

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
 - II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
 - III. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments**
 - Report from Deborah Norvicki - Farmers Market and Future Plans for Market
 - IV. Mayor's Report and Presentations**
 - V. City Council Action**
 - 1. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes –
 - Regular Meeting - November 19, 2012
 - Public Hearing - November 26, 2012
 - Special Meeting – November 26, 2012
 - 2. 2012-13 Renewal of ICRMT Risk Management Coverage
 - 3. Renewal of Mutual Medical Health Insurance plan for 2013
 - 4. Second Reading Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Section 3-34 (4) – Liquor License Limits and Video Gaming
 - 5. Second Reading Ordinance - Property Tax Levy for 2013 Collections
 - 6. Resolutions Abating Taxes:
 - WWTP Improvements Revenue Source Alternate Bonds
 - GO Refunding Bonds Series 2009
 - 7. Second Reading Ordinance Authorizing Execution and Implementation of Natural Gas All-Requirements Sales Agreement With Illinois Public Energy Agency
 - 8. Electric Aggregation:
 - Ordinance Approving the City of Salem Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance
 - Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Service Agreement with lowest bidder for Supply of Electricity for Residential & Small Commercial Retail Customers
- 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 December 3, 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	Public Works Director John Pruden
City Attorney Michael R. Jones	Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer
City Clerk Jane Marshall	Assistant to the City Manager Bev West
Library Director Kim Keller	Chief of Police Ron Campo
Recreation Director Sherry Daniels	Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt
Sergeant Susan Miller	

Also present: Media: Salem Times Commoner, WJBD Radio, 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

Annette Brushwitz introduced Deborah Nowicki, the new Market Master for the Farmer's Market and officers Theron Arnold and Bonnie Carrol. Mr. Arnold reported on the benefits of the Farmer's Market which included providing fresh fruit and vegetables for families. He explained that the Market has expanded and includes local crafters, small business owners and farmers and hope to bring more in the future years. He expressed gratitude to the City for their participation and support this year and commented that all the participants are very happy with the location in the park.

Deborah Nowicki reported they have set up a Federal Employee ID number, have filed articles of incorporation, updated rules and regulations, created by-laws, opened checking account, are in the process of filing for 501 (C) designation and are receiving quotes for insurance. Their focus for 2013 season is to have good vendors, happy customers, and allot of community involvement. She reported that the vendors will be asked to pay a fee next season and they plan to hold fundraisers to help raise money for the fees and expenses. Councilman Huddlestun expressed concerns regarding liability to the City and food allergens and stated that signs should be posted at the food vendor's booth that state "the foods may contain allergens".

Bonnie Carrol, VP, discussed some to the fundraisers being considered, including having a cookout between the High School and Kaskaskia College cooking classes and a "craft war". Mayor Raymer expressed appreciation to all who came to give a report and for Ms. Nowicki accepting the responsibility as the new Market Master.

Mayor Raymer gave a reminder of the upcoming events – "Christmas in My Home Town" scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Murray Center update – Mayor Raymer indicated there are big concerns that the Governor will close Murray Center. He will be joining a group of mayors who will be going to Springfield on Wednesday, December 5th in behalf of Murray Center and invited all who may wish to attend.

V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes –

Regular Meeting - November 19, 2012

Public Hearing - November 26, 2012

Special Meeting – November 26, 2012

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented of November 19, November 26, and November 26 Special Meeting. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. 2012-13 Renewal of ICRMT Risk Management Coverage

A proposal for renewal of the City's liability and worker's compensation insurance coverage with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust was reviewed. The total cost of premiums for liability and workers compensation for period of 12/01/12 – 11/30/13 is \$427,600, which represents an increase of \$36,158 over last period.

Councilman Meador moved and Councilman Black seconded the motion to approve renewal of the 2012-13 Risk Manager Insurance Coverage Agreement with ICRMT for Policy Period 12/01/12 – 11/30/2013 for total cost of \$427,600. Roll call Vote: AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

3. Renewal of Mutual Medical Health Insurance plan for 2013

City Manager Gruen reported that he met with Mutual Medical representatives, David Andreas and Pam Chaney concerning options for renewal of the employee health insurance plan for 2013. He explained the two options that were presented and recommended approval of renewal Option B which would result in a budget increase of \$175,148 and an increase to the employees with dependent coverage from \$128.73 to \$134.79. Mayor Raymer asked if the employee increase falls within the union negotiated costs. Gruen responded that it falls well below that cost.

