

**AGENDA  
CITY OF SALEM  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 3, 2013  
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**
  - a. Proclamation – Daffy Dill Garden Club Proclamation
- V. **City Council Action:**
  - 1. Consent Agenda:
    - a. Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2013
  - 2. Mayor's Appointment to Library Board – Mr. Craig Morton
  - 3. Request to Repeal Prohibition of Swimming in Reservoir
  - 4. Discussion – Amend City Council Meeting Schedule to One per Month
  - 5. Discussion – Demolition of Property at the SE Corner of Main and Rotan Streets
  - 6. Purchase Request – West Water Tower Restoration
- VI. **