

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2012**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Presentation of Petitions and Public Comments
- IV. Mayor's Report and Presentations
- V. City Council Action
 - 1. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes – May 21, 2012.
 - b. Ordinance – First & Second Reading Prevailing Wage for Marion County
 - 2. Deed Transfer of the Salem Armory Property to the City of Salem
 - 3. Request for TIF Assistance for Tuckpointing - 109 E. Main Street
 - 4. City Manager Approval of Future TIF Applications for Tuckpointing and Window Replacement up to a Limit
- VI. City Manager Report
- VII. City Attorney Report
- VIII. Finance Director Report
- IX. City Council Report

After Reports:

- 5. Executive Session: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), (6) Personnel and Sale of Real Estate

Following Closed Session:

- 6. Possible Action Regarding Sale of Real Estate
- 7. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of May 7, 2012 and February 20, 2012

- X. Adjournment

Bill Gruen
City Manager

**MINUTES
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Salem City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 4, 2012, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Salem City Hall. Mayor John Raymer called the Meeting to order.

Council Members present upon roll call:

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

Others Present:

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| City Manager Bill Gruen | City Attorney Michael R. Jones |
| City Clerk Jane Marshall | Finance Director Marilyn Shook |
| Public Works Director John Pruden | Chief of Police Ron Campo |
| Assistant to the City Manager Bev West | Recreation Director Sherry Daniels |
| Economic Dev Director Tracey McDaneld | Library Director Kim Keller |
| Assistant Public Works Director Annette Brushwitz | |
| Absent: DOEM Director Terry Mulvany, Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt | |

Also present: Media: Salem Times Commoner, WJBD Radio, Centralia Sentential, Marion County Observer; and US Sonet; along with members of the Public

II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. PRESENTATION OF PETITION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

At the invitation of Council, Deborah McKinney Huff returned for public recognition of the time she served as Interim City Manager from December through March, 2012. Mayor Raymer presented a plaque expressing appreciation for her help during this period.

Mayor Raymer reported that a tour of the Armory building was conducted at 5:00 P.M. today with Council members and several others attending.

He reported that Salem will be hosting "Sea to Shining Sea" bike riders, a group of disabled veterans who are riding across America.

Family Day in Bryan Park June 9th
Shrine Circus will be on the 7th and 8th at the Marion County Fair Grounds.

V. **CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

1. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Minutes – May 21, 2012
- b. Ordinance 2012-09 – First & Second Reading Prevailing Wage for Marion County

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. **Deed Transfer of the Salem Armory Property to the City of Salem**

City Manager Gruen commented he understands the intent is to try to prevent future problems in the neighborhood if the State allows the building to fall into disrepair. He is looking for some direction from Council as to their ultimate goal; if Council has in mind that the city would use that building or try to seek proposals for potential private owners. Councilman Meador indicated the City should take the property and find someone to accept it and put it back on the tax rolls; suggesting that if we don't take it, it will fall in disrepair. Councilman Black indicated he is not in favor of the City taking the property because the City would have to pay maintenance of the building and we can't afford to do that. He also expressed concerns about the covenants and restrictions placed on the property by the State. Councilman Huddlestun indicated he is not in favor of the City holding title to the building because of the expense involved, but if someone wants the building. Councilman Black had no objection to taking the property if we had an agreement beforehand from someone who wants to take it, and turn it over to them.

Mayor Raymer indicated that after the walk-through of the armory building today he is not in favor of the City holding title to the property while we go through a search for someone who may be interested in it. He proposed that we hold off action for 60 days and authorize the City Manager to make advertisement to find out if anyone is interested in taking the property. He also indicated that when he discussed it with the Planning Commission, they did not believe this is a good place for a high-traffic business since it is in a residential neighborhood. Councilman Huddlestun suggested that we see what kind of restrictions are place on the property and ask the County assessor to provide an assessment of the property. City manager Gruen indicated that Patty Brough had toured the building today and will get back with us on the assessment. a request of the building site plans will be made.

Councilman Black expressed concerns about the covenants and read from the deed agreement. Following discussion, **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to hold over action on this item for 60 days with advertising to see if any private interest in the building. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

3. **Request for TIF Assistance for Tuck Pointing - 109 E. Main Street**

It was consensus of Council to pull this item from the Agenda because it will be taken care with approval of the next Agenda item.

4. **City Manager Approval of Future TIF Applications for Tuck Pointing and Window Replacement up to a Limit**

City Manager Gruen indicated that presently he has the authority to approve requests for TIF #3 painting up to \$2,000, awnings projects up to \$3,000 and sign projects up to \$800. In that a request has been received to include a tuck pointing and window replacement projects, he asked Council authority to approve TIF#3 projects involving tuck pointing and window replacement projects up to a match limit of \$3,000.

Councilman Meador moved and Councilman Black seconded the motion to authorize the City Manager to approve TIF #3 projects for tuck pointing and window replacement projects up to a match limit of \$3,000. AYES: Councilmen Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, Meador, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

VI. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- Attended US Route 50 Coalition Meeting in Flora along with City Clerk Marshall on May 23rd. They are still seeking financial contributions from organizations, municipalities and counties to continue their work to encourage 4-lane Route 50 from

Indiana to Missouri. Mayor Raymer was suggested to be on the Nominating Committee to serve on their executive committee. They will be meeting again on June 8th in Flora.

- Kaskaskia College and the Recreation Department will be offering swim class for water exercise “Summer Swim Program” on Monday – Thursdays, June 11 – August 3 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. It will not cause any problems with adult swim at that time
- Recognized City Clerk Marshall upon being named as one of the recipients of the Greater Chamber of Commerce “Employee Service Award”.

VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – No report

VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT - No Report

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Huddlestun commented the Farmers Market was successful with seven vendors.

Councilman Black congratulated Debby Lamb on receiving re-certification through the Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association.

Councilman Black also suggested that that the park be closed for use after 9:00 P.M. in the summer and at 7:00 P.M. in the winter, except or the Family Aquatic Center, ball diamond, tennis courts, skate park, basketball courts, and for those who have reserved shelters at certain times in the evenings. His concern was due to the vandalism that has happened in the evenings. He asked the City Manager to put together something and bring it back to Council.

Councilman Meador commented that the State has finally fixed the street on West Main Street by NAL today. He asked who is to paint the arrow for left-hand turn on the street between DJ’s and CVS, to which he was advised that it is a State highway.

Graveside Services will be held at 9:30 A.M. at Paradise Cemetery on June 6th for Harold L. Blank, former Police Chief and City Councilman for the City of Salem.

After Reports:

5. Executive Session: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), (6) Personnel and Sale of Real Estate
At 6:25 P.M., **Councilman Meador moved and Councilman Black seconded the motion to enter into Closed Session for the purpose to discuss sale of real estate and personnel. Roll call vote. Councilmen Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, Meador, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

Following Closed Session:

6. Possible Action Regarding Sale of Real Estate
No action was taken.
7. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of May 7, 2012 and February 20, 2012
Motion was made by Councilman Black, seconded by Councilman Meador to approve Closed Session Minutes of February 20, 2012 and May 7, 2012. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion at 6:46 P.M., **Councilman Meador moved and Councilman Bringwald seconded the motion to adjourn. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

Jane Marshall, CMC
City Clerk

Approved by City Council June 18, 2012.