

AGENDA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF SALEM CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2012
5:00 P.M.

- I. Call to Order
 - II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
 - III. City Council Action
 - 1. Resolution authorizing submittal of a referendum to allow the City of Salem to enter into an electrical aggregation program.
 - 2. Reconvene at 402 S. Broadway, Salem, IL, to tour a building being considered for use as a municipal museum.
 - IV. Adjournment

Bill Gruen
City Manager
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MINUTES
CITY OF SALEM
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 15, 2012 – 5:00 P.M.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Salem City Council met in special session on August 15, 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 John Raymer.

Council Members present:

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

Others Present:

City Manager Bill Gruen
Assistant to the City Manager Bev West
Public Works Director John Pruden
Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer
Media: Salem Times Commoner, WJBD Radio

II. **CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

1. Resolution authorizing submittal of a referendum to allow the City of Salem to enter into an electrical aggregation program.

City Manager Bill Gruen presented a resolution authorizing placement of a referendum on the ballot for the general election to be held on November 6, 2012. The question shall read: **“Shall the City of Salem have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such a program?” YES/NO**

City Manager Gruen pointed out that if the referendum does pass, and the city selected consultant goes out for bid and the bids do not reflect a savings, the City does not have to enter into an agreement. ***Motion was made by Councilman Meador and seconded by Councilman Black that Resolution 2012-13 be approved, authorizing placement of a referendum on the ballot regarding electrical aggregation. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Huddlestun, Black, Meador, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.***

Councilman Black indicated it will be important to educate the public about what an “opt-out” program is. Councilman Huddlestun added that it will be the responsibility of the consultant selected to help educate the public. Councilman Meador indicated he would like to see Good Energy be selected to act as consultant on the program, as they have indicated they would educate the public at no charge to the city. City Manager Gruen indicated he had prepared an RFP for consulting services regarding electrical aggregation, and another consultant would be making a presentation during the August 20, 2012 meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Meador and seconded by Councilman Black that the meeting be recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 402 S. Broadway for a tour of the former Bryan-Bennett Library building. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilmen Huddlestun, Black, Meador, Bringwald and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. Reconvene at 402 S. Broadway, Salem, IL to tour building being considered for use as a municipal museum.

The meeting was reconvened at 5:20 p.m. at 402 S. Broadway, Salem, IL, for the purpose of touring the building, which has been offered as a donation to the City to be used as a city museum. Historic Commission member Dr. Robert Raver was also present.

3. Adjournment

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion by Councilman Meador and second by Councilman Black, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

Jane Marshall, CMC
City Clerk
by Bev West, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes approved as written by City Council on August 20, 2012.