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**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING
OF SALEM CITY COUNCIL**

PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, notice is hereby given that the Salem City Council will meet at 6:00 P.M., Monday, August 29, 2011 in the Council Chambers of Salem City Hall, 101 South Broadway Salem, Illinois, for the following purpose:
To review City of Salem Financial Reports for First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2011/2012

CITY OF SALEM, ILLINOIS

Jane Marshall
City Clerk

Dated this 25th day of August, 2011
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**MINUTES
CITY OF SALEM, ILLINOIS
FINANCE WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2011**

The Salem City Council met in Workshop Meeting in the Council Chambers of Salem City Hall, 101 S. Broadway, Salem, IL, at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2011 for the purpose review the City of Salem Financial Reports for First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2011/2012. Mayor Raymer called the meeting to order.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Manager Thomas F. Christie	Economic Development Director Tracey McDaneld
City Clerk Jane Marshall	Natalie Wright
Chief of Police Ron Campo	Recreation Director Sherry Daniels
Finance Director Jane Brown	Library Director Kim Keller
Public Works Director John Pruden	

Media: Marion County Observer, WJBD Radio, Salem Times Commoner
Along with Leonard Ferguson, Chamber of Commerce Director, Jane Gaston Representing Bryan Bennett Library, Cindy Ingram, Kerry Denzik, Kae Huddlestun & Betty Christie

City Manager Christie distributed copies of the First Quarter Financial Review for Fiscal Year 2012 for the General Fund only, comparing numbers from FY2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and projected numbers for 2012 and reviewed the financial reports with Power Point presentation. He concluded the presentation with his recommendations based upon a potential \$700,000 negative financial picture; the city should consider both reductions in force and revenue increases. He suggested reduction of three police officers and two public works employees along with a utility tax imposed on metered electric sales and on the city's metered gas sales and presented estimated revenues from these reductions. He commented that it should be understood that a reduction in force would also be a reduction in the service level. He commented that he would hate to see a reduction in force and wanted to go on record as saying that.

Finance Director Brown presented a summary of the financial reports in graph form and answered questions.

Mayor Raymer presented his view of the financial reports and encouraged Council to work to increase revenue through sales; suggested expenditures be held down to avoid personnel cuts; encouraged City Manager to settle union contracts; did not recommend combining Parks and DOEM with the General Fund. He commented we may have to take the issue to the public and hear what they are willing to do; adding the mood of the citizens is not in favor of tax increases.

Comments were heard from Council and Chamber Director Ferguson.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Jane Marshall, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes Approved as written by City Council on 9/06/2011.