

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

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- III. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments**
- IV. Mayor's Report and Presentations**
 - a. Proclamation – “White Cane Safety Day”
 - b. Proclamation – Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week”
- V. City Council Action**
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 - b. Bills Payable
 - 2. Resolution Allowing for Slalom Skiing on Salem Reservoir
 - 3. Request to Repeal Prohibition of Swimming in Reservoir
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Bill Gruen
City Manager

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Salem City Council met in regular session on September 17, 2012, at the hour of 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers of Salem City Hall. Mayor 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
Public Works Director John Pruden	Recreation Director Sherry Daniels
Chief of Police Ron Campo	Library Director Kim Keller
Assistant to the City Manager Bev West	Economic Dev Director Tracey McDaneld
Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt	

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

Absent: DOEM Director Terry Mulvany

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

a. Proclamation – “White Cane Safety Day”

Victor Kunstman and Brad Rollinson with his guide dog, were present for the presentation of the Proclamation by the Mayor, proclaiming October 15 as “White Cane Safety Day” in Salem, a national day of observance of the passage of the law expanding opportunities for the blind and visually impaired.

b. Proclamation – Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week”

A second request for Proclamation was received from Travis Akin. Mayor Raymer presented a Proclamation by the Mayor, proclaiming October 1 – 5, 2012 as “Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week”.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Raymer reported on the following activities:

- PKC Coon Hunters began Super Stakes Hunt in Sale today and will be here for the week with 600 dogs reported registered for the event.
- The World Coon Hunt will again be held in Salem the third week of October.
- Salem Community Theatre and Cultural Center will present a Broadway Musical “*The Last Five Years*” on Sept 21,22,28,29, 2012
- Little Egypt Festival and Parade, Saturday, October 6th
- Salem Theatre & SCHS Thespian Society - 5 K Walk/Run – Morning of October 6th
- Murray Center coalition has secured representation from a Springfield law firm to represent them in further meetings with the Governor’s office.
- The State Animal Disease Lab has been shutdown by the Governor’s office and is nearly complete with most jobs lost and many staff leaving the area.

V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consent Agenda:

- c. Approval of Minutes – September 4, 2012
- d. Bills Payable

At the request of Councilman Black the Bills Payable were removed from the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Councilman Black, seconded by Councilman Meador to approve the Minutes of September 4, 2012 as presented and waive the reading. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Bills Payable Listing for period ending September 17, 2012 for a total amount of \$250,437.35 was presented. After review period, **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve the bills payable as presented.** Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. Resolution 2012-15 – Resolution Allowing for Slalom Skiing on Salem Reservoir

City Manager Gruen opened discussion on this request, indicating that concerns were expressed at last meeting about the chemicals being used to treat the raw water in the reservoir. He indicated that the amount of copper sulfate introduced into the reservoir to treat the algae would not cause the water to be harmful. He indicated that the Water Treatment Plant Operators take the water treatment very seriously and are very concerned about the effect that water skiing would have on the sediment at the bottom of the reservoir; further indicating that we don’t want any adverse change in the water.

David Foreman, 396 North Point Drive, presented his lengthy, proposal for use of the Salem Reservoir for slalom skiing, including pictures, actual equipment used for the skiing, and reports received from the water treatment plant. He requested that he be permitted on a trial basis to install a portable Slalom Water-ski Course on the city reservoir. He indicated he plans to form a ski club and enlist participants from the schools. He proposed the program would be from 5:30 – 8:30 on Tuesday and Thursday evening and four hours on Saturday mornings. Mr. Foreman presented a Petition that stated “*I support allowing the Salem Reservoir to be used for a slalom water ski course on a temporary, trial basis from this date until October 28, 2012.; it was signed by several residents of Salem and of the County, along with Kinmundy, Iuka, Kell, Odin, Centralia, Patoka, Highland, Smithbor, Okaville, Nashville, Carlyle, Xenia, Sandoval, Farina, Walnut Hill, and Mt. Vernon.*

Robert Hahn, 6 Lakedale Drive, Salem, expressed opposition to water skiing in the reservoir. Mr. Hahn commented he lives on the east side of the reservoir and he is against water skiing being permitted in the City Reservoir because of the noise that will be created and also it will interrupt the fishing. He also commented that he does not believe larger HP motors should be permitted than are presently allowed on the reservoir. Councilman Black questioned the insurance liability issue, to which City Manager Gruen indicated that the City’s insurance provider was comfortable with the insurance amount that was presented.

Councilman Huddlestun commented he is in favor of giving them a trial period until the end of October.

Councilman Bringwald expressed opposition to permitting water skiing on the City reservoir. He indicated he has conducted research on this issue; the reservoir was designed for the purpose to be the source of drinking water for our citizens; indicating that he does not believe skiing is a good use of our resources. He expressed concern about the chemicals used to treat the raw water and other issues with the water. Also he suggested that if it is used for sporting events, a place for spectators would have to be built.

