

**AGENDA  
CITY OF SALEM**

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 18, 2015  
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 – May 4, 2015
  - 2. Grace Nazarene Church Request for use of Nature Trail on June 20, 2015 for a 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser
  - 3. Approval of Request to Surplus Real Estate, 1414 S Broadway
  - 4. Approval of use of Rhutasel & Associates to Engineer Resurfacing College & Spillway Rd
  - 5. Amendment of Ordinance Creating Penalties for Certain Numbers of False Alarms
  - 6. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem
  
- 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**

2. **Grace Nazarene Church Request for use of Nature Trail:** Cheryl Ice will come in to request use of the Nature Trail, as indicated in her letter. We typically send requests to use public facilities for fund raisers up to the Council for approval. Recommend approval.
3. **Approval of Request to Surplus 1414 S Broadway:** Tomorrow (May 15) the City is scheduled to formally take ownership to 1414 S Broadway, the former location of Jarco. This is a result of the economic development the City completed with Jarco that led to its consolidation in the Industrial Park. I request that the City Council "surplus" this property, which is the first step the City would take to begin the process to dispose of the property.

In actuality, what I intend to do is simultaneously request bids for purchase and for proposals to lease 1414 S Broadway. The reason for both requests is to put the City in a position to select a project that has the most economic impact for the community. Perhaps that would involve the sale or perhaps a lease. Council discussion on how to promote highest use of the property is invited.

4. **Approval of use of Rhutasel & Associates to Engineer Resurfacing College & Spillway Rd:** The FY16 budget includes dollars to resurface N College Street (Boone to Hawthorn/Broughton) and Spillway Road (around the Hospital). I request authorization to use Rhutasel & Associates to engineers these projects. The City has used Rhutasel on street projects in the past with success. I believe that an agreement will be provided to the City prior to Monday night's Council meeting. If it isn't, the Council may choose to wait until the agreement is in hand.
5. **Amendment of Ordinance Creating Penalties for Certain Numbers of False Alarms:** In 2014, the City enacted an ordinance creating penalties for those who use alarm systems should they cross a threshold of a certain number of false alarms. The City's ordinance was patterned after ordinances from other Southern Illinois communities. The City had some users who generated several false alarm calls to the Police Dept, which is costly for us.

We've implemented the ordinance for just about one year, and Chief Reynolds has some suggestions for change to consider. The Chief's suggestions are noted below. Additionally, Chief Reynolds suggests some thought be given to allowing a higher threshold of false alarms for buildings with greater square footage. This agenda item is not necessarily ready for Council action – discussion is encouraged.

## Section 17-64 – PENALTY

Any alarm user violating Section 17-61 or 17-62 of this Chapter shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for a fourth or subsequent offense. **Change to not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for an eighth or subsequent offense.**

Any alarm user violating Section 17-61 or 17-62 of this Chapter shall receive three (3) warnings within any twelve (12) month period without a monetary fine. **Change to seven (7) warnings in any twelve (12) month period without fine.**

Any alarm user violating Section 17-61 or 17-62 of this Chapter shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for the fourth violation within any twelve (12) month period. **Change to not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the eighth violation.**

Any alarm user violating Section 17-61 or 17-62 of this Chapter shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for the fifth violation within any twelve (12) month period. **Change to not less than seventy five dollars (\$75.00) and not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the ninth violation.**

Any alarm user violating Section 17-61 or 17-62 of this Chapter shall be fined not less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for the sixth and any subsequent violation within any twelve (12) month period. **Change to not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the tenth and any subsequent violation.**

- 6. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem:** Section 2-79 (full text below) indicates that the full City Council elects its Mayor Pro Tem. Action item is placed on the agenda should the Council be ready to make a selection.

### **Sec. 2-79. - Mayor **pro tem**.**

The mayor **pro tem** shall be selected by the council from among its members at the first regular meeting in May of each year. When the mayor is absent from the city or is unable to discharge his duties, the mayor **pro tem** shall have full power and authority to discharge all such duties.