

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2015
6:00 PM**

Regular City Council Meeting

- 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 – December 7, 2015
 - 2. Bills Payable
 - 3. Second Reading – Selection of Consultant to Obtain Next Electric Supply Rate for Municipal, Residential Aggregation Program
 - 4. Second Reading – Approval of YMCA Shared Service Agreement for Recreational Services
 - 5. Second Reading – Ordinance Amending Recreation Board Appointments
 - 6. Approval of Plan to Solicit Applications for Downtown TIF Projects

- 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. **Second Reading – Selection of Consultant to Obtain Next Electric Supply Rate for Municipal Residential Aggregation Program:** Please see City Manager questions and AGE and Good Energy responses in your packet. The deadline for responses was December 17, 2015 at 2:00 pm, so I'll take more time to read through responses before our next meeting. In addition to information submitted by Good Energy and AGE, the City Council may wish to base a selection on the following:

Good Energy → Has a relatively large buying group at over 100 communities (assuming all communities remain with Good Energy). Intuitively, although perhaps not in actuality, the larger buying group could benefit Salem aggregation participants with lower rates. Salem staff does not have any complaints or negative experiences with Good Energy's implementation of our aggregation program. In fact, the program has run smoothly enough that we haven't had much of a need to communicate with Good Energy.

AGE → Makes the argument that Salem is big enough on its own to realize savings for its aggregation program participants. However, we could possibly be bunched together with 58 other Southern Illinois communities for a new bid in 2017, which AGE represents directly. Responses to questions indicate that AGE works cooperatively with Select Energy Partners, which increases the size of the aggregation pool. The ownership of AGE is based out of Mt Vernon.

The City Council may remember the quirk associated with bidding for aggregate electric supply. You may consider the possibility that Good Energy may have been awarded the City contract had it bid with Homefield.

4. **Second Reading – Approval of YMCA Shared Service Agreement for Recreational Services:** Please see the YMCA shared service agreement in your packet, with a change in start date to January 1, 2016. The agreement is ready for Council approval, which I request.
5. **Second Reading – Ordinance Amending Recreation Board Appointments:** An ordinance making amendment to Section 15-1 is presented below. I request this change be approved to coincide with working with the YMCA on recreation implementation. The actual date that City appointments transition to the YMCA board would be determined at a later date.

There is hereby created a recreation board, which shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the mayor and approved by the council, as set forth in the Illinois Municipal Code, sections 11-95-1 through 11-95-10, inclusive, (Illinois Revised Statutes, chapter 24, paragraphs 11-95-1 through 11-95-10) in accordance with the cooperative agreement made between the city and the recreation board on February 5, 1974, and in accordance with the recreation department administrative manual sections 1.01—1.02-L, which shall be subject to the approval of the council. 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.

(Code 1971, § 2.07(e); Ord. No. 83-11, § 2.07(e), 7-18-83)

6. **Approval of Plan to Solicit Applications for Downtown TIF Projects:** Council members have suggested that we look into soliciting for Downtown TIF projects. I've created a draft solicitation for this very purpose. Some things the Council may wish to change: (A) add "taxing district capital costs" to the list of project examples solicited [see language from TIF Act below]; (B) provide that the City picks up the entire cost of engineer inspection rather than only half; and (C) push the deadline back from January 27, 2016 which may be a bit aggressive.

As of the end of November, the City has approximately \$282,000 in its Downtown TIF fund. Between now and when we get closer to a deadline for accepting proposals, we can determine a target figure that may be allocated for projects.

TIF Eligible Expense

(7) To the extent the municipality by written agreement accepts and approves the same, all or a portion of a taxing district's capital costs resulting from the redevelopment project necessarily incurred or to be incurred within a taxing district in furtherance of the objectives of the redevelopment plan and project.

VI. City Manager Report

1. IDOT has asked the City to be ready for a possible June bid letting for our next FAU-financed project. The last FAU-funded project was Boone Street resurfacing. We may have access to \$200,000 in FAU funds for projects on FAU routes. We've identified Illinois Street sidewalk replacement as the next FAU project we would do. In order to be ready for June letting, we'd need to get moving on engineering design for the project. The City usually works with Rhutasel on such projects, but other engineering firms are available for this work. If the Council wants to hear proposals, you'd hear presentations on experience and qualifications, not the cost of the service.