

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 18 2011 6:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order – Roll Call**
- 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 of Regular Council Meeting of July 5, 2011
 - b. Second Reading - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 – Policy regarding employee use of City provided electronic communication devices
 - c. Engineering Agreement with Rhutasel and Associates – 2011 MFT Sidewalk and Pavement Repair – 500 block S. Broadway, 800 block W Main, 500 block E. Main, W. Boone Street @ Reel Street & N. Illinois entrances – Contract amount not to exceed \$14,800.
 - d. Engineering Agreement with Rhutasel and Associates – 2011 MFT Resurfacing W. Boone, East Lawn Cemetery, N. Jefferson and N. Missouri Ave. – Contract amount not to exceed \$19,400.
 - e. Bills Payable for period ending July 18, 2011
 - 2. Bid Award – 2011 Gas Line Replacement Materials
 - 3. Bid Award – Heating and Air Conditioning System at Salem Theatre
 - 4. Authorization to Transfer Subordination Agreement for TIF 3 Loan for Salem Travel Bureau, LTD
 - 5. **First Reading** - Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 to add new Section 13-7. Use, Sale and Possession of certain chemicals being marketed as “Bath Salts” Prohibited
 - 6. Consideration of Two-Year Contract Renewal with Direct Energy Business for electricity
 - 7. Consideration of authorizing South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission to provide grant application assistance for Residential Rehab. Request by Mayor Raymer
 - 8. Discussion regarding County-wide Animal Control Services
- VI. City Manager Report**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. City Council Report**
 - Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black
- IX. Adjournment**

Thomas F. Christie
City Manager

**MINUTES
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- I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Salem City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 18, 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 John Raymer.

Council Members present upon roll call:

Councilman Royce Bringwald	Councilman Steve Huddlestun
Councilman Kip Meador	Councilman David E. Black
Mayor John Raymer	

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	Economic Dev Director Tracey McDanel
Public Works Director John Pruden	Library Director Kim Keller
Finance Director Jane Brown	

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

Absent: Assistant to the City Manager West, Code Enforcement Officer Crow, DOEM Director Mulvany
- II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Opening prayer was led by Councilman Black, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- III. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

City Manager Christie requested that *Agenda Item #2 – Bid Award–2011 Gas Line Replacement Materials* because the bid opening was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 15th and more time was needed to make a recommendation.
- IV. MAYOR’S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Raymer reported a public committee has been empowered regarding county wide animal control and asked that discussion on this Item be held over until next meeting.

V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

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- e. Bills Payable for period ending July 18, 2011

Bills payable were reviewed with questions being addressed.

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to approve all items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. Bid Award – 2011 Gas Line Replacement Materials

This Agenda Item was pulled from the Agenda to allow more time for recommendations to be presented to Council.

3. Bid Award – Heating and Air Conditioning System at Salem Theatre

City Manager Christie reported that bids were solicited and two bids were received by the City for replacement of the Heating and Air Conditioning System at the Salem Theatre. The Theatre Board is recommending acceptance of the bid from Central Illinois York, Inc., in the amount of \$65,900, although this is the higher bid, the Board has a successful service track record with this company and feels it will deliver a better product. He advised that the old system has been repaired and is working now. Concern was expressed that this is an unbudgeted item and Council still had questions about the cost to run the system and some questions regarding running the equipment through the masonry wall. There was also discussion about the drainage problem behind the theatre building that is causing deterioration to the back wall. City Manager Christie suggested that this item be tabled until the Theatre Board has a chance to meet again.

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Bringwald seconded the motion to table action on the bid award for heating and air conditioning system for the Theatre.

Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

4. Authorization to Transfer Subordination Agreement for TIF 3 Loan for Salem Travel Bureau, LTD

The Salem Travel Bureau, Ltd is requesting that the Council authorize and approve the transfer of the subordination ad collateral position of the city for a current TIF 3 Loan from one lending institution to another. The City's Loan Committee has reviewed the request and forwarded a positive recommendation. **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to authorize the transfer of the subordination agreement for the Salem Travel Bureau, LTD for the TIF 3 Loan. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, Meador, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

5. First Reading - Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 to add new Section 13-7. Use, Sale and Possession of certain chemicals being marketed as "Bath Salts" Prohibited

Police Chief Campo gave a presentation explaining the need for the proposed ordinance to address the growing problem with "bath salt" and what it does to our users here and the problems they are having in the Police Department. He explained that the chemicals being marketed as "Bath Salts" are not those products that are properly labeled and sold to be added to bath water such as bath beads and Epson or bath salts. He then explained it is what that is found in truck stops, with no directions on the label, it is marketed with tiny baggies and a larger baggie containing substance that looks like meth and coke; this product is used as an intoxicating compound. This proposed ordinance prohibits the use, sale and possession of certain chemicals as listed in the ordinance. Chief Campo commented that if the chemical compound is changed, the ordinance could be changed also. This ordinance would allow the Police to charge any person who violates the provisions and issue a ticket. City Manager Christie questioned how the ordinance would be enforced to which Chief Campo explained businesses could be checked at the same time that cigarette compliance checks are done and should not require any additional time for the department. This being first reading, no action was taken.

6. Consideration of Two-Year Contract Renewal with Direct Energy Business for electricity

City Manager Christie reported we are in the second year of a two-year contract with Direct Energy for electricity that has resulted in savings. The current power price under this contract was .05367. He reported that our broker advised that the price at this time is going down but does not think it will stay down and is offering to pass on the lower price to us for an additional two years of contract beginning March 2012 through March 2014 for a price of .05036, resulting in an additional annual savings of \$16,000. **Councilman Huddlestun moved and Councilman Bringwald seconded the motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an additional two-year contract agreement with Direct Energy for electricity at a power price of .05036 beginning March 2012 through March 2014. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Black, Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

7. Consideration of authorizing South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission to provide grant application assistance for Residential Rehab. Request by Mayor Raymer

Mayor Raymer discussed the benefits of the CDAP grant funding for Residential Rehab of homes in blighted areas of Salem and asked if Council had any interest in pursuing this as a city project. Council Members expressed concerns about the total financial commitment by the City; the City would have to provide 20% of one employee's salary during the project; unknown return on our investment; having available staff to do the project; and being able to find enough people to do the project. Mayor Raymer indicated he would like to bring further information to Council for consideration.

8. Discussion regarding County-wide Animal Control Services

City Manager Christie reported he and the Mayor have been meeting with other communities and the County exploring the possibility of a county-wide effort for animal control. The City of Centralia is considering expanding its current animal control facility and staff to serve this county-wide function. The total estimated cost to do this is \$278,000. Should all the communities agree to this plan, the estimated percentage cost to the City of Salem for the first year was \$52,110 and the second year \$30,929. Councilman Black suggested the City build its own facility. City Manager Christie indicated he would report to the committee that the City is willing to participate in discussion, but not willing to participate at this time.

VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT - No Report

VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – No Report

VIII. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Bringwald reported on his activities:

- visited the Police Department around 4:00 a.m. the other night
- worked with the Pick-up America young people while in Salem
- had lunch with Nancy Piper and Butch Lessig, owners of Klassic Collections II
- thanked Director Pruden for taking care of some complaints
- attended ribbon cuttings - Ace Auto Sales & Detailing at 100 South Broadway and Practical Magic Day Spa at 200 North Pearl
- attended Theatre Board Meeting
- attended golf tournament

Councilmen Black commented on the financial reports prepared by Finance Director Brown and asked if the percentage of budget amount for each individual item could be added.

Councilman Huddlestun reported he thinks we made the right decision regarding diving at the City Pool, adding he thinks it brings people to the pool just for that reason.

Finance Director Brown reviewed the financial reports and grafts that she had generated and distributed to Council.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion at 8:50 p.m., **motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Black, seconded by Councilman Huddlestun. Roll Call Vote: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

Jane Marshall, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved as written by City Council 8-1-2011.