



Salem City Council Meeting will also be held electronically, using the Zoom program.

If you would like to participate, please call the city offices (801-423-2770) or email ([salemcity@salemcity.org](mailto:salemcity@salemcity.org)) before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5th to request the link.

DATE: January 5, 2022 (City Council Chamber 30 West 100 South)

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. Volunteer Motivational/Inspirational Message
2. Invitation to Say Pledge of Allegiance
3. Youth Council Report
4. SF / Salem Chamber Report
5. Decision: Minutes of Special Meeting November 16, 2021
6. Decision: Minutes of December 8, 2021
7. Decision: Bills for payment
8. Swearing in Ceremony
  - a. Councilmembers
  - b. Mayor

Adjourn for refreshments and open house

Resume Council Meeting

DIRECTORS REPORTS

9. Chief Brad James, Public Safety Director
10. Steve Cox, Building Official Director
11. Attorney Vaughn Pickell
12. Jeffrey Nielson, City Finance Director
13. Matt Marziale, Public Works/Recreation Director
14. Ted Barnett, Electrical Director
15. Bruce Ward, Manager/Engineering
16. John Bowcut, Fiber Director

COUNCIL REPORTS

17. Mayor & Council Reports
18. New Assignments Mayor & Council
19. CLOSED SESSION -The Salem City Council may temporarily recess the

regular meeting and convene in a closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation; the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property or water; or to discuss the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual as provided by Utah Code Annotated §52-4-205.

Please Note: If you have an item that you would like to have discussed before the City Council, please fill out a request form, which is available online at [salemcity.org](http://salemcity.org) or at the City Office and return it to the City Office by 5:00 p.m. the Thursday prior to the meeting you would like to attend.

In compliance with the A.D.A., individuals needing special accommodations during this meeting should notify the Salem City Office at 30 W. 100 S. or call (801)423-2770 at least three working days prior to meeting.

Minutes of the Salem City Council Meeting held on January 5, 2022 in the Salem City Council Chambers.

**MEETING CONVENED AT:** 7:00 p.m.

**CONDUCTING:** Mayor Kurt L Christensen

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Kurt L Christensen  
Councilperson Seth Sorensen  
Councilperson Delys Snyder  
Councilperson Tim DeGraw (zoom)  
Councilperson Cristy Simons  
Councilperson Kelly Peterson  
Councilperson Sterling Rees

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jeffrey Nielson, Finance/Recorder  
Vaughn Pickell, City Attorney – Excused  
Chief Brad James, Police Chief  
Ted Barnett, Power  
Matt Marziale, PW/Recreation  
Bruce Ward, Manager/City Engineer  
Steve Cox, Building Dept. – Excused  
John Bowcut, Fiber Director  
Cody Young

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sid Cardon, Janie Christensen, Matt Beardall, Tim Beardall, Christine Beardall, Cynthia Rees, William Burk, Alison Peterson, Craig Warren, Craig Sacco, JoAnn Binks, Kalee Simons, Colton Simons, Mary Keller, Damen Keller, James Simons, Andrew Ottesen, Blake Christensen, Evelyn Christensen, Brooke Bazil, Karen Boothe, Vaud Hanks

**1. VOLUNTEER MOTIVATIONAL/INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

Mayor Kurt Christensen asked if anyone would like to give a motivational or inspirational message. Janie Christensen stated she would like to offer a motivational message in the form of a prayer.

**2. INVITATION TO SAY PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Christine Beardall invited those who wish to participate, to stand and say the pledge of allegiance with her. She then led the pledge of allegiance for those who wanted to participate.

**3. YOUTH COUNCIL**

Nobody from the Youth Council was present tonight.

**4. SF/SALEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Councilperson Seth Sorensen stated that Heather Youd has stepped down as the executive director of the SF/Salem Chamber of Commerce. Councilperson Seth Sorensen

finished up by stating that the SF/Salem Chamber of Commerce is in the process of hiring a new executive director.

