

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of Minutes, January 17, 2011**
- IV. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments**
- V. Mayor's Report and Presentations**
- VI. City Council Action**
 - 1. **Second Reading** – Ordinance Authorizing the Donation of Girls Softball Equipment to the Salem Little League for use in its Girls Softball Program
 - 2. **Second Reading** – Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 – Political Signs
 - 3. Bid Award – Selmaville Road Ground Storage Reservoir Pump Station Improvements
- After Reports:**
 - 4. Executive Session: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of municipal employees
- VII. City Manager Report**
- VIII. City Attorney Report**
- IX. City Council Report**
- X. Adjournment**

**Thomas F. Christie,
City Manager**

**MINUTES
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6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Salem City Council met in regular session on February 7, 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 Tom Carr Councilman Steve Huddlestun
Councilman David Black Mayor Leonard E. Ferguson

Absent: Councilman Kip Meador

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 Ass't to the City Manager Bev West
Economic Dev Director Tracey McDaneld

Media: Salem Times Commoner, WJBD Radio, Centralia Sentinel; and USSonet along with Members of the public.

Absent: Public Works Director John Pruden, Library Director Kim Keller, and DOEM Director Terry Mulvany

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 17, 2011

Following review of Minutes of the City Council Meeting of January 17, 2011,

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Carr seconded the motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2011 as written and waive the reading. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Carr, Huddlestun, and Black. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

IV. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Ferguson expressed appreciation on behalf of himself and the City Council to the Public Works crews, Police Department, Emergency Management and to all who worked hard during the recent ice storm and power outage, followed by the snow storm.

VI. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. **Ordinance 2011-02 - Second 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 second reading. Councilman Black moved, and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to pass Ordinance 2011-02, an Ordinance Authorizing the Donation of Girls Softball Equipment to the Salem Little League for use in its new Girls Softball Program. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Huddlestun, Black, and Carr. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

2. **Ordinance 2011-03 - First Reading – Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 – Political Signs**
This ordinance was prepared to amend Chapter 6, Sec. 6-166 (1) to be in compliant with the State of Illinois new law which does not limit the number of days a political sign can be posted. Councilman Black moved, and Councilman Carr seconded the motion to pass Ordinance 2011-03, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Section 6-166 – Political Signs. Roll call vote: Councilmen Black, Carr, and Huddlestun. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

3. **Bid Award – Selmaville Road Ground Storage Reservoir Pump Station Improvements**
City Manager Christie commented the improvements to the Selmaville Ground Storage Tank and Pump Station began in 2009 and is a budgeted project. Bids were solicited and four were received. Director Pruden has reviewed the bids and is recommending acceptance of the low bid from Haier Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$294,000. Because there were questions regarding the bids, Councilman Black moved and Councilman Carr seconded the motion to table Agenda Item #3, Bid Award, until next Council Meeting to get additional information regarding the bid. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Carr, Huddlestun, and Black. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

After Reports:

4. **Executive Session**

5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of municipal employees

Due to the absence of one Councilman, there was no Executive Session.

VII. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Christie echoed Mayor Ferguson's comments regarding the public works department & police department caring for the public safety during the storm.

VIII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – No report

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council joined in with Mayor Ferguson and City Manager Christie in expressing their appreciation to City Crews, the Police Department and all who helped our citizens during the recent storms and power outages. Councilman Huddlestun expressed concerns that although the Red Cross opened up a warming station, it was closed after an hour. Chief Campo explained that this was because it was only one hour into the event and people thought it would get better, after time they came. He expressed thanks to the American Legion for opening up their Hall to help people during this time.

Councilman Black relayed a suggestion that the City provide a pre-payment plan (3 payments) for pool passes so that the total fee would not be due at one time.

City Manager Christie commented he is still getting very favorable comments about the pool. He received a call from a city in Carbondale area who is interested in doing the same thing. They have visited our pool and are very impressed. Councilman Black expressed concern about vandalism in the pool bathrooms and the topic of using cameras was discussed.

Mayor Ferguson phone system to notify residents. Chief Campo commented that there is a system that is available at no charge, residents would have to sign up to receive notifications.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:20 p.m., Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to adjourn. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Carr, Huddlestun, and Black. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.