



## **CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, June 01, 2021, at 7:00 PM  
Court Room/Council Chambers (2nd Floor) and Online

### **Minutes**

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **PRESENT**

Mayor Kirk Hunsaker  
Council Member Nick Miller  
Council Member Betsy Montoya  
Council Member David Hathaway  
Council Member Jennifer Bowman

##### **ABSENT**

Council Member Lynn Mecham

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Dave Hathaway.

#### **INVOCATION / INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT**

Offered by Council Member Montoya.

#### **DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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

##### **Minutes**

1. 05-18-2021 City Council Work Session Minutes
2. 05-18-2021 Council Meeting Minutes

##### **Bills**

3. Invoice Register - 05-15-2021 to 05-28-2021

##### **Items**

4. Resolution 06-01-2021 - Water Use Agreement with Dennis & Kathy Brandon
5. Resolution 06-02-2021 - Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Mobile Aid in Case of Civil Unrest
6. Resolution 06-03-2021 - Police Car Radio Replacement
7. Resolution 06-04-2021 - Public Works Fuel Storage Depot for Unleaded Gas

Question from Council Member Hathaway for item number four, Resolution 06-01-2021 - Water Use Agreement with Dennis & Kathy Brandon if the agreement was for one year. City Manager Reeves answered that this was correct but there is a clause that allows both parties to end the agreement at any time.

Motion made by Council Member Miller to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Council Member Bowman.

Voting Yea: Council Member Miller, Council Member Montoya, Council Member Hathaway,  
Council Member Bowman

## **PUBLIC FORUM, BID OPENINGS, AWARDS, AND APPOINTMENTS**

### **Public Forum**

**Name:** Bryson Mahoney

**Comment:** Dear Mayor and Council,

I am opposed to removing the email and call-in options for providing public comment in city meetings. I feel this is removing a gateway for the public to engage with our public officials in an easier way. I don't believe that my presence makes my comment any more valid or easier to answer. As a Dad with three small children, it is very difficult for me to leave the house and attend these meetings, but I have appreciated being able to join in online and feel like I am able to be heard by my public officials. This feels like a move backwards rather than forwards that would only stifle resident input.

Please reconsider.

**Name:** Stefanie Ray

**Comment:** Dear Mayor and Council,

I am opposed to removing the email and call-in options for providing public comment in city meetings. I don't believe that my presence makes my comment any more valid or easier to answer. This is clearly a move designed to stifle resident input.

**Name:** Hilary Fitzsimmons

**Comment:**

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am opposed to removing the email and call-in options for providing public comment in city meetings for a number of reasons. First of all it was stated that you could answer our questions easier. From what I have seen in previous city council recordings, questions aren't really answered. Residents are simply allowed to make their comment and that is the end of it.

I don't have the time to devote several hours to Tuesday nights so that I can talk for a minute or two only to be dismissed. I have children involved in multiple activities, dinner to make for my family, church callings to attend the list goes on and on as I am certain that it does for thousands of Santaquin residents. I don't always remember to sign up to give a public comment before a meeting so that I will be allowed to speak. Being physically present does not make the comment any more valid.

I believe public comment should be easily accessible to ALL Santaquin city residents and while it might frustrate you, email And phone calls are some of the easiest ways for residents to express concern when they are unable to attend meetings. Especially considering this day and age where we are coming out of a pandemic and some residents still have concerns over their health and lockdowns.

This decision could come across as a way to intentionally stifle residents who have differing opinions from the city council and Mayor. Isn't the goal of the mayor and city to have as much community involvement as possible?

I believe that while it may seem to be a nuisance or prolongs meetings, every voice needs to be heard whether it be in person, via email, or over the phone.

**Name:** Trevor Thomas

**Comment:** I oppose removing the email or call in comments. You should be looking to get as much input as possible from the citizens of Santaquin on whatever is going on. Let's not forget that you were voted in the citizens of Santaquin because we trusted that you would listen to our voice and make the best decisions from it. We did not vote you in to try and have you make it hard to get our opinion out there so you can do whatever you feel is right. It is for all the citizens not your own personal need or gain.

**Name:** Nichole Ewell

**Comment:** Dear Mayor and Council,

I am opposed to removing the email and call-in options for providing public comment in city meetings. I believe this is a move designed to stifle resident input.

