

**AGENDA  
CITY OF SALEM  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of Minutes:** March 7, 2011
- IV. Presentation of Petitions and Public Comments**
- V. Mayor's Report and Presentations**
  - Proclamation – “April in Salem” 2011 Great American Cleanup
  - Proclamation – Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- VI. City Council Action**
  - 1. Presentation – Salem Soccer Association will present need for Soccer Complex at Tully Park
  - 2. Request from Daffy-Dill Garden Club for use of Bryan Statue Area of Bryan Park for Annual Garden Treasures Events on June 25, 2011
  - 3. Consideration of Reducing Costs of Public Aid Burial of Cremations from \$250.00 to \$125.00, and Increasing the Number of Cremations Buried per Space – 3 to 8
  - 4. Resolution – Opposition to Certain Changes to the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act
  - 5. Bid Award – Chemicals for Water Treatment Plant
  - 6. Bid Award – Gravel and Sand
  - 7. 2010 Updated Zoning Map of City of Salem
  - 8. Bills Payable
- After Reports:**
  - 9. Closed Session – 5 ILCS 120/2( c) (4) Pending and Probable Litigation
- 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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6:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Salem City Council met in regular session on March 21, 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 David Black	Mayor Leonard E. Ferguson

Absent: Councilman Tom Carr

**Others Present:**

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

Media: Salem Times Commoner, WJBD Radio, Centralia Sentinel; US Sonet and Marion County Observer, along with several members of the public

Absent: Library Director Kim Keller

**II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Opening prayer led by Councilman Black, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 7, 2011**

Minutes of the City Council Meeting of March 7, 2011 were presented. **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2011 as written and waive the reading. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black and Mayor Ferguson . NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

**IV. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

## V. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

- The Proclamation – “April in Salem” 2011 Great American Cleanup was read by City Clerk/Keep Salem Beautiful President Jane Marshall
- The Proclamation – Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month was read by Mayor Ferguson. Cindy Addison with SAFE was present and left pamphlets regarding these issues for public information.

## VI. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

### 1. Presentation - Salem Soccer Association will present need for Soccer Complex at Tully Park

Several members of the Soccer Association and team members filled the Council chambers. SSA Vice President/Secretary Kevin Morkassel presented a request for use of Tully Park for a Soccer Complex, stating that soccer is growing quickly in Salem with 190 players K-Senior High on 19 teams. He further commented that in June the Salem Community High School would make a decision regarding taking on soccer at the high school. He explained that they are currently using the only field in Salem that meets IHSA requirements located at the First Christian Church, which is available on a year-to-year basis. He further commented that the Soccer Board would be willing to donate labor and hold fundraisers to make this happen. Hal Harrison spoke in favor of the soccer program.

Councilman Black commented that this would be an expensive project; he also commented that he does not want to get rid of Tully Park baseball field. He indicated that he might know of another location that could work for the soccer complex. Councilman Meador also indicated he might know of other locations. They will check on those. Discussion continued regarding the costs, the high school involvement, finding other locations, and bringing discussion back at first meeting in May. Councilman Huddlestun agreed they need more time to consider other options.

Scott Steward, Athletic Director for the Salem Community High School was also present, he requested the high school would like to use Tully Park ball field in its current condition for the 2011 spring softball season. He advised that he was in no way trying to compete with the soccer board for the field, he was not aware that they would be at the meeting.

**Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to place the request from the Soccer Board back on the agenda at the first meeting in May. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilman Huddlestun, Black, Meador, and Mayor Ferguson. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

Public Works Director Pruden asked if the High School could use the Tully Park softball field. Because this item was not on the Agenda, Council could not make a decision on this request now. Coach Stewart commented they would like to begin using the field right away, if possible. Recreation Director Daniels commented that they would have to work together in scheduling because of her soccer programs. Council indicated that they had no problems with the high school using Tully Park for the spring softball season; the item will be on the next agenda for formal action.

### 2. Request from Daffy-Dill Garden Club for use of Bryan Statue Area of Bryan Park for Annual Garden Treasures Events on June 25, 2011

City Manager Christie commented the Daffy-Dill Garden Club is forwarding its request for the use of Bryan Park Statue Area to hold its Annual Garden Treasures Event scheduled for June 25, 2011. Sharon Blair, President of the Garden Club was present and extended special thanks to members of the Council, Mayor Ferguson, Public Works Department, and the Marion County Probation Department for their extraordinary support and assistance to the Garden Club. She reported on the annual garden tours, vendor market, and activities planned for this day. She also asked for approval for placement of banners and signs to be placed on that day. **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to approve the request from the Daffy Dill Garden Club for use to the Bryan Statue Area for Annual Garden Treasures Events on June 25, 2011 and for placement of banners and signs. Roll Call vote. AYES: Councilmen Black, Meador, Huddlestun, and Mayor Ferguson. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

### 3. Consideration of Reducing Costs of Public Aid Burial of Cremations from \$250.00 to \$125.00, and increasing the Number of Cremations Buried per Space – 3 to 8.

