

**AGENDA  
CITY OF SALEM  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 21, 2013  
6:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments**
- IV. Mayor's Report and Presentations**
- V. City Council Action**
  - 1. Consent Agenda:
    - a. Approval of Minutes – September 16, 2013
    - b. Bryan Bennett Library Road Closure – 300 Block of West Church
  - 2. Bills Payable
  - 3. Planning Commission Action of October 10, 2013 – Rezoning 3.27 Acres at S College and W Lake Streets
  - 4. Tully Park Development Project
  - 5. First Reading – Property Tax Levy, 2013 Taxes Collected in 2014
  - 6. K2 – Further Discussion and Possible Action on Salem PD Proposals
  - 7. Application to IDOT for Highway Directional Signs
  - 8. Discussion on Salem Zoning Code and Business Development – Upper Floor Residential Uses in Commercial Zone, Business Signage, other Business Issues
  - 9. Purchase Approval – Repair of Clearwell at Water Plant
- VI. City Manager Report**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. Finance Director Report**
- IX. City Council Report**
- X. Adjournment**

Bill Gruen  
City Manager

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**MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

**VIII. City Council Action**

- 1b. Bryan Bennett Requested Road Closure:** Director Kim Keller of the Library has requested that the 300 Block of West Church between the Library and Modern Woodmen be closed off for the evening of October 31 to accommodate a costume contest. Recommend approval.
- 3. Planning Commission Action of October 10, 2013 – Rezoning 3.27 Acres at S College and W Lake Streets:** The Council will have an opportunity to discuss the action taken by the Planning Commission to not recommend rezoning acreage at S College and W Lake Streets. Please see the attached report from Bev West detailing the results of the meeting.
- 4. Tully Park Development Project:** The School Board has approved the proposed Tully Park development agreement. A marked-up copy of the proposed agreement is in your packet. The marked-up version addresses a request from Councilman Black that SCHS provide the City a schedule for softball practices and games so that the public may use the field when not in use by SCHS. Also, I clarified the City's estimated budget to include a full \$5,000 expense for new soccer goals that would be possibly split between FY14 and FY15. With School Board approval, I recommend City Council approval.
- 5. First Reading – Property Tax Levy, 2013 Taxes Collected in 2014:** A draft ordinance is in your packet for the property tax levy for 2014 collections. A few notes:

  - ✓ The bond levy that goes to the Court House includes a levy for bonds for the Aquatic Center and the Waste Water Treatment plant, which are abated by the City annually. The line highlighted in yellow (\$696,313) will be reduced to about \$10,000 after abatement, (tennis courts) but with the short, IML week I don't have those numbers ready.
  - ✓ I've highlighted yellow the Library levy (\$118,057) because the Library Board met on October 15, and at present I don't have their official levy (short IML week).

This is only a first reading for the property tax levy.

- 6. K2 – Further Discussion and Possible Action on Salem PD Proposals:** I'd like to keep this topic on the agenda for, possibly, more discussion from the public or the City

Council. The Salem PD is still working on proposals for ordinance change which may or may not be ready for consideration by the Council.

7. **Application to IDOT for Highway Directional Signs:** The Mayor has been organizing a list of directional signs which could be placed by on IDOT poles indicating the location of several important destinations in Salem. Please see the list included in your packet. Application would be made to IDOT who would place the signs they approve. In my opinion, no formal action of the Council is required for the application, but your input is appreciated.
8. **Discussion on Salem Zoning Code and Business Development – Upper Floor Residential Uses in Commercial Zones, Business Signage, and other Business Issues:** Councilman Dave Black asked for this topic to be on the agenda for Council discussion. Applicable provisions from the Zoning Code are included in your packet for your review.
9. **Purchase Approval – Repair of Clearwell at Water Plant:** Earlier this year, the Council approved moving forward on repairing the clear wells at the Water Plant using proceeds from the Atrazine lawsuit settlement. The clear wells hold treated water prior to distribution through Salem’s water system. Bids for repair of the clear wells are due October 16, and I expect bids to be in order and ready for City Council consideration on Monday, October 21. Curry & Associates has estimated cost of the project to be approximately \$40,000.