Councilman Black and Huddlestun questioned the effects to the reserves. Finance Director Stratemeyer indicated he would like to look at the figures concerning the reserves before he commented further. This Item to return for consideration at next Meeting .

4. Ordinance 2012-14 – Second Reading Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Section 3-34 (4) – Liquor License Limits and Video Gaming

An Ordinance was presented for second reading that would limit the number of Class “D” liquor licenses that could be in force and effect in the City at any time to not more than nine for restaurants with an annual fee of \$1,500.00. City Manager Gruen indicated that the intent is to be more careful about the number of new video gaming establishments in Salem; at this time there are two, and there is no way for us to not issue a liquor license if the applicant qualifies. The proposed ordinance is placing a limit on the number of Class “D” liquor licenses that can be issued. Council has the option of considering adding another liquor license classification in the future if they choose. He suggested that the number of Class “D” licenses be limited now. He indicated that once a Class “D” liquor license is issued, they could apply to the State of Illinois for a video gaming license. Gruen addressed concerns expressed by Councilman Meador regarding limiting Class “D” licenses, and suggested that the ordinance could be amended.

Mayor Raymer indicated the limit is nine and all that it would take to increase the number, would be an act of the Council. City Manager Gruen suggested consideration be given to amending Class “G” Liquor License to include a full bar for restaurants. **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2012-14, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, to limit Class “D” Liquor License to nine (9). Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, Meador, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

5. Ordinance 2012-15 – Second Reading Ordinance - Property Tax Levy for 2013 Collections

City Manager Gruen commented that at last meeting the decision of Council was to set the 2013 levy at 4.99% over last year’s extension. The proposed Ordinance levies \$1,774,473, including two bond levies that are to be abated. The total non-bond levy in the amount of \$1,078,160. is 4.99% over last year’s extension.

Councilman Huddlestun questioned the procedures followed concerning the levy for the Library, including the 2% library building amount.

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2012-15, an ordinance Levying Taxes for the Corporate Purposes for the Current Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013. Roll call Vote: AYES: Councilmen Black, Bringwald, Meador, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: Councilman Huddlestun. Motion carried.

6. Resolutions Abating Taxes

- Resolution 2012-18 WWTP Improvements Revenue Source Alternate Bonds

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2012-18, a Resolution abating taxes that were levied for Wastewater Treatment Improvements Revenue Source Alternate Bonds in the Principal amount of \$8,250,000.00. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

- Resolution 2012-19 GO Refunding Bonds Series 2009

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2012-19, a resolution abating taxes that were levied for General Obligation Refunding bonds, Series 2009 Alternate Revenue Source total issue amount of \$3,100,000.00. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, and Mayor Raymer. Motion carried.

7. Ordinance 2012-16 – Second Reading Ordinance Authorizing Execution and Implementation of Natural Gas All-Requirements Sales Agreement With Illinois Public Energy Agency

City Manager Gruen recommended extension of the agreement to 2015 to stay in line with the agreement we have now. He indicated that the City’s gas consultant, Bob Erxleben was satisfied with the agreement as presented.

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2012-16, an ordinance authorizing execution and implementation of Natural Gas All-requirements Sales Agreement with Illinois Public Energy Agency. Roll call Vote: AYES: Councilmen Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, Meador, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

8. **Electric Aggregation:**

- **Ordinance 2012-17** Ordinance Approving the City of Salem Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2012-17, an Ordinance Approving the City of Salem Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, And Mayor Huddlestun. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

- **Ordinance 2012-18** Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Service Agreement with lowest bidder for Supply of Electricity for Residential & Small Commercial Retail Customers

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2012-18, an Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Service agreement with lowest bidder for Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small commercial Retail Customers. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT - No Report

VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - No Report

VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT – No Report

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Meador indicated that a tow truck operator had asked him about helping remove trees free of charge that have been downed from disasters. Councilman Black commented that The Department of Emergency Management takes over in the event of disasters; there is an established emergency action plan.

There was discussion concerning the benefit of persons taking the CERT program.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion at 7:20 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 by City Council December 17, 2012.