



CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

Tuesday, April 5th 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

Council present

Mayor Dan Olson and Council Members Adcock, Hathaway, Mecham, Siddoway.

Councilor Montoya was excused from the Work Meeting.

Staff members present: Manager Reeves, Assistant Manager Beagley, Operations Manager Marker, Community Development Director Bond, Assistant Penny Reeves, Finance Director Shannon Hoffman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Director Bond.

INVOCATION / INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

Councilor Adcock offered an invocation.

Discussion Items

1. Mayor Olson introduced the efforts to update storm drainage systems in the city. City Manager Reeves stated that the city is working to secure funds to design storm improvements in the core areas of town without the curb, gutter, and sidewalk. Mr. Reeves described the Storm Drain Master Plan in which fees and deferral agreements have been put in place. Mr. Reeves addressed the Storm Drain Master Plan options for collection systems and proposed possible ways to pay for the project. Santaquin City still falls within rural development considerations that allow for the application of federal funding from USDA-RD. Mayor Olson stressed that the federal funding window is only open until September 2022, at which time the city will be disqualified based on the new population census. Assistant Manager Beagley added concern for Public Works staff time if the city uses swales, right-of-way considerations as well as future MS4 requirements to be imposed by the State. Councilor Mecham inquired about the cost being relative to the council's design decision. Manager Reeves confirmed that the swale design could cost less to construct and design. Councilor Hathaway pointed out that the federal loans could possibly be a 40 year pay back. Finance Director Shannon Hoffman confirmed that a federal loan at this time would be low to zero interest. Councilor Siddoway pointed out that the future project would be benefited by completing the design portion early. Assistant Manager Beagley confirmed that choosing curb, gutter and sidewalk versus swales would need to be

determined in the future. Director Bond brought up that deferral agreements will start to expire and as such the residents should have proper notice of the expiration. Mayor and Council all agreed to move forward with the project. Manager Reeves will prepare documents for formal action in the near future.

Mayor Olson welcomed the new City Recorder Amalie R. Ottley.

2. Mayor Olson introduced the Juneteenth Holiday and highlighted the current city's policies regarding paid holidays. City Manager Reeves proposed three options for the city to designate the Juneteenth Federal Holiday. Councilor Adcock stated his favor in adding Juneteenth as a holiday and not take away any current personal days. Councilor Siddoway inquired if employees have given any input. Councilor Mecham agreed that the holiday should be observed. Councilor Hathaway stated his thoughts that this year the mayor could grant the holiday and postpone a decision. Ms. Hoffman stated that should the city wait, that it would have more data from other cities' decisions. The mayor stated his intention for city employees to observe the holiday this year and proposed that a change to the policy will be considered at a later time.

3. Nicci McNeff delivered a presentation on communication between the city and the residents of Santaquin. Ms. McNeff described data on voting percentages as well as social media and website traffic. Manager Reeves asked about standards used to compare the data. He noted that the city was using new technologies and media much better today than prior years. Mayor Olson asked what the city could do to reach more people that the city hasn't already offered. Manager Reeves and Mayor Olson both expressed their appreciation for the information provided by Ms. McNeff. Ms. McNeff distributed a plan for the council and the city to consider.

No further Meeting Items or Discussion items were addressed.

Adjournment.

Councilor Mecham moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Siddoway. Vote was unanimous in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

ATTEST:

Daniel M. Olson, Mayor

Amalie R. Ottley, City Recorder