

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments**
 - Comments - Friends for Murray Center
- IV. Mayor's Report and Presentations**
- V. City Council Action**
 - 1. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes – September 17, 2012
 - 2. Anti-Suicide Rally – Request to use Bryan Park
 - 3. TIF #3 Loan/Grant Request from Andy Crouch for 213 East Main Street
 - 4. Ordinance – Cannabis Violations
 - 5. Approval of Directing IDOT Funds to North Shelby Street Project
 - 6. Goose Hunting - Discussion
- 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 October 1, 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
Public Works Director John Pruden	Chief of Police Ron Campo
Library Director Kim Keller	Economic Dev Director Tracey McDaneld
Assistant to the City Manager Bev West	Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt

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

Absent: DOEM Director Terry Mulvany Recreation Director Sherry Daniels

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

Comments – “Friends for Murray Center” representatives, Marjorie Barton and Tom Tate and were present. Ms. Barton shared information on efforts that have been ongoing since the government announced closing of Murray Center, to try to change their mind. She reported that their group has hired a person to lobby for them and to reach legislators from other states. She commented that they will be having a float in the Little Egypt Parade and will be passing out flyers on Saturday.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Raymer reported on the following activities:

- Salem Theatre & SCHS Thespian Society - 5 K Walk/Run – Morning of October 6th
- Little Egypt Festival and Parade, including Car Show on Saturday, October 6th

V. **CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

1. **Consent Agenda:**

a. **Approval of Minutes – September 17, 2012**

Councilman Meador moved and Councilman Black seconded the motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2012 as written. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. **Anti-Suicide Rally – Request to use Bryan Park**

Timothy E. Heatherly, a senior at Carlyle High School, addressed Council requesting use of Bryan Memorial Park on October 20, 2012 for a T.A.T.S. (Teen’s Against Teen Suicide) Rally. He explained that he started this group after a friend committed suicide and another friend who was contemplating it had talked to him. He wanted to let the young people in Salem know there are people they can turn to for help. He distributed draft flyer listing the planned events to begin at 2PM – 7PM, including kick ball tournament, chili cook-off, live music and motivational speakers. Following brief discussion, **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Bringwald seconded the motion to approve the request from Timothy Heatherly for use of Bryan Park on October 20, 2012 for a T.A.T.S. Rally and to waive the fee. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. 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 Loan/Grant for renovation of property located at 213 East Main Street. The request was for a TIF #3 Loan in the amount not to exceed \$5,717.54 at 3% for 5 years and for TIF #3 Grant not to exceed \$5,717.54 along with a matching mini grant from TIF #3 in an amount not to exceed \$420.92 through the façade program. **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve the loan/grant request as noted from Andy Crouch. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, Meador, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

5. **Ordinance 2012-13 – Use, Sale, and Possession of Cannabis Prohibited**

An ordinance regarding the use, sale, and possession of cannabis was presented. Council reviewed the survey of fines for cannabis violations imposed by surrounding communities and discussed the proposed fines of \$250.00 to \$500.00 stated in the ordinance. **Councilman Meador moved and Councilman Bringwald seconded the motion to approve an Ordinance regarding the Use, Sale, and Possession of Cannabis as presented. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Black, Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

6. **Reallocation of Remaining IDOT ERP Dollars from South College Ave Resurfacing Project to Resurface Shelby Street Between Main & Boone**

City Manager Gruen reported Council approved in August the low bid for the resurfacing of College Ave. with IDOT money and \$177,000.00 is left for another street project. Public Works Director Pruden recommends that this remaining money be reallocated to resurface Shelby Street between Main and Boone Streets. A verbal approval has been received from IDOT and Senator John O. Jones who sponsored the money for the proposed reallocation. To expedite the project, Gruen recommended approval. **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to approve reallocation of the remaining IDOT ERP dollars to resurface Shelby Street. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

7. **Discussion – Water Quality Improvement through Goose Bow Hunting at Reservoir**

Discussion continued from last Council Meeting regarding finding a solution to the goose problem at the city reservoir. City Manager Gruen pointed out:

- State law prohibits bow hunting within 100 yards of any inhabited residence without permission of the homeowner; and 300 yards for shotgun hunting
- DNR permits the taking of geese while not in flight.
- Although shotgun hunting for geese is preferred by hunters; he does not recommend that method
- DNR hunting season for Canada geese is November 10, 2012 – January 31, 2013
- Public Works Director Pruden has attempted various methods to pressure geese off the reservoir, one being use of lasers and he recommended giving that method another try.

An e-mail addressed to the Mayor and City Council was received today from a resident near the reservoir, Victoria Shawn, #2 Madison, expressing opposition to permitting bow hunting of geese at the reservoir.

Mayor Raymer expressed concern for the safety of persons walking the trail and for residents if hunting were permitted.

Councilman Meador reported he received information from Mr. Schoonover on different strobe lights that are used in the water as well as staked to the ground. He suggested that we check with other communities to see how well these work to distract geese from the area.

City Manager Gruen recommended floating strobes along with the use of lasers and asked Public Works Director Pruden to investigate the effectiveness and cost of these products.

VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Gruen reported that equipment is being replaced at the water treatment plant and at the pump station due to lightning damage to the phone and computer system.

VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - No Report

VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT - No Report

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Meador thanked the media for their reports on the on the discussion at last Council Meeting regarding the goose problem at the City Reservoir. He also expressed appreciation to Mr. Schoonover for sharing information about the strobes for a possible solution to detour the geese from the reservoir.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion at 6:30 P.M., Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun 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 by City Council October 15, 2012.