

**AGENDA  
CITY OF SALEM  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 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**
  
- V. City Council Action**
  - 1. Consent Agenda:
    - a. Approval of Minutes – September 2, 2014
    - b. Salem Relay for Life Softball Tournament Fundraiser – Waive Fee
  - 2. Bills Payable
  - 3. Council Action on Salem Township Hospital Request for Broughton Rd Closure
  - 4. Bid Award for Construction of Bryan Park Trail
  - 5. First Reading – Disorderly Conduct Ordinance
  - 6. Bid Award for Purchase of New Leaf Vacuum
  - 7. Bid Award for Water Main Replacement at South College Street
  - 8. Approval of Engineering Agreement with Curry & Assoc for Water Line Replacement on Lakewood and Pine Tree Drive
  - 9. Ordinance - Sign Code Amendments
  
- 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**

**Consent Agenda:** Please see attached memo and letter regarding a request for a Relay for Life softball tournament fundraiser requested for September 27, 2014. The schedule is open for the field. Recommend approval with fee waiver.

3. **Council Action on Salem Township Hospital Request for Broughton Rd Closure:** The Council appears ready to take action on the Hospital's request for closure of Broughton Rd between Nature Trail Road and College Street. If the Council supports closure, it should call for a public hearing as required by law prior to the closure. If the Council wishes to decline the Hospital's request, no such hearing would have to take place.
4. **Bid Award for Construction of Bryan Park Trail:** Opening bids has been scheduled for Monday, September 15 for construction of the Bryan Park Trail with DNR and Lowes grant funding. I am optimistic that an award may be made by the Council on Monday's Council meeting.
5. **First Reading – Disorderly Conduct Ordinance:** A draft ordinance prepared by Mike Jones is in your packet. You will notice that the subsection creates a violation for disturbing others and provoking a breach of the peace in an unreasonable manner. The other violations pertain to various types of false reports.
6. **Bid Award for Purchase of New Leaf Vacuum:** The FY15 budget includes the purchase of a new leaf vacuum from the Garbage budget (Fund 03). Bids will be opened on Monday, September 15, and I am optimistic that an award may be made.
7. **Bid Award for Water Main Replacement at South College Street:** Replacement of water main on South College is a budgeted item for FY15 (Fund 18 – ½ cent sales tax). Low bid comes from JK Trotter, recommend approval.
8. **Approval of Engineering Agreement with Curry & Assoc:** On July 21, 2014 the Council approved the allocation of unused grant funds from a water project to another water project on Lakewood and Pine Tree Drive. \$65,000 is available in left over funds for this new project. Before the Council for action is an engineering agreement with Curry & Associates for design and construction period engineering, not to exceed \$11,712. Recommend approval.
9. **Ordinance – Sign Code Amendments:** Earlier this year the Council held a workshop for the purpose of reviewing zoning code and sign code amendments. Ready for Council action now are changes to the sign code the Council has previously discussed (zoning code amendments would come at a later date). Summary as follows:

- Sections I, II, and III: Most permit fees are reduced, but at least one is increased to \$25 for consistency.
- Section IV: Creates a definition of “billboard” where our code didn’t have one in the past. We define “billboard” because they are prohibited. “Hi-rise” signs are permitted but not currently defined.
- Section V: The amendment removes the prohibition on several types of signs so that they would become permitted. Pennants, propellers, paddle wheels, streamers, spinners, all of which are designed to be set in motion by the wind now become permitted.
- Section VI: Specifies that no permit needs to be issued simply to change out a sign panel.
- Section VII: Off premises signs become permitted.
- Section VIII: This changes relaxes the distance that must be maintained between architectural signs and street lines (was six feet, now zero).
- Section IX: Technical change, nothing substantive.
- Section X: Relaxes our requirements for temporary signs placed by businesses and organizations.
- Section XI: This change amounts to a renumbering of sections and an addition of the requirement that signs must be well maintained. Panels of signs must be intact, frames unbroken, and all electrical components fully functional. Some signs in Salem now probably don’t meet this requirement now and would be subject to enforcement with this change.