

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 17, 2014
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**
 - 1. SAFE – Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- V. City Council Action**
 - 1. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes – March 3, 2014
 - 2. Bills Payable
 - 3. Approval of 2014 Audit Services with Glass & Shuffett
 - 4. Purchase Approval – Gas Line Relocation
 - 5. Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments

- 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

V. City Council Action

- 3. Auditing Services Agreement – Glass & Shuffett:** Enclosed with your packet is a proposal from Glass & Shuffett to perform audit services for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2013. The proposed cost for service is \$27,500 (last year was \$26,600). Glass & Shuffett provides superior service, they work very quickly and with minimal disruption, and they are familiar with Salem's finances. Recommend approval for 2014 services.
- 4. Purchase Approval – Gas Line Relocation:** Union Pacific has requested the relocation of a Salem natural gas line to accommodate work they are doing to expand their switch yard at Salem's northeast side. The bid received appears to be in order, but need to make a confirmation on Monday prior to City Council. If the bid is ready for approval, I will ask the Council for its approval.
- 5. Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments:** Mayor Raymer has three appointments to boards he'd like to recommend. Jane Marshall to the Historical Commission, Josh Dice to the Airport Authority, and an appointment to the Tree Board (name to be provided).

6. **Establishment of Cooler Policy at the Aquatic Center:** I propose that the Council establish a policy that limits the size of coolers brought into the Aquatic Center during regular, open swim hours to five or nine quarts. Coolers of any size should be allowed in the Aquatic Center during party rentals to allow for food and drink consumption away from the pool deck.

The policy proposal comes by way of our current pool managers and Sherry Daniels, who have asked for the establishment of a cooler policy at the Aquatic Center. I'm told that, in the past, visitors have been allowed to bring coolers, even large ones, into the pool during normal swim hours. This puts Salem in a possible quandary with the State Dept of Public Health (DPH) which provide that food, drink, gum, and tobacco are not permitted to be on the pool *deck* [see attached regulation 820.360 (c)]. In other words, the problem isn't so much with the coolers themselves but what visitors may bring in them for consumption on the pool deck.

Rationale for the proposal:

- ✓ In my opinion, the City *should allow* bottled water to be taken in with pool visitors. A five to nine-quart cooler is size-appropriate for bottled water and are relatively small to be stashed away from walking areas around the deck loungers where visitors frequently place their belongings.
- ✓ There seems to be merit to prohibiting large coolers
- ✓ The simplest policy to enforce would be to prohibit all coolers. This would, however, not be consistent with the City's policy to allow bags of various sorts that hold visitors' belongings to be taken anywhere within the Aquatic Center. Food and drink can just as easily be stored in bags as they could in coolers.