**5. DECISION: MINUTES FO SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2021 special City Council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilperson Tim De Graw; Aye, Councilperson Sterling Rees; Aye, Councilperson Cristy Simons; Aye, Councilperson Seth Sorensen; Aye, Councilperson Delys Snyder; Aye, (5 Ayes)

**6. DECISION: MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2021**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Delys Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2021 City Council meeting.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Cristy Simons seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilperson Tim DeGraw; Aye, Councilperson Sterling Rees; Aye, Councilperson Cristy Simons; Aye, Councilperson Seth Sorensen; Aye, Councilperson Delys Snyder; Aye, (5 Ayes)

**7. DECISION: BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

**AMOUNT:** \$1,834,827.72

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Sterling Rees made a motion to approve the bills in the sum of \$1,834,827.72.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Delys Snyder seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilperson Tim DeGraw; Aye, Councilperson Sterling Rees; Aye, Councilperson Cristy Simons; Aye, Councilperson Seth Sorensen; Aye, Councilperson Delys Snyder; Aye, (5 Ayes)

**8. SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Mayor Kurt Christensen stated that he was grateful for everybody who has served on the City Council. Mayor Kurt Christensen thanked Councilperson Sterling Rees for his service on the City Council. Mayor Kurt Christensen also mentioned that Councilperson Sterling Rees has been fair and has made good judgements while on the City Council. Councilperson Sterling Rees thanked Mayor Kurt Christensen for his remarks. Councilperson Sterling Rees was grateful that the citizens of Salem City trusted him to be on the City Council for twelve years. Councilperson Sterling Rees mentioned that the Salem City employees are amazing and always put their best interest towards Salem City. Councilperson Sterling Rees stated that Mayor Kurt Christensen has done a great job and will continue to do a great job with his obligations. Councilperson Sterling Rees thanked everybody for giving him the opportunity to serve on the City Council.

## **A. COUNCILMEMBERS**

Mayor Kurt Christensen stated that he is excited to serve with Cristy Simons again on the City Council. Mayor Kurt Christensen mentioned that he has known Kelly Peterson for fifty years and is excited to serve with him as well. Mayor Kurt Christensen stated that he is confident that Kelly Peterson and Cristy Simons will do a great job serving on the City Council.

Jeff Nielson swore Cristy Simons in to be a Councilperson for Salem City.

Jeff Nielson swore in Kelly Peterson to be a Councilperson for Salem City.

## **B. MAYOR**

Jeff Nielson swore in Kurt Christensen to be the Mayor of Salem City.

## **ADJOURN MEETING FOR REFRESHMENTS AND OPEN HOUSE**

### **RESUME COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Kurt Christensen mentioned that they were going to finish the City Council agenda before adjourning for refreshments and open house.

## **9. CHIEF BRAD JAMES, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR**

Chief Brad James mentioned that the police department attended the funeral of Officer Justin Bigler's father yesterday. Chief Brad James also mentioned that the City Council is going on a tour of public safety buildings in Utah County on January 13, 2022. Chief Brad James stated that people going on the tour will meet at the Salem City office at 8:30 a.m. Chief Brad James stated that the tour will consist of Santaquin City, Mapleton City, Lindon City and Lehi City public safety buildings. The tour is scheduled to be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Chief Brad James mentioned that the City Council needs to tour the public safety buildings to give Salem City ideas of what they want in a public safety building when it is constructed. Chief Brad James finished up by stating that the ambulance was a little busy around the holidays.

## **10. STEVE COX, BUILDING OFFICIAL DIRECTOR**

Steve Cox was excused from the meeting.

## **11. ATTORNEY VAUGHN PICKELL**

Vaughn Pickell was excused from the meeting.

## **12. JEFFREY NIELSON, CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY RECORDER**

Jeff Nielson did not have anything to add to tonight's meeting.

