

**CITY OF SALIX
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 2025**

REGULAR MEETING - January 8, 2025

Mayor Nelson opened the regular meeting of the Salix City Council at 7:00pm on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025. Council members present: Karen Allen, Nick Black, Denise Burkhart, Emily Clayton, and Cindy VanAuken. Others present: Kathy Brouillette, Ed Colyer and Nick Lahrs.

- Nick Lahrs presented the council with information regarding necessary repairs to the East Lift Station. The lift station is oversized for what we need and is causing the pipes to lose their prime and become damaged. Lahrs recommended reconfiguring the lift station and installing two submersible pumps. The council requested a minimum of two bids and will decide on how to proceed at February's council meeting. Nick also suggested that the city have the sewer pipes along Hwy 75 cleaned and televised to help identify if there are other repairs needed. This project will also give the city a more accurate mapping of sewer connections.
- The Woodbury County Sheriff Report was reviewed by the council.
- The third and final reading of Ordinance 2024-4, an ordinance amending revisions and additions to Chapter 42, Public and Private Property to prohibit metal detecting on city owned property was approved on motion from Burkhart, seconded by VanAuken. Roll call vote: Allen (aye), Black (aye), Burkhart (aye), Clayton (aye), VanAuken (aye). Ordinance 2024-4 passed and approved.
- Resolution 2024-12 to approve 2025 employee wages was approved on motion from Burkhart and seconded by Black. Roll call vote: Allen (aye), Black (aye), Burkhart (aye), Clayton (nay), VanAuken (nay). Resolution 2024-1 passed and approved.
- Resolution 2025-1, a resolution to approve 2024 wages was approved on motion from Burkhart, seconded by Allen. 2024 Wages: Karen Allen \$490.00, Nick Black \$490.00, Kathy Brouillette \$34,451.69, Denise Burkhart \$490.00, Carl Clayton \$885.55, Emily Clayton \$459.18, Ed Colyer \$40,743.90, Gene Monk \$253.02, Kevin Nelson \$2,400.00, Cindy VanAuken \$525.00. Total Wages: \$81,188.34
- December financial reports and claims were approved on motion from Burkhart. Clayton seconded. All ayes, motion carried. Claims approved: ACCO...chemicals...\$790.00, CASEYS...fuel...\$63.53, CHN...garbage...\$2808.75, CRARY HUFF...legal services...\$648.00, ED COLYER...mileage reimbursement...\$248.64, EFTPS...taxes...\$1958.67, IA DEPT OF REVENUE...sales tax...\$604.05, IPERS...retirement...\$1098.88, JBE LLC...water help...\$400.00, LONG LINES...phone...\$39.65, MIDAMERICAN...electric...\$1372.55, SIOUXLAND UTILITY CO...water leak...\$6159.05, SGT. BLUFF ADVOCATE...publication...\$99.63, STATE WITHHOLDING...taxes...\$547.97, THE COMPUTER DOCTOR...mayor laptop...\$495.00, V&K...engineer services...\$11444.96, VERIZON...cell phones...\$126.64, VISA... Microsoft subscription, DNR fee...\$149.53. PAYROLL...5825.87 FUND TOTALS: GEN: \$9,966.97, ROAD USE: \$1,851.60, EMERGENCY: \$18.22, CAP PROJECT/DRAINAGE: \$11,444.96, WATER: \$10,259.38, SEWER: \$1,340.24
- Maintenance reports were reviewed by the council.
- Minutes from the December 11th council meetings were approved on motion from Burkhart. Clayton seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

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- Burkhart motioned to order a notice of public hearing to be held on February 15th to approve and adopt the proposed FY25 budget amendment. VanAuken seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- Clayton motioned to approve the 2025 mosquito fogging agreement with Triple C Pest Control. Allen seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
- The approval to spend \$50,000 on repairs to East Lift Station was tabled until the February council meeting. The council agreed that the repairs are needed but requested additional bids.
- Burkhart motioned the approval to hire a contractor to fix curb stop at 303 Travis Street and access charges back to homeowner. VanAuken seconded. All ayes, motion carried.
- Brouillette informed council of some necessary date changes to council meetings to adjust for budget timeframes. February and March regular council meetings will remain the same (Feb 12th and March 12th). There will be a special meeting on March 26th and April's regular meeting will be moved to April 16th.
- The council suggested that the city advertise the sale of the bank building in the Journal, Advocate and Starlet.
- Mayor Nelson added that he will be at the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 14th when the supervisors will be reviewing the resolution to transfer ownership of the Salix Drainage District to the city council.

Revenues received by fund for December 2024:

General: \$19,656.90, Road Use: \$2,564.09, Employee Benefits: \$340.96, Local Option Sales Tax: \$4,197.88, Debt Service: \$16,304.86, Cap Project: \$4197.88, Water: \$8,884.32, Sewer: \$2,556.26, Total Revenues: \$58,703.15

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41pm motion from VanAuken and seconded by Burkhart.

Kevin Nelson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Kathy Brouillette, Clerk