Councilman Meador also expressed opposition to permitting skiing in the city reservoir, commenting it would be disrupting the persons who already hold boat permits for the lake. He added he has received calls from persons voicing strong opposition to this request.

Councilman Black commented that at first he was in opposition to this request, however after hearing Mr. Foreman's reports, he has changed his mind and would be in favor of a trial period. He added his concern is for our water supply.

Mayor Raymer also indicated that he previously was not in favor of skiing in the reservoir, but some of his concerns have been addressed. He was impressed with the program to help the kids and also the letter from Jack Hendrick. Mayor Raymer concluded the onus is now on water skiers and suggested that the program be evaluated in November to see if Council will permit this program next year. He asked Mr. Foreman to not cause any problems with the water and to not disturb the neighbors.

Following the lengthy discussion, **Councilman Huddlestun moved and Councilman Black seconded the motion to approve a Resolution allowing for Slalom Skiing on Salem Reservoir for a temporary period beginning at present through October 28, 2012; adding the program is to be evaluated in November of this year.** Roll Call Vote: AYES: Councilmen Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: Councilmen Bringwald and Meador. Motion carried.

3. Request to Repeal Prohibition of Swimming in Reservoir

City Manager Gruen advised that a request was received from Craig Morton of the Tri-Club to use the reservoir to swim and train for triathlons. Gruen expressed concern whether there would be any safety issues from the mix of boats and swimmers, and if any EPA-mandated testing the City may have to begin if swimming is allowed. He further suggested that time be given to identify any problems that may need to be addressed before swimming is permitted. Mr. Morton, a dedicated swimmer, addressed Council and explained that since the city pool has closed, he has practiced his swimming in the reservoir until he was advised by the Police that it was not permitted. He explained there may be 2 to 5 swimmers who would want to train in the reservoir and asked permission. Following brief discussion, **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to permit swimming in the City Reservoir for temporary period through October 28, 2012, for persons who are training for a triathlon.** Mayor Raymer expressed concerns and suggested more facts should be found out including additional testing that may be required by EPA and costs involved. **Roll call vote: AYES: Councilmen Black, Bringwald, Meador, and Huddlestun. NAYS: Mayor Raymer. Motion carried.**

4. TIF #3 Loan/Grant Request from Andy Crouch for 213 East Main Street

A request was received from Andy Crouch for a TIF #3 loan/grant for renovation of a building he owns located at 213 E. Main Street. He is seeking a \$5,000 loan and a \$5,000 grant, along with a matching grant for façade work. This was first reading on this request and no action was taken.

5. Discussion – Water Quality Improvement Through Goose Hunting at Reservoir

At the request of Councilman Meador, this item was brought before Council for discussion. Councilman Meador indicated the reason for his concern is to find a way to get rid of the goose population at the reservoir and he was suggesting the use of bow and arrows similar to those used for bow-fishing. Council agreed that the geese are a major problem at our water supply and asked for public input on any solutions that may be available to detour the geese population. No action taken pending further information.

6. Discussion – Creation of City Ordinance for Cannabis Violations

City Manager Gruen reported that possession of cannabis is currently enforced pursuant to Illinois statute. Chief Campo is concerned that the state will soon stop processing small amounts of cannabis, if we enact an ordinance that allows the city to prosecute the case, it will be an ordinance violation and the City can prosecute those cases. City Attorney Jones commented that 9 out of 10 offenders pled guilty and pay the fine. City Attorney Jones will prepare an ordinance for Council consideration at next regular council meeting.

7. Engineering Agreement for South Broadway/Kell Road Pump Station Reconstruction

An Engineering Agreement for South Broadway/Kell Road pump station reconstruction was presented for approval. City Manager Gruen advised that this project was specifically identified for replacement in the FY13 Budget; however its current state of repair requires a fix sooner. Curry's cost projected to be \$10,000 and the estimated pump station replacement cost at \$60,000. He advised the funds would be used from Fund 18, ½ cent sales tax for infrastructure improvements. **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to accept the engineering services agreement with Curry & Associates for South Broadway/Kell Road Pump Station reconstruction.** Roll call vote: AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAY: None. Motion carried.

8. Purchase Approval for Replacement of Filter Media at Water Treatment Plant

Proposals were solicited from four contractors for the replacement of filter media in #4 filter at the Salem water treatment plant. The low proposal was from TEK Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$10,400.00. Public Works Director Pruden recommended acceptance of the low proposal from TEK. **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve the proposal from TEK Construction in the amount of \$10,400.00 for replacement of the filter media at the Water Treatment Plant.** Roll Call Vote: AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Gruen reported he attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon on the 13th with Mark Keech, Plant Manager of NAL as guest speaker. Mr. Keech announced job creation in NAL's future.

He also attended the Apple Fest on Saturday which had a very good turnout.

VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – No Report

VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT – No Report

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORT - No reports

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion at 8:02 P.M., **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to adjourn.** Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, Meador, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Jane Marshall, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved as written by City Council on October 1, 2012.