### **13. MATT MARZIALE, RECREATION/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Matt Marziale mentioned that a few people from the public works department were sick during this past week. Matt Marziale explained that James Thomas wanted him to talk to the City Council about Salem City's water well doors. The doors on the wells are not up to code and need to be replaced. The current doors are made of wood and the replacement doors are made of steel. Matt Marziale mentioned that there is a total of eight doors that need to be replaced. Matt Marziale stated that two of the eight doors will be replaced with steel doors this upcoming week. The two steel doors will cost around three thousand and two hundred dollars. Matt Marziale also mentioned that James Thomas wants to add security systems to the well doors in the future. Matt Marziale mentioned that the snow plows have pushed fallen tree limbs off of the road around town. The residents are wondering if these fallen tree limbs can be collected by the City during Christmas tree pickup. Matt Marziale mentioned that opening the green waste facility in a few weeks would be a better solution for the residents to dispose of the tree limbs. The City Council is okay with the green waste facility opening in a few weeks to allow residents to dispose of fallen tree limbs. Matt Marziale mentioned that a truck dealer reach out to Cities in Utah offering a snow plow truck for sale. Matt Marziale stated that Salem City has discussed financing for a new snow plow truck during the budget approval, but have been unsuccessful in finding one to purchase. The snow plow truck up for sale meets the specs of what Salem City is looking for. The snow plow truck is a 2020 model. According to the dealer, the snow plow truck was built for the state of Utah and the snow plow truck was never picked up by the State. The dealer also mentioned that there is nothing wrong with the snow plow truck. Matt Marziale mentioned that Salem City's current truck salesman thinks that Salem City should take up the offer because of the lack of snow plow truck production. Matt Marziale also mentioned that he needs to lock in the truck tomorrow in order for the dealer to hold the truck for Salem City. Matt Marziale mentioned that the snow plow truck cost forty thousand dollars more than the original discussed amount for a snow plow truck. Jeff Nielson stated that the payments for the new snow plow truck will not begin until fiscal year 2023. Mayor Kurt Christensen stated that the snow plow truck pricing is at state bid pricing. Councilperson Deyls Snyder mentioned that the state bid pricing will give the City the best price for a new snow plow truck. The City Council stated to move forward with the purchasing and have it on the next council agenda for approval. Mayor Kurt Christensen expressed his appreciation for the City crew that removed the snow from the road during the recent snow storm.

### **14. TED BARNETT, ELECTRICAL DIRECTOR**

Ted Barnett mentioned that there were a couple minor power outages during the last snow storm. Ted Barnett stated that the new power department shop is still under construction. Ted Barnett stated that they are waiting on materials to arrive to complete the construction of the new power department shop.

### **15. BRUCE WARD, MANAGER/ENGINEERING**

Bruce Ward stated that he is going to share Steve Cox's end of year building permit report. Two hundred and fifty six single family building permits were issued this year. There