**Name:** Maggie Herbst

**Comment:** Dear Mayor and Council,

I am opposed to removing the email and call-in options for providing public comment in city meetings. I believe limiting the options for public comment will remove accessibility for Santaquin residents that are unable to attend in person (due to disability or illness, child care or home obligations, work or community engagements, or other conflicts) and will create a culture of exclusion. I believe the citizens of Santaquin deserve open and transparent communication with their Mayor and City Counsel, restricting public comments to in-person only is the opposite of that.

I understand that there may be time constraints or other issues facing the council in regards to email or call-in public comments, however I urge you to find another way to address these issues instead of restricting access of Santaquin residents to ask and obtain important information.

**Name:** Carole Parkin

**Comment:** Dear Mayor and Council,

I am opposed to removing the email and call-in options for providing public comment in city meetings. I don't believe that my presence makes my comment any more valid or easier to answer.

There are citizens that, for whatever reason, whether it be other commitments that evening or inability to come in person for physical reasons, etc, that also would like to share their comments and concerns regarding the current issues being discussed at council meetings. We are just beginning to take advantage of the electronic options available to us as a City and I would hate for us to limit ourselves in this manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Name:** Emily Lloyd

**Comment:** Dear Mayor and Council,

I am opposed to removing the email and call-in options for providing public comment in city meetings. I work at the hospital and so I don't ever know what time I am going to be off work. Not to mention the fact that it gives me severe anxiety speaking in public. My husband often works out of town. So it's not like either one of us can attend in person.

**Name:** Colton Pearce

**Comment:** Dear Mayor and Council,

I am opposed to removing the email and call-in options for providing public comment in city meetings. I don't believe that my presence makes my comment any more valid or easier to answer. I work Tuesday nights and when I am not working, I have other responsibilities on that night as well. I believe this is a move designed to stifle resident input.

**Name:** Kendra Orton

**Comment:** Dear Mayor and Council,

I am extremely opposed to removing the email and call-in options for providing public comment in city meetings. There are so many reasons that people will be unable to attend the meetings on Tuesday nights. And limiting public comments to only those people who are able and capable of showing up and speaking will exclude SO many citizens. If you have issues with the timing on emails and phone calls, then you need to seek out a different way to simplify the process for you.

It is difficult for me to leave my home at night. I am pregnant and have a busy little 2 year old that needs to get to bed. That is on top of homework and other responsibilities we generally have. I also experience extreme anxiety when speaking in a public setting. Unfortunately, I believe this is a move designed to stifle resident input. I truly believe you guys are trying your best and I appreciate that. But I believe this is the wrong move and will only create a bigger gap between the council and the rest of the citizens.

**Name:** Linsey & Cort Jenson

**Comment:** Dear Mayor and Council,

I am opposed to removing the email and call-in options for providing public comment in city meetings. I feel this is a move designed to stifle resident input and I don't believe that my presence makes my comment any more valid or easier to answer. My spouse works late, and having recently had a baby I am unable to leave my home in the evenings to attend these meetings in person. As a resident of Santaquin I want my concerns and interests to be heard and feel that I have importance in the community.

**Name:** Mary Ann Lauritzen

**Comment:** I am opposed to removing the email and call-in options for providing public comment in city meetings. I work two jobs therefore making it nearly impossible for me to attend meetings in person. I don't believe that my presence makes my comment any more valid or easier to answer.

**Name:** Lisa Greenhalgh

**Comment:** Dear Mayor of Santaquin (Mr. Hunsaker),

I do support a resident's ability to send in comments & concerns via email or call in methods. Please do not limit a person's communication to when they can come to council meetings in person only.

**Name:** Pamela Colson

**Comment:** To the Mayor and City Council members

In the last city Council meeting on May 18, 2021 the Mayor is quoted as suggesting that citizens would be required to attend the public meeting to put forth a public comment.

As a longtime advocate both professionally and personally for those who are "differently abled" I am concerned this may be in direct opposition to the American with disabilities act of 1990.

I would like to ask the mayor to publicly address this tonight. Did you really mean to say that only able-bodied citizens may submit public comments?

**Name:** Jody Reid

**Comment:** Dear Mayor Hunsaker and City council Members,

It's great to be here with you in person. I had just decided to attend several types of city meetings in person each month shortly before Covid appeared, so after such a long time it's wonderful to finally be able to return.

