

**AGENDA  
CITY OF SALEM  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 20, 2012  
6:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
  - 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 – August 8, 2012 and Special Meeting August 15, 2012
      - b. Request for Use of Bryan Park Nature Trail by Salem Community Theatre Board
      - c. Request to use Bryan Park for 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bluegrass & BBQ Festival – Bluegrass Festival Committee
      - d. Bills Payable
    - 2. Presentation by David Foreman – Water Ski Slalom Course on Salem Reservoir
    - 3. Presentation by SIMEC - Electric Aggregation
    - 4. Proposal to Accept Former Bryan Bennett Library Building - 402 S. Broadway
    - 5. Ordinance – Closing Hours for City Parks
    - 6. City of Salem Assumption of Loan for SBIC Property Located at Selmaville Road and West Main Street
    - 7. Consideration of Bids – Utility Department Dump Truck
    - 8. Consideration of Bids – Gas Department ¾ Ton Truck
    - 9. Consideration of Bids – South College Avenue Resurfacing Improvements
- AFTER REPORTS:
- 10. Executive Session: 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Probable Litigation
- VI. City Manager Report**
  - VII. City Attorney Report**
  - VIII. Finance Director Report**
  - IX. City Council Report**
  - X. Adjournment**

Bill Gruen  
City Manager

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Salem City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 20, 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:**

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

**Others Present:**

City Manager Bill Gruen	City Attorney Michael R. Jones
City Clerk Jane Marshall	Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer
Public Works Director John Pruden	Recreation Director Sherry Daniels
Assistant to the City Manager Bev West	Library Director Kim Keller
Economic Dev Director Tracey McDaneld	Assistant PWD Annette Brushwitz
Chief of Police Ron Campo Code	Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt

Absent: DOEM Director Terry Mulvany,

Also present: Media: Salem Times Commoner, WJBD Radio, Centralia Sentential, 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**

None.

**IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Raymer reported there will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Salem Community Center on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

V. **CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

1. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Approval of Minutes – August 8, 2012 and Special Meeting August 15, 2012**
- b. **Request for Use of Bryan Park Nature Trail by Salem Community Theatre Board**
- c. **Request to use Bryan Park for 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bluegrass & BBQ Festival – Bluegrass Festival Committee**
- d. **Bills Payable**

**Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to remove the Bills Payable from the Consent Agenda.** Roll call vote: AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**Councilman Black Moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with Item d. Bills Payable removed.** Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**d. Bills Payable**

Bills payable listing for period ending 8/20/12 for a total amount of \$649,481.80 were reviewed by Council, with discussion of some items. Following review period, **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to approve the bills payable listing as presented.** Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. **Presentation by David Foreman – Water Ski Slalom Course on Salem Reservoir**

David Foreman discussed his request for permission from the City Council to install a portable water-ski slalom course on the city reservoir for the remainder of the season. He explained the purpose is to introduce the public to this exciting alternative form of water recreation and to increase awareness of the sport and gain some local interest and participation. He explained the course would be 850' wide for a total length of 2400' with the proposed location beginning approximately at a point in line with the south entrance of the nature trail area. Councilman Black asked how this would affect fishing. Mr. Foreman indicated that the water skiing would probably not be more than three times a week and only 1 to 1 ½ hour each time and for possible special events, adding that the activities held at Vandalia Lake have not affected fishing. Councilman Black indicated he is not opposed to the program, suggesting that permission be given for this year and be reconsidered for next year. In answer to Councilman Meador's question of how it would benefit citizens, Mr. Foreman indicated it would offer additional programs for them. Councilman Huddlsetun indicated it is a benefit to the youth who may be interested in learning the sport, adding it is a great idea. Mr. Foreman indicated he would take care of the insurance liability issues, waivers, and permits and the control access issues. The City Attorney indicated that an amendment would need to be made to the present City Ordinance regarding the boat usage. Mr. Foreman, who is an attorney, indicated he would put together the wording for an ordinance amendment or resolution for the City Attorney to review and present to Council regarding this issue.

3. **Presentation by SIMEC - Electric Aggregation**

A presentation on their Community Energy Aggregation Program was given by Stephen Thayer, President of SIMEC, (Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, an Energy Solutions Company, located in Carbondale), along with Roger Hamilton, representative of the company. They explained their company hires local people to go out and educate the public and hand out literature regarding the electric aggregation process before the referenda is voted on. They also explained the electric aggregation process and asked consideration for selection as the consultant for the City of Salem.