were one hundred and thirty three new utility connections this year. The year 2021 is now the highest new single family building permits issued year on record. 2020 was the old highest new single family building permits issued year on record with two hundred and fifty one permits issued. Bruce Ward mentioned that for a few years prior to 2020 Salem City was averaging around one hundred new single family building permits issued each year. Bruce Ward mentioned that the New Salem future land use plan was emailed out to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council for review. Bruce Ward stated that the New Salem future land use plan is going to public hearing for the next Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council. Bruce Ward stated that Sunrise Engineering increased the density in a small portion of the New Salem area to twenty units per acre after the request to slightly increase the density by the City Council. Bruce Ward wanted to give the City Council a perspective of what twenty units per acre looks like. Bruce Ward mentioned that twenty units per acre is four to five story apartment buildings. Bruce Ward stated that update/creation to the zoning codes is the next step in the process after the New Salem future land use plan is approved. Bruce Ward reminded the City Council that the zoning code is where the rules are set for development. Bruce Ward reminded the City Council that the attorney contract with Spanish Fork City will end July 1, 2022. Bruce Ward mentioned that the expiration of the contract will force Salem City to hire an attorney. Bruce Ward mentioned that Spanish Fork City has three full time legal department employees and two part time legal department employees. Bruce Ward stated that Spanish Fork City's legal department is equivalent to four full time employees. Bruce Ward stated that the job description for an attorney is ready to send to the public. Bruce Ward mentioned that the attorney budget will increase from the original attorney budget because not enough money was budgeted to cover the future attorney costs. Bruce Ward mentioned that a full time administrative person will be hired to administrate for the attorney and the front office. Bruce Ward mentioned that contracting an attorney is an option. Bruce Ward stated that a competitive wage will be offered to ensure that a qualified attorney is hired. Mayor Kurt Christensen wanted to help the City Council visualize what twenty units per acre looks like. Mayor Kurt Christensen stated that he visited with the Mayor of Payson about the apartments currently being built on SR-198 east of the Mountain View Hospital. Mayor Kurt Christensen stated that the Mayor of Payson said that the apartment development east of the Mountain View Hospital is roughly twenty units per acre. Mayor Kurt Christensen also stated that Spanish Fork recently approved a twenty unit per acre development north of Revere Health on highway SR-164. Bruce Ward mentioned that the New Salem area is located in the North West corner of Salem City boundaries by SR-164 and the 8000 south freeway interchange. Councilperson Tim DeGraw mentioned that he is not a fan of the twenty unit per acre development in Payson located east of the Mountain View Hospital. Councilperson Tim DeGraw is okay with a portion of the New Salem area being twenty units per acre because the higher density will maximize Salem City tax revenue. Councilperson Tim DeGraw stated that the New Salem area is where the high density should be located in Salem. Councilperson Tim DeGraw suggested to the City Council to not shut the door on higher density. Mayor Kurt Christensen likes that the New Salem future land use plan shows the residential density not right next to SR-164.

## **16. JOHN BOWCUT, FIBER DIRECTOR**

John Bowcut stated that one hundred and ninety four people signed up for Salem City fiber.

## **17. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Kurt Christensen stated that there have been some changes made to the City Council member's assignments. Mayor Kurt Christensen proceed to read the City Council member's assignments.

## **18. NEW ASSIGNMENTS MAYOR & COUNCIL**

Mayor Kurt Christensen: Public Safety, Finances/Budget, City Employees, Miss Salem, UMPA Board Member, Development Review Committee (DRC), Economic Development Committee, Emergency Preparedness Committee, Salem Days Committee.

Councilperson Seth Sorensen: Mayor Pro-tempore, Water & PI, Mt. Nebo Board & SUVMWA Board, Chamber of Commerce Representative, Economic Development Committee, Salem Days Committee, Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Councilperson Tim DeGraw: Sewer Plant, Sewer Collections, Storm Drain, Roads & Trails, Pond-Town Lighting Ceremony – (working with Youth Council), Utah Lake Committee.

Councilperson Kelly Peterson: Electrical, Fiber, SUVPS Board Member, UMPA Board Alternate, Memorial Day Program, SUVMWA & Mt Nebo Water Alternate.

Councilperson Cristy Simons: Parks and Recreation, Green Waste, Youth Council, Easter Egg Hunt (Work with Youth Council/Fire Dept.), SUVSWD – Solid Waste Alternate, Social Media Committee.

Councilperson Delys Snyder: Library Board, Solid Waste/Recycling – SUVSWD Representative, Council Representative - DRC (non-voting), Senior Citizen Lunches, Halloween Trunk or Treat (w/ Youth Council), Social Media Committee.

Mayor Kurt Christensen asked if there was anything that the public would like to state before City Council adjourns. Sid Cardon requested that the citizens are reminded to clean the snow off of the sidewalks when the green waste facility opening notification is sent out.

## **19. CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session at tonight's meeting.

## **ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MOTION BY:** Councilperson Seth Sorensen made a motion to adjourn.

**SECONDED BY:** Councilperson Delys Snyder seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Councilperson Tim DeGraw; Aye, Councilperson Sterling Rees; Aye, Councilperson Cristy Simons; Aye, Councilperson Seth Sorensen; Aye, Councilperson Delys Snyder; Aye, (5 Ayes)

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 7:52 PM**



Jeffrey Nielson, City Recorder