

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**On Government Aggregation Opt-Out Program
And Plan of Operations and Governance
Of the City of Salem, Illinois**

Notice is hereby given to the public that on Monday, November 26, 2012, at the hour of 5:00 p.m. at the Salem City Hall, 101 S. Broadway Avenue, Salem, IL 62881, a public hearing will be held on the Government Aggregation Opt-Out Program and Plan of Operations and Governance for the City of Salem, Illinois.

Notice is also hereby given to the public that on Monday, December 3, 2012, at the hour of 5:45 p.m. at the Salem City Hall, 101 S. Broadway Avenue, Salem, IL 62881, a second public hearing will be held on the Government Aggregation Opt-Out Program and Plan of Operations and Governance for the City of Salem, Illinois.

The summary of the Plan of Operations and Governance for the City of Salem, Illinois is that the Plan will detail the implementation of an Opt-Out Municipal Electricity Aggregation Plan. Roles of the municipality and aggregation consultant will be defined as they relate to various stages of the process, and the terms and conditions of the bid and eventual power supply agreement will be detailed in the Plan.

Any person interested in said Opt-Out Program and Plan of Operations and Governance may be present at said times and place and may be heard in regard thereto. The tentative draft Plan is now on file with the City Clerk and may be reviewed upon request prior to said hearings by the public.

Bill Gruen
City Manager
City of Salem
101 S. Broadway Ave.
Salem, IL 62881

Legal section:
November 16th & 23rd

**MINUTES
CITY OF SALEM PUBLIC HEARING
ELECTRIC AGGREGATION
DECEMBER 3, 2012, 5:45 P.M.**

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 5:45 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Salem City Hall, 101 South Broadway, Salem, IL for the purpose of presenting information concerning Government Aggregation Opt-Out Program and Plan of Operations and Governance for the City of Salem, Illinois.

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor John Raymer. Those Council present were Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddleston, Black, and Mayor Raymer.

Others present were City Manager Bill Gruen, Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer, City Attorney Michael R. Jones and City Clerk Jane Marshall; along with the media, Dennis Rosenberger/Salem Times Commoner and Bruce Kropp/WJBD Radio. Approximately five members from the public were present for the hearing.

City Manager Gruen explained that at the last public hearing the Plan of Operations and Governance for the City of Salem were reviewed that detailed the implementation of an Opt-Out Municipal Electricity Aggregation Plan. He added that residents who move out of the municipality will not be charged the cancellation fee. He indicated that he would select the lowest cost for electricity even if it was not from a company considered to be "green" and asked Council if they had any interest in the "green" option provided for in the Good Energy agreement. There were no objections heard from Council regarding accepting the lowest cost for electricity even if it is not from a company who is considered to be in the "Green" program.

City Manager Gruen explained that the requirement has been removed from the plan that the city post help options on how to reduce electric usage on the City web site, but we would do so.

City Manager Gruen commented regarding a question concerning extending the opt-out period that any further time may delay the city's entry into the program.

There being no comments from the public, the Public Hearing adjourned at 5:52 P.M.

Jane Marshall, CMC
City Clerk