In person attendance, however, brings me to my first point, Mayor, regarding your comment in the previous council meeting. You stated, "As now we're meeting together as a council and in person, I would encourage those who are of public comment, for public forum, if you could come in person, and we could answer your questions a lot easier, 'cause we're going to get to the point where we're going to require everybody to be here, to be of a public forum comment. So, we have not decided when that'll be yet, but soon. Okay?"

I find this announcement of an upcoming change in policy to be problematic on several levels. First, I believe that elected officials should be in the business of facilitating, rather than narrowing, avenues of public input. Secondly, I can think of many, many reasons why good and caring citizens are unable to attend a meeting in person where they wished to provide comment. I believe that concerns which are made part of the public record rather than a private email can be more easily followed through on, as they are less likely to be pushed aside in someone's inbox or simply forgotten after a phone call. I also think that a periodic review of public comments and their resolution can lead to higher levels of resident satisfaction concerning interaction with their representatives. Ultimately, elected officials do answer to the public, and their handling and response to public comments can lessen divisiveness in a community.

I'm also rereading much of the city code to refresh my memory. I came again across section 1.20.040 which states "The city council shall hold two (2) regular meetings which shall be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. If the meeting date is a recognized holiday, then the meeting shall be held at the same time and place herein described on the next following Wednesday which is not a legal holiday." I understand that the change to

Tuesday meetings was sensibly made to facilitate the educations of our Community Development Director and Assistant City Manager. But now that they've received their degrees, I'm wondering when we plan to return to the schedule mandated in our city code.

Thanks so much for all your hard work for our city.

### **Awards**

#### **8. Employee of the Month - Tanner Childs**

June 2021 Employee of the Month – Tanner Child Tanner Child is our June 2021 Employee of the Month. Tanner works in our Public Works department and does a little bit of everything in streets, culinary water, pressurized irrigation, storm drain, wastewater, and parks. He has been with the city for two years and has his water certification. The best parts of his job are the guys he works with and the fact that he can do something different every day. The crew he works with enjoy being around Tanner because he is upbeat and willing to work hard. In the words of public works director Jason Callaway, "Tanner has really stepped up this year and has taken on the responsibility of becoming a Wastewater Treatment Operator and taken on more responsibility in storm drain inspection and cleaning. Tanner is a joy to work with and he makes sure to go out of his way to help his coworkers in any way he can. He is very teachable and works very hard." Tanner was born and raised in Santaquin and resides here with his wife Esther and their brand-new baby girl. They enjoy spending time in Vernon with family, riding side-by-sides, camping, and hunting. Tanner is a great example of a dedicated employee and real team player! Congratulations on being nominated and recognized.

### **FORMAL PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **9. Public Hearing Regarding the FY2020-21 Santaquin City Budget, FY2021-22 Interfund Transfers, and for the Santaquin Community Development Agency, Santaquin Local Building Authority and Santaquin Water District FY2021-22 Budgets**

Finance Director Shirley introduced the budget and encouraged both residents and Council alike to explore the budget and come to Shirley with any questions or concerns. Budget in Brief is available on the Public Notice for the budget.

There were no public comments on the FY2020-21 Santaquin City Budget, FY2021-22 Interfund Transfers, and for the Santaquin Community Development Agency, Santaquin Local Building Authority and Santaquin Water District FY2021-22 Budgets

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

#### **10. Building Permit & Business License Report - 05-28-2021**

Community Development Director bond presented the following building permit and business licenses in his report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Resolutions**

#### **11. Resolution 06-05-2021 - Agricultural Plat Note (City-Wide)**

Community Development Director Bond presented the history behind how this plat note came about to remind any and all residents moving into the Santaquin community that this is an agricultural community with the following plat note to support the agricultural community:

"Agriculture Protection Area. This property is located in the vicinity of an established agriculture protection area in which normal agricultural uses and activities have been afforded

the highest priority use status. It can be anticipated that such agricultural uses and activities may now or in the future be conducted on property included in the agriculture protection area. The use and enjoyment of this property is expressly conditioned on acceptance of any annoyance or inconvenience which may result from such normal agricultural uses and activities."

Motion made by Council Member Montoya to approve RESOLUTION 06-05-2021 A RESOLUTION INFORMING PROPERTY OWNERS THROUGH RECORDED PLATS THAT SANTAQUIN CITY IS AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY AND THAT THEY MAY EXPERIENCE IMPACTS FROM AGRICULTURAL RELATED USES AND ACTIVITIES.