City Manager Christie reported that Larry Rogers of Rogers-Atkins Funeral Home has requested that the City consider reducing its cost for public aid cremation burials from the current \$250.00 to \$125.00. The current ordinance provides for three burials per gravesite, Mr. Rogers advised the reason for his visit and request is that the State of Illinois has ceased providing funding

public aid funerals. He further commented that if the Council is receptive, he and Director Pruden recommends that Council also allow an additional number of cremations be buried per gravesite so that we will not consume our property so quickly. Council discussed this issue and at the request of Public Works Director Pruden to hold off until he has had time to get answers to questions he has, **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddleston seconded the motion to table for two weeks the consideration of reducing costs for burial of public aid cremations. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Black, Huddleston, Meador, and Mayor Ferguson. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

**4. Resolution 2011-03 - Resolution – Opposition to Certain changes to the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act.**

City Manager Christie commented the City of Salem is a member of the Illinois Tax Increment Association, an Association which represents municipalities and they have identified proposed legislation that the ITIA feels would be detrimental to the operation of the Tax Increment Financing districts in any city, as a result they have asked if the city council would be willing to pass a resolution expressing its opposition to the changes to the current TIF Act and any changes that would curtail the ability of the city to implement the purposes of TIF. Following brief discussion, **Councilman Black moved, and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2011-03, a Resolution Stating the City of Salem’s Opposition to Certain Changes to the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Huddleston, Black, Meador, and Mayor Ferguson. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

**5. Bid Award – Chemicals for Water Treatment Plant**

City Manager Christie noted, annually the city request bids for its supply of chemicals for water treatment. Bids were properly advertised and six bids were received from vendors. Director Pruden has reviewed the bids and recommended the award to the lowest bidder for each of the three chemicals: GS Robbins & Company –aluminum sulfate liquid at \$495.00 /ton; Univar USA – soda ash at \$11.63/50# bag; and to Brenntag Mid-South, - chlorine at \$428.00/ton. **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddleston seconded the motion to approve the low bids for chemicals as noted. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Black, Meador, Huddleston, and Mayor Ferguson. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

**6. Bid Award – Gravel and Sand**

City Manager noted that annually the City also properly advertises for bids for annual use of gravel and sand. Two vendors responded with bids. Director Pruden has reviewed those bids and is recommending the bids to the lowest bidder – Beelman Logistics, LLC – CA-6 Rock at \$13.45/ton; and to Quad-County Redi-Mix – FA-1 Sand at \$10.10/ton. Mayor Ferguson asked if the bid for rock was within the 5% for local business preference, and could we give the bid to Beelman for CA-6 rock. **Councilman Black moved to approve awarding of the bid to Quad-County Redi-Mix for CA-6 Rock at a cost of \$13.75 (within the 5% range to purchase locally) and to approve the low bid from Quad-County Redi-Mix for FA-1 Sand at \$10.10/ton. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilman Huddleston seconded the motion. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddleston, Black, and Mayor Ferguson. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

**7. 2010 Updated Zoning Map of the City of Salem**

An updated zoning map of the City of Salem was presented. It was noted that only two changes were made during the past year. **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to accept the updated zoning map of the City of Salem as presented. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Huddleston, Black, Meador, and Mayor Ferguson. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

**8. Bills Payable**

Bills payable for period ending March 21, 2011, for a total amount of \$911,948.40 was presented. Following review, **Councilman Huddleston moved and Councilman Black seconded the motion to approve the bills payable as presented. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Black, Meador, Huddleston, and Mayor Ferguson. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

**9. Closed Session – After Reports**

**VII. CITY MANAGER REPORT – No report**

**VIII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – No report**

## **IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilmen Meador and Huddlestun – No reports

Councilman Black requested:

- that permanent signage saying “City of Salem” be placed on all city vehicles rather than the magnetic signs
- that an ordinance be presented that the City will have a zero tolerance for drinking and driving in city vehicles
- asked City Manager where he came up with those figures in draft budget, page 16, health insurance funding line item. City Manager Christie explained and Councilman Black disagreed with the explanation, recommending that former Finance Director Shook be hired to go over the draft budget with the new Finance Director in order to straighten out the budget.

Councilman Black moved that we hire Ms. Shook for \$100 per hour as a contractor to go over the budget, seconded by Councilman Meador. Christie disagreed, adding that we will be spending money that we don’t need to spend. City Manager Christie and Councilman Black continued the heated discussion regarding this issue. When discussing the budget figures and financial reports, the City Manager ~~found~~\* *thought* that Black did not have all the financial report and went to his office to get a copy of the full financial report. Christie showed Councilman Black a copy of the general fund report. They continued to disagree about the reporting of the health insurance in the budget. City Manager Christie requested that it be noted that he objected to the unnecessary spending of funds (in hiring Ms. Shook). Mayor Ferguson called for a vote to engage Ms. Shook at cost of \$100.00 per hour to review the current budget with Finance Director Brown. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Ferguson. Bruce Kropp, with WJBD Radio questioned acting on this motion because it was not on the agenda. City Manager Christie shouted, it certainly was not on the agenda, we will put it on the next agenda. Mayor Ferguson agreed and apologized for the oversight and Councilman Black withdrew his motion.

Scheduling of the next budget workshop was discussed, with the second Monday in April being decided upon.

City Manager Christie reminded Council that the City Manager presents the budget, as in the code and state law, he intends to work on the budget the balance of this week until he can present a revised budget.

Finance Director Brown suggested that she will print out prior history on the health insurance for review of this account to tie out to the expenditures and the budget figures.

Mayor Ferguson commented that Council was in support of allowing Black to talk to Mrs. Shook about reviewing the draft budget.

### **9. Closed Session – 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (4) Pending and Probable Litigation**

At 8:02 p.m., **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to enter into closed session to discuss pending and probable litigation. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Ferguson. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

Council returned to open session at 8:37 p.m.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for discussion at 8:37 p.m., **motion was made by Councilman Black, seconded by Councilman Huddlestun to adjourn. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Huddlestun, Black, Meador, and Mayor Ferguson. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

**Jane Marshall, CMC**  
**City Clerk**

*\*Councilman Black requested the wording “found” be changed to “thought”.*  
Minutes approved by Council as amended April 7, 2011.