

**AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SALEM CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 30, 2012 – 5:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. City Council Action**
  - 1. Presentation by Good Energy regarding Electrical Aggregation – Discussion Only.
- IV. Adjournment**

Bill Gruen  
City Manager

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**MINUTES  
CITY OF SALEM  
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JULY 30, 2012 – 5:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Salem City Council met in special session on July 30, 2012, at the hour of 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Salem City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem David Black.

**Council Members present:**

Councilman Kip Meador  
Councilman Royce Bringwald  
Mayor Pro Tem David Black

**Absent:** Mayor John Raymer  
Councilman Steve Huddleston

**Others Present:**

City Manager Bill Gruen  
Assistant to the City Manager Bev West  
Economic Development Director Tracey McDaneld  
Public Works Director John Pruden  
Assistant Public Works Director Annette Brushwitz  
Acting Finance Director Marilyn Shook  
Media: US Sonet, Salem Times Commoner, WJBD Radio  
Members of the Public

**II. CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

City Manager Bill Gruen introduced Javier Barrios and Dale Kelley of Good Energy, who gave a presentation on municipal electric aggregation. Good Energy serves as a consultant and represents the Central and Southern Illinois Buying Group in the Municipal Electric Aggregation Opt-Out Program for residential and small commercial retail customers in Ameren. The program is geared at residential and small business customers who use less than 15,000 kWh/yr.

Good Energy representatives explained that the Municipal Aggregation Opt-Out Program allows counties or municipalities to pass an ordinance authorizing a referendum wherein the majority of the voters may authorize the municipality to solicit bids and enter into service agreements for the purchase of electricity. The key benefit of the program is the buying power of bulk purchasing. The part of the bill that would be affected by the program is supply. The remainder of the bill, transportation and distribution, will remain with Ameren.

Good Energy put together a group in the spring that included 51 municipalities, 215,000 households, covering 2.1 billion kWh hours. The price they were able to negotiate from Homefield Energy was .04/kWh for 24 months, which saved the customers between 20-30%.

In order for Salem to aggregate electricity purchasing, City Council must pass an ordinance authorizing a referendum which at the earliest could be placed on the November election docket. The referendum language must be submitted to the County Clerk by August 20, 2012.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for discussion, **upon motion by Councilman Meador and second by Councilman Bringwald, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Meador, Councilman Bringwald, and Mayor ProTem Dave Black. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

Jane Marshall, CMC  
City Clerk  
*By Bev West, Deputy City Clerk*  
*Minutes Approved by City Council as written on 8/6/2012.*