Seconded by Council Member Bowman.

Voting Yea: Council Member Miller, Council Member Montoya, Council Member Hathaway, Council Member Bowman

### **Discussion & Possible Action**

#### **12. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Financial Approval of the Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) Tax Expenditures for FY2021-2022 Utilizing Tax Proceeds from the Prior Fiscal Year**

Council Member Miller introduced the Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) tax proposed prior fiscal year expenditures for FY2021-2022 totaling \$58,482.

Motion made by Council Member Bowman to approve the Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) Tax Expenditures for FY2021-2022 Utilizing Tax Proceeds from the Prior Fiscal Year as recommended.

Seconded by Council Member Montoya.

Voting Yea: Council Member Miller, Council Member Montoya, Council Member Hathaway, Council Member Bowman

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS, STAFF, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES**

### **City Manager Benjamin Reeves**

- City staff has been working hard from public safety to public works.
- Interviews are moving forward to select a new judge.

### **Community Development Director Jason Bond**

- Consultant reached out this week in moving forward with getting resident input on the active transportation plan (trails plan) which will be a smaller portion of the larger General Plan. Encouraged anyone interested in trails to come to that meeting.
- General Plan has been trying to get more respondents for the survey. An Imagine Santaquin committee meeting will take place this coming Thursday.

## **REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **Mayor Hunsaker**

- Had a wonderful time at the Memorial Day ceremony at the City cemetery yesterday. Thanks to veterans and to those who took care of the cemetery.
- Asked about the pickle ball courts at Harvest View Sports Park and City Manager Reeves said that the contracts are currently getting underway.
- Met with Luke Decker of the Forest Service and the federal funding for the highway to repair the Canyon road isn't enough to do the repair project. There is a gap of \$1 million to

\$4 million in funding and the October deadline for 2021 won't be met. It's anticipated the project will be fully funded by next year.

- Missed having the Fire Department's breakfast but understands the circumstances.

#### **Council Member Miller**

- Teen Escape Club and Fishing Club begins this week to engage teenagers in the community.
- Has been serving on various City boards and committees for 8 years. Encouraged residents to not feel that there needs to be a divide between staff and elected leaders and residents because all the elected leaders are residents. We are you and you are us. Elected leaders are not trying to shut down residents' opinions and they understand what it means firsthand to have other obligations, family, and commitments because they are here in City meeting making those sacrifices that residents have voiced that they are not willing to make.

#### **Council Member Montoya**

- Next Youth City Council will have a presentation from the Police Department.
- Suggested that the Budget Reconciliation for FY2020-2021 this year happen at 5:30 PM instead of 7:00 PM as June 30th falls on a Wednesday and Santaquin University will be going on later that night.
- Appreciated Council Member Miller's comments and would like to continue to encourage the residents to contact her personally, so she can make a personal connection, instead of copying and pasting an email to be read by somebody else.

#### **Council Member Hathaway**

- Contract between the Roping Club and the City went well and both sides are happy with the 1-year agreement.
- Would like the public to know that they need to get their facts straight before making accusation of City staff being a liar. Is open to any conversation and his contact information is available.

#### **Council Member Bowman**

- Met with the Library Board and saw potential plans for a new Library in the new City Hall.
- Beautification Board has its first winner. Pictures will be taken, and winner will be announced June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Proposed a gift basket for the winners of this award.

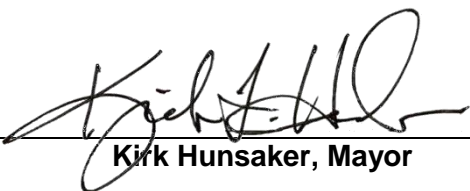
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Council Member Miller to adjourn at 8:27 PM.

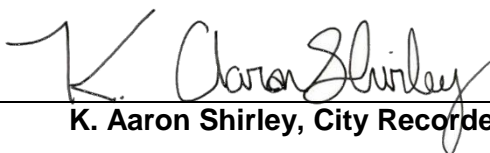
Seconded by Council Member Montoya.

Voting Yea: Council Member Miller, Council Member Montoya, Council Member Hathaway, Council Member Bowman.

**ATTEST:**



Kirk Hunsaker, Mayor



K. Aaron Shirley, City Recorder