

**AGENDA  
CITY OF SALEM  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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 20, 2012
    - b. Pay Request #2, TRI-S Excavating – Water Main Replacement on Main Street
    - c. Resolution – Request to IDOT for Street Closure During Little Egypt Festival Parade October 6, 2012
  - 2. Presentation of FY12 Audit by Glass & Shuffett – Approval
  - 3. Proposal to Allow for Parking on Vail Street
  - 4. Proposal to Accept Former Bryan-Bennett Library Building – 402 S. Broadway
  - 5. Resolution and Ordinances Allowing for Slalom Skiing on Salem Reservoir
  - 6. Selection of and Contract with Electric Aggregation Consultant
  - 7. Ordinance – First Reading – Directing the Sale of Real Estate Located at Corner of West Wells and South Walnut Streets
- 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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**MINUTES  
CITY OF SALEM  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012  
TUESDAY, 6:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Salem City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 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:**

Councilman Royce Bringwald	Councilman Kip Meador
Councilman Steve Huddlestun	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
Recreation Director Sherry Daniels	Library Director Kim Keller
Economic Dev Director Tracey McDaneld	Assistant PWD Annette Brushwitz
Chief of Police Ron Campo	Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt

Also present: Marilyn Shook, Fred Becker, David Foreman, Paul Wimberly, John Boles  
Media: Salem Times Commoner, WJBD Radio, Centralia Sentential, Marion County

Observer, and US Sonet; along with members of the Public

Absent: DOEM Director Terry Mulvany, Public Works Director John Pruden,  
Assistant to the City Manager Bev West

**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 on the following activities:

- Farmer's Market in Bryan Memorial Park continues
- Bluegrass & BBQ Festival, September 6, 7, & 8

- Antique Power Days, September 6, 7, & 8
- Super Cruise Car Show, September 8
- Apple Fest, September 15
- Little Egypt Festival & Parade, October 6
- Salem Theater & SCHS Thespian Society 5 K Walk/Run, October 6
- World PKC Championship Coon Hunt, October 17-22
- Paint Exchange Program being planned, October 18

Councilman Huddlestun reported:

- Super State Coon Hunt, September 17-22

## V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

### 1. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes – August 20, 2012
- b. Pay Request #2, TRI-S Excavating – Water Main Replacement on Main Street
- c. Resolution 2012-14 – Request to IDOT for Street Closure During Little Egypt Festival Parade, October 6, 2012

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

### 2. Presentation of FY12 Annual Audit by Glass & Shuffett

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Fred Becker, CPA with Glass and Shuffett, LTD, Certified Public Accountants presented the City of Salem Annual Financial Report for Year Ended April 30, 2012, Annual Audit Report and gave a brief overview of the audit report and auditing process.

### 4. Proposal to Allow for Parking on Vail Street

This item was put on the agenda at request of Mayor Raymer after discussions with the Salem High School. He offered a proposal to allow for parking on the west side of Vail Street between Seneff and Boone Street for a limited period of time (60-90 days) with the intent to initiate discussion with the High School about construction of a new parking lot on school property. City Manager Gruen, in his Agenda Comments, indicated he is supportive of using City equipment and operators to assist the High School in preparing for a new parking lot and of allowing for temporary, on street parking on Vail Street, as a display of City support for assisting the High School in the construction of a new parking lot.

Mayor Raymer indicated that he is not in favor of permitting students to use Bryan Memorial Park for parking due to safety issues in walking across the highway from the park to the school and also because of conflict with use of the park. He expressed interest in the City Council cooperating with the High School Board to address the school parking problem. He indicated that the city was willing to provide labor and equipment to develop the school parking lot last year. He suggested the City offer Vail Street for assigned student parking for 90 days while a parking lot is being constructed.

Mr. John Boles, Principal of SCHS, expressed appreciation for the time given to speak and to open communication with the City Council. He indicated he is not in a position to discuss construction of a parking lot. He did comment that construction of a school parking lot is not in the plans of the SCHS Board. He commented he is here to ask for use of the side street for parking of 15-20 cars on Wednesday, September 5, while an electric pole is being replaced. Chief Campo agreed that the Police Department would not enforce parking restrictions during that time while the pole is being changed.

Mr. Boles indicated that should the City permit parking on Vail Street, the school would provide clean-up maintenance of that street. He further suggested that it be changed to one-way traffic.

Mayor Raymer asked Mr. Boles that consideration of constructing a parking lot for school parking be placed on the High School Board Agenda.

