

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF SALEM**  
**SPECIAL & REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 7, 2015**  
**12:00 PM and 6:00 PM**

**Special City Council Meeting – 12:00 pm**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. City Council Action**
  - 1. Approval of New Rate for Electricity Supply for City Commercial Accounts (not Salem Municipal, Residential Aggregation)

**III. Adjournment**

**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 – November 16, 2015
  - 2. Presentation from Good Energy and Affordable Gas & Electric Regarding Administration of City Municipal, Residential Electric Aggregation Program
  - 3. Approval of City Financial Contribution to Community Center for Executive Director Position
  - 4. Approval of YMCA Shared Service Agreement for Recreational Services, City Appointments to Salem YMCA Board
  - 5. Approval of Purchase of New Detective Vehicle
  - 6. First Reading – Approval of Purchase of New Automatic-Read Gas & Water Meters
  
- VI. City Manager Report**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. Finance Director Report**
- IX. City Council Report**
- X. Executive Session**
  - 1. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) (6), and (11) – Purchase of Real Estate, Sale of Real Estate, and Litigation

**XI. Adjournment**

Bill Gruen  
City Manager



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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 2015  
12:00 PM

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

II. City Council Action

1. **Approval of New Rate for Electricity Supply for City Commercial Accounts:** Affordable Gas and Electric and Good Energy will provide pricing options for City commercial accounts by 10 am on Monday, December 7. I anticipate that a recommendation can be made to the City Council when it meets at a special meeting at noon on that Monday.

DECEMBER 7, 2015  
6:00 PM

V. City Council Action

2. **Presentation Regarding Administration of Electric Aggregation Program:** Representatives from Affordable Gas & Electric and Good Energy will make presentations regarding their qualifications to administer the City's municipal aggregation program through which residential customers who don't opt out get an aggregated rate for their electric supply. The City's current rate will expire in mid-2016 and new rates need to be solicited relatively soon. Good Energy has represented Salem for its last two rate cycles. I anticipate the Council may only wish to hear presentations at the current meeting and wait to make a decision at our second, December meeting.
3. **Approval of City Financial Contribution to Community Center for Executive Director Position:** The current Executive Director of the Community Center has provided notice to the Community Center board that she intends to depart the position in the near future. In conjunction with this vacancy, City officials and Community Center board members have had discussions regarding Center operations. Among those involved with these discussion, there is conceptual agreement that: (A) the Center has room to take on more paid usage of its facilities; (B) an executive director who can take on more time and responsibilities could increase usage and revenues for the Center; and (C) City financial assistance to hire a more full-time candidate is necessary.

The City Council may consider:

- ✓ Contributing \$25,000 on an annual basis to the Community Center Executive Director position.
- ✓ Ask the Community Center Board to make the Executive Director available for special City projects or assistance when appropriate.
- ✓ No specific time limit be given to this contribution, except that the Community Center work towards increasing revenues such that it may wean of this assistance in the future. This contribution would be subject to annual approval by the City Council when it approves the City budget.

The Community Center Board solicited resumes and has held interviews for the position. A candidate has been identified, and an offer made and accepted contingent upon the City being able to make this contribution.

At present, the City subsidizes Community Center operations by covering the costs of their gas, water, and sewer utilities. The Community Center is overseen by a volunteer board.

- 4. Approval of YMCA Shared Service Agreement for Recreational Services, City Appointments to Salem YMCA Board:** In your packet is a Shared Service Agreement which would entail Jed Casburn, YMCA Program Director, to operate under direction of the City on a half-time basis to implement City sponsored recreational programming. This includes all of the City's traditional programming including men's softball, youth soccer, Family Day in the Park, etc. This would also include supervision of City pool. This would be a one-year agreement.

I have been working with the YMCA on a bigger, more comprehensive agreement which would more formally turn implementation of City recreation programming to the YMCA. During this one-year period during which we'd operate under the Shared Service Agreement, I would continue to work with the YMCA on this bigger agreement which would be presented to the City Council prior to approval.

In conjunction with contracting the YMCA to implement City recreation programming, the City Council should consider merging the City Recreation Board with the YMCA board which is forming to oversee programming it offers in Salem. Such a merge would organize oversight of all recreational programming under one board. Having City appointees on the YMCA board would also ensure responsiveness to the public on issues related to City-sponsored programming. The City has an existing Recreation Board (Salem ordinance Section 15-1, <http://tinyurl.com/gnyasp44>). I don't recommend the City completely dissolve this board. Alternatively, I recommend the City Council amend Section 15-1 to add language such as the following:

*During periods of time the City contracts with another organization for the implementation of City-sponsored recreation programming, members of the City recreation board shall be appointed to serve on the board which oversees the organization with which the City has contracted.*

Aside from changing the beginning of the term of the Shared Service Agreement, the Agreement as presented is ready for Council approval. Also, the Council may choose to approve an amendment to Section 15-1 as noted above pending creation of a formal ordinance document. Both matters, however, may be held over for a second reading of the Council prefers.

- 5. Approval of Purchase of New Detective Vehicle:** I request approval of purchase of a 2016 Durango in the amount of \$28,379.00 from Max Dye for use by the Police Department Detective. This is a budgeted item, for which we budgeted \$28,000. The bid from Max Dye is the low bid solicited from Salem dealerships and is only \$169.00 higher than the State of Illinois bid for a Ford Expedition.
- 6. First Reading – Approval of Purchase of New Automatic-Read Gas & Water Meters:** The FY16 Salem budget includes dollars to begin a phased transition to automatic-read water and gas meters. The Water and Gas budgets include \$100,000 each for this project (16-5121-622-00 and 17-5101-608-00). In your packet you'll find a memo from John Pruden explaining this project. John will make a presentation to the Council on the same. I expect the Council will consider embarking on this project over two readings.