

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2015
6:00 PM**

Executive Session – 5:15 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. 5 ILCS 2 (c)(11) Litigation; (c)(5) Property Acquisition; and (c)(21) Minutes
- III. Adjourn Executive Session

Regular City Council Meeting – 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 – October 5, 2015 and October 14, 2015
 2. Bills Payable
 3. Discussion – Residential Garbage Services
 4. First Reading – Approval of Property Tax Levy for Real Estate Taxes Collected in 2016
 5. First Reading – Approval of Ordinance on Animal Waste
 6. Purchase Approval – West Main Street Sidewalk Reconstruction
 7. Approval of Process by which to Determine Honorary Street Naming for Veterans
 8. Council Action Regarding Former World Color Press Site
 9. Approval of Executive Session Minutes from June 15, July 6, and September 21, 2015

- 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. **Discussion – Residential Garbage Services:** The City's residential garbage contract with DBS Disposal expires at the end of December 2016. We are currently charged \$9.00 per pickup for services (not recycling). DBS would like to discuss an extension of this contract. The Council may wish to extend, or it may wish to request bids for future service.

There has been a little discussion on curbside recycling services. DBS has expressed an unwillingness to offer curbside recycling in the past. The City's FY16 budget includes \$12,700 for Keep Salem Beautiful to cover transportation costs for the recycling bin. Information on garbage charges in other communities is included in your packet.

4. **First Reading – Approval of Property Tax Levy for Real Estate Taxes Collected in 2016:** Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer is working on fine tuning the totals that will become the levy for next year's real estate tax collections.

First, the City Council has been consistent over the last few years to set the property tax *levy* (our tax request) at an amount no higher than 4.9% so as to not require additional public hearings. This allows us to collect the full amount that PTELL, which limits the tax *extension* (the amount approved to be collected) to an amount not higher than CPI. County officials report that CPI may be 0.8% and our total EAV may be lower next year.

Second, the Council has traditionally approved a Building Tax levy for the Library. The Library asks that this levy total the maximum 0.02% they are allowed to collect. The last few years, we've passed this portion of the levy early so as to comply with back-door referendum requirements.

5. **First Reading – Approval of Ordinance on Animal Waste:** Regarding an ordinance on animal (solid) waste, please see proposed ordinance language below. This proposal is a combined approach from the three ordinances I've sited below.

It is the policy of the City of Salem that dogs, cats, and horses, are welcome in the City's public parks and rights-of-way. However, any such cat or dog shall be on a handheld leash; horses shall be controlled by bridle and reins. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any cat, dog, or horse to allow his/her animal to defecate on any public sidewalk, thoroughfare, park, public place, or private property. Horses ridden or walked within the City shall be outfitted with a device to prevent animal droppings from hitting the surface of any public sidewalk, thoroughfare, park, public place, or private property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, dogs in the designated dog park shall be subject to the rules of the dog park.

- *Language goes in either Chapters 5 (Animals and Fowl) or 13 (Offenses and Misc Provisions)*
- *Meant to be a policy statement of the City to be clear it is not the intent to restrict animals from being walked/ridden in public.*
- *Current City ordinance already requires animals to be on a leash (see Sections 5-2 and 5-1).*

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Monmouth →

https://www.municode.com/library/il/monmouth/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIX_C91_GENE_s91.14

Highland → Manure bags can be purchased for under \$100 online here

<http://www.mcssl.com/store/bun-bag> and here <http://www.workinghorsetack.com/Manure-Bag-Horse-Diaper-p/bb1mb.htm>.

6. **Purchase Approval – West Main Street Sidewalk Reconstruction:** The FY16 budget includes dollars for reconstruction of the sidewalk on the south side of the 200 block of West Main Street. Bids were reviewed by the City and Rhutasel. The low bid comes from Fournie Contracting Company in Belleville in the amount of \$34,000. This is under budget and is recommended for approval.
7. **Approval of Process by which to Determine Honorary Street Naming for Veterans:** The Council may discuss a process by which the actual honorary name for Main Street is determined.
8. **Council Action Regarding Former World Color Press Site:** At present, I have no definite recommendation for the Council on any possible action for the former World Color Press property. To be sure, the Council could decide to let this go to auction. An alternative could be to look into further work to cleanup or promote the site without seeking to take ownership of the property and to ask that it be taken off the auction list for an indefinite period of time.
9. **Approval of Executive Session Minutes:** The Council will review minutes in executive session and then decide whether they are approved and whether they shall remain closed or be opened.