### 5. Proposal to Accept Former Bryan-Bennett Library Building – 402 S. Broadway

City Manger Gruen reported that Bill Lueking of Rhutasel and Associates was hired to conduct an inspection of the building at 402 S. Broadway and a copy of his report has

been provided for review. He indicated that a further inspection of the roof and the north wall has been done and there is cause for concern regarding the costs involved in repairs to the roof and the damage to the wall. Mr. Lueking estimated the costs to be \$5,000 for the wall and \$25,000 for the roof. Gruen recommended that Council wait on acceptance of the building until proposals for the actual costs of repairs can be received and source of funding is determined. Councilman Black also expressed concern regarding the stability of the floor and agreed we need to know the cost before we accept the building. Councilman Huddlestun expressed concern if the building will be large enough for the museum. Mayor Raymer also indicated that one of the windows appear to be in need of repairs. Councilman Huddlestun indicated there is a lot of interest in the project, just concern about the funding. City Manager Gruen was asked to research funding. No action was taken.

**6. Resolution and Ordinances Allowing for Slalom Skiing on Salem Reservoir**

City Manager Gruen indicated that the information prepared by Mr. Foreman regarding the Slalom Skiing course has been reviewed by the City's insurance agent, Kane Insurance/ICRMT and they have expressed concerns from a Risk Management standpoint, regarding proper installation of the Slalom Skiing course. Mr. Foreman indicated that the course comes fully packaged as a complete set with installation instructions, indicating there is only one way that it can be installed and he explained how it is installed.

City Manager Gruen commented that the City does not have any knowledge on installation of a Slalom Skiing Course and our Risk Management needs to know that with some assurance that it will be installed correctly and the City would be protected.

Foreman indicated that he knows how to properly install the course and that he would be out there during the installation process.

City Manager Gruen asked that Mr. Foreman contact the Water Treatment Plant before they start the program each day so that they can monitor the water to determine if there are any changes in the turbidity of the water.

Mayor Raymer commented he heard a bit of concern from the Water Treatment Plant Operators about the use of the lake and what it would do to the water. He would like to know what effect it would have on the water, suggesting that it be monitored and a report be prepared.

Councilman Bringwald expressed opposition to permitting use of the reservoir for this request and read from a copy of a letter dated February 22, 2001 addressed to (former) City Manager Roger Kinney from Jack Hendrick, (former) Chief Water Plant Operator, which gave a brief history of the city reservoir and recommended that a maximum limit of 9.9 H.P. boat motor remain enforced. Bringwald further expressed concern, after speaking with the Water Plant Operator, of the higher treatment costs for the plant.

Councilman Huddlestun spoke in favor of the Slalom Skiing Course suggesting that it would not stir up turbidly in the water and he was not concerned that the boats would create oil in the water.

Councilman Black expressed concern that if this request is permitted, that it may open up requests for water skiing; adding this lake is the water supply for the City.

Assistant Public Works Director Brushwitz expressed concerns regarding the chemicals that are presently being used to treat the raw water in the lake, if it would be a safety concern to persons who are in the water.

Councilman Meador asked how this program would benefit the general citizens and Councilman Huddlestun indicated that this would give people an opportunity to observe and to get involved in a new sport.

Councilman Bringwald commented the general consensus from the residents in the area of the lake was that they did not like the idea.

**Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to table action on this request until information is received on the effect the chemicals that are used to treat the raw water would have on swimmers. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

**7. Selection of and Contract with Electric Aggregation Consultant**

Requests for Proposals were sought for electric aggregation consultants and three responses were received. One from Affordable Gas & Energy, Good Energy, and SIMEC. City Manager Gruen recommended selection of Good Energy to conduct education activities running up to the referendum and then representing the City by going to seek bids for electricity. His recommendation for selection of Good Energy based

upon their good record of doing public education and getting the referendum to pass; along with their reports of greater access to electric suppliers. Mr. Javier Barrios, Managing Partner with Good Energy was present.

**Councilman Huddlestun moved and Councilman Black seconded the motion to select Good Energy, L.P. to provide Electricity Aggregation Consulting Services for the City of Salem. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, Meador and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

**8. Ordinance 2012-12– First Reading – Directing the Sale of Real Estate Located at Corner of West Wells and South Walnut Streets**

City Manager Gruen commented in the *Manager's Comments* of the Agenda, the City owns property at the corner of Wells Street and Walnut Ave, a portion of which the City does not need to retain. An ordinance has been prepared for Council approval, giving authority to seek bids for its purchase. A survey was prepared by a surveyor retained by Jeff Dunahee. The public will have the right to place bids for the purchase of this land with the minimum bid being the cost of the survey of \$1,000.00. He further advised that the request for bids must be advertised for a three week period.

**Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2012-12, an Ordinance directing the sale of a portion of City real estate located at corner of West Wells Street and South Walnut Avenue with the minimum bid being the cost of the survey, \$1,000.00. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Black, Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

**VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Gruen reported that Tom Rohrscheib received his Class a Public Water Supply Operator certification from the Environmental Protection Agency on August 6, 2012.

**VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – No Report**

**VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT – No Report**

**IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilman Meador commented regarding the goose problem at the city reservoir and suggested consideration be given to issuing bow-hunting permits. The City Manager will research this suggestion.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for discussion at approx. 7:30 P.M., Councilman **Meador moved and Councilman Black 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

*Minutes approved as written by Council on September 17, 2012.*