

**AGENDA  
CITY OF SALEM  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
  - II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
  - III. Approval of Minutes, January 3, 2011**
  - IV. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments**
    - Master Gardeners – Community Garden
  - V. Mayor’s Report and Presentations**
  - VI. City Council Action**
    - 1. Utility Easement – Highland Park CVS, LLC
    - 2. **First Reading** – Ordinance Authorizing the Donation of Girls Softball Equipment to the Salem Little League for use in its Girls Softball Program
    - 3. **First Reading** – Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 – Political Signs
    - 4. **Bills Payable**
- After Reports:**
- 5. Closed Session:
    - 5 ILCS 120/2 ( c ) (21): Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes
  - 6. Approval of Closed Session Minutes – January 3, 2011
  - 7. Resolution Listing Closed Session Minutes to Remain Closed and/or Open for Public Inspection
- VII. City Manager Report**
  - VIII. City Attorney Report**
  - IX. City Council Report**
  - X. Adjournment**

Thomas F. Christie,  
City Manager

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**MINUTES  
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JANUARY 17, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Salem City Council met in regular session on January 17, 2011, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Salem City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Leonard Ferguson.

**Council Members present upon roll call:**

Councilman Kip Meador	Councilman Steve Huddlestun
Councilman Tom Carr	Mayor Leonard E. Ferguson
Councilman David Black	

**Others Present:**

City Manager Thomas F. Christie	Recreation Director Sherry Daniels
City Attorney Michael R. Jones	Chief of Police Ron Campo
City Clerk Jane Marshall	Code Enforcement Officer Brad Crow
Finance Director V. Jane Brown	Public Works Director John Pruden
Ass’t to City Manager Bev West	Economic Dev Director Tracey McDaneld
Library Director Kim Keller	DOEM Director Terry Mulvany

Media: Salem Times Commoner, WJBD Radio, Centralia Sentinel; Marion County Observer and USSonet along with Several Members of the public and representatives from the Master Gardeners
- II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Opening prayer led by Councilman Carr, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 3, 2011**

Following review of Minutes of the City Council Meeting of January 3, 2011, **Councilman Carr moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2011 as written and waive the reading. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Carr, Meador, Huddlestun, and Black. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

#### IV. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

##### Presentation by Master Gardeners

Jackie Davis, along with several other members of the Marion County Master Gardeners presented a power-point presentation showing the success of the Community Garden and explaining how many people were helped by the produce that was shared with them from the garden. They thanked the City Council for their support of this project.

#### V. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Ferguson gave his State of the City Message and distributed copies to those in attendance. His message detailed the successful strides taken in improving the City's infrastructure, previewed the plans for new jobs, new business and growth. He also acknowledged several people who were recognized during the year for special achievements and thanked the boards and commissions along with the many organizations who have made a difference in our community.

#### VI. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

##### 1. Utility Easement – Highland Park CVS, LLC

City Manager Christie explained that at the last Meeting, Council accepted an agreement with CVS to abandon the utility easement behind the new CVS store located on West Main Street. This Utility Easement replaces the previous easement and grants to the City of Salem a 10 foot wide exclusive permanent utility easement from Highland Park CVS, LLC.

**Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the Utility Easement Agreement with Highland Park CVS, LLC for a 10 foot wide exclusive permanent utility easement located behind the CVS store on West Main Street. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Carr, Meador, Huddlestun, and Black. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

##### 2. First Reading – Ordinance Authorizing the Donation of Girls Softball Equipment to the Salem Little League for use in its Girls Softball Program

This ordinance was presented for first reading. Following review and discussion, Mayor Ferguson suggested that there may be some other organizations who wish to request some of the equipment and that this ordinance proceed to second reading.

##### 3. First Reading – Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 – Political Signs

City Manager Christie explained this ordinance amendment is being presented to be in compliant with new State laws; the only change is that the language has been removed regarding the time limit that political signs may be put out. Following brief discussion period, the ordinance moved to second reading.

##### 4. Bills Payable

Bills payable listing for period ending January 17, 2011, for a total amount of \$537,313.13. Following review period, **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Carr seconded the motion to approve bills payable for period ending January 17, 2011 as presented. Roll call vote: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Carr. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

##### **After Reports:**

##### 5. Closed Session:

5 ILCS 120/2 ( c ) (21): Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

There was no Closed Session.

##### 6. Approval of Closed Session Minutes – January 3, 2011

Following review, **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Carr seconded the motion to approve the closed session minutes of January 3, 2011 as written. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Huddlestun, Black, Carr, and Meador. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

##### 7. Resolution Listing Closed Session Minutes to Remain Closed and/or Open for Public Inspection

After brief review of listing and summary of Closed Session Minutes **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Carr seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2011-01, a**

**resolution listing closed session minutes to remain closed and those to open for public inspection. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Carr, Meador, Huddlestun, and Black. NSYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

**VII. City Manager Report** – City Manager Christie commented on something he found on the internet, “Did you know that the State of Illinois is 48<sup>th</sup> in economic performance, 47<sup>th</sup> in economic outlook, 48<sup>th</sup> in domestic migration, 48<sup>th</sup> in job growth; at same time the State of Illinois has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest Governor’s salary, the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest Secretary of State salary, the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest Attorney General salary, the 5<sup>th</sup> highest Lieutenant General salary, and is among the top 5% in Legislative salary.”

**VIII. City Attorney Report** – No report

**IX. City Council Report**

**Councilman Carr** commented on the Mayor’s State of the City Message in which he touched on a possible budget crunch, adding this may be coming up later and we all have to make sacrifices to make it work and not put the burden on any one particular area. He also reported the Mardi Gras, sponsored by the Theatre will be on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Community Activity Center. Also, there will be another activity at the Theatre “Jimmy and the Parrots”. He also remembered Martin L. King on this his remembrance day.

**Councilman Meador** – No report

**Councilman Huddlestun** – No report

**Councilman Black** – asked Councilman Carr about previous discussion regarding Marilyn Shook owning property in the Downtown TIF district. Councilman Carr explained.

**X. Adjournment**

At 7:20 p.m., **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to adjourn.** Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Carr, Meador, Huddlestun, and Black.

NSYS: None. Motion declared carried.

Jane Marshall, CMC  
City Clerk

Minutes approved as written by City Council on February 7, 2011.