was really impressed and grateful for the outcome the week had.

Councilor Siddoway spoke to concerns that were brought up by citizens while council members attended the booth at the Hometown Market. Citizens inquired about the booster pump on the northwest side of Summit Ridge. Additional citizens inquired about dumpsters close to apartment buildings and garbage that then ends up in residents' yards. Councilor Hathaway and Siddoway inquired if the city could address development owners to help facilitate trash not being thrown into yards. Councilor Hathaway asked that city management follow through with communication to those development owners. Assistant Manager Bond stated that the city will encourage residents to be good neighbors. Councilor Hathaway and Siddoway brought up speeding concerns within the city and asked the police to keep a look out in specific areas. Councilor Adcock brought up the area of 200 North at Center Street to Macey's grocery store and the thoroughfare that exists there. He brought up the possibility of putting a four way stop at 200 East and 200 North. Councilor Siddoway asked that other council members be mindful of attending the booth at the Hometown Market.

Councilor Siddoway inquired if the signage and striping along 300 West was completed. He asked that the police department enforce any reoccurring violations in that area.

Councilor Adcock spoke about the Parris RV Chamber of Commerce event he attended recently. He spoke to the business and DOT coordination of their property and parking lot.

Councilor Adcock commended the staff on the Orchard Days events and their patriotism. He was touched to see residents place their hands on their hearts as the flag went by in the parade. Councilor Adcock also addressed an email from Central Utah Water that reported on water efficiency. He also spoke to future interviews he will be a part of in the Public Works Department.

Mayor Olson had no updates for the council and staff but requested that they move into an Executive Session to address the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

Councilor Mecham made a motion to enter into an Executive Session to address the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. The motion was seconded by Councilor Adcock.

Councilor Adcock	Yes
Councilor Siddoway	Yes
Councilor Mecham	Yes

Councilor Hathaway	Yes
Councilor Montoya	Absent

The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Session was entered into at 9:00 p.m.

Councilor Mecham made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:16 p.m. Councilor Siddoway seconded the motion.

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

The motion passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Daniel M. Olson, Mayor

Amalie R. Ottley, City Recorder