City Manager Gruen commented he has prepared and distributed RFP's to both Good Energy and SIMEC and the RFP is available for other qualified/licensed consultants to submit proposals for consideration in the possible selection process of a consultant. No action was taken.

4. **Proposal to Accept Former Bryan Bennett Library Building - 402 S. Broadway**

City Manager Gruen commented that Council has taken a tour of the building. He explained that Bill Lueking of Rhutasel & Assoc. has been retained to conduct a

structural review of the building and has conducted his inspection on Friday, 8/17; however the report has not been received yet. He indicated that although some things were identified that would need to be cared for in the building's structure, it looked like a good brick building. Gruen recommended that Council wait to take final action on accepting the building until the inspection is complete.

**Councilman Meador moved and Councilman Bringwald seconded the motion to table action on this item. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, Meador, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

**5. Ordinance – Ordinance 2012-11 – Closing Hours for City Parks**

Councilman Bringwald indicated that after spending a lot of time in the park and observing some things going on that should not be happening, the proposed ordinance will give the police a tool to help in their enforcement efforts. Councilman Black indicated he promoted the idea and he stands behind the proposed ordinance, the Police have discretion. Councilman Bringwald indicated that there may be a problem with changing the time for daylight savings time and suggested that the time be left from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. year round. It was agreed to instruct the City Attorney to revise the proposed ordinance to read *“the regular operating hours for the pavilions and playground facilities, shall be from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. each day, provided however, pavilions which are reserved may be utilized until 10:00 p.m. each day.”*

**Councilman Bringwald moved and Councilman Black seconded the motion to approve the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 15 of the City Code as revised by the City Attorney. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Black, Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

**6. City of Salem Assumption of Loan for SBIC Property Located at Selmaville Road and West Main Street**

City Manager Gruen indicated the intent was to use TIF dollars to retire the note and that he and Economic Development Director McDanel have asked our consultants at PGAV to review matter. He further indicated that PGAV's initial response was that the using of TIF dollars to retire this note is a permitted use of TIF, but a written response has not been received. Gruen asked Council to postpone final action on this until our September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to table this item. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

**7. Consideration of Bids – Utility Department Dump Truck**

Advertisement for bids was published for a used dump truck for the Utility Department and one vendor submitted two proposals. City Manager Gruen reported that the proposals for trucks were not what we were looking for and recommended that the bids be rejected and rebid at a later date. **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to reject all bid proposals received for a used dump truck – (proposals did not meet specification). Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

**8. Consideration of Bids – Gas Department ¾ Ton Truck**

Advertisement for bids was published for a new ¾ Ton Truck with utility bed for the Gas Department and four bids were received. City Manager Gruen recommended acceptance of the bid from Max Dye, Inc. of Salem for the 2013 GMC 2500 in the amount of \$26,343.12, although it was not the low bid, it was within the 5% threshold for local purchasing. **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the 2013 GMC 2500 for an amount of \$26,343.12 from Max Dye, Inc. – the second low bid, but within the 5% local purchasing threshold. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, Meador, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

**9. Consideration of Bids – South College Avenue Resurfacing Improvements (Sec. 11-00071-00-RS)**

Advertisement for bids was published for South College Street Resurfacing from Kell Street to W. McMackin Street. One bid was received from Howell Paving in the amount of 328,616.97, which was approximately 33% under the project cost estimate. **Councilman Black, moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to accept the bid from Howell Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$328,616.97 for South College Avenue resurfacing improvements. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen**

Black, Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**AFTER REPORTS:**

**10. Executive Session: 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Probable Litigation**

At 7:10 P.M., Councilman Meador moved and Councilman Black seconded the motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss Probable Litigation. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Gruen reported:

- Requests for bid proposals will be published in Friday's newspaper for renovation work to split the Mayor's office into two offices for the Mayor and the Finance Director.
- Public Works Department will do routine maintenance on the sanitary sewer lines for the restrooms at City Hall to avoid the \$15,000 costs of replacement of the sewer lines that was budgeted
- RFP's for Electric Aggregation consultants will be published
- Next City Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> due to Labor Day holiday
- New CAT Backhoe was received from Fabick

**VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - No report**

**VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer reported the first distribution of property tax was received today.

**IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

No Council reports.

Chief Campo reported there have been a rash of car burglaries and the offenders were apprehended. He reported that the owners of about half of the recovered property can't be found and suggested that people contact the Police Dept if they have things missing that was not reported.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 7:24 P.M.**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:24 P.M. and there being no further business for discussion, Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Jane Marshall, CMC  
City Clerk

*Minutes Approved by City Council September 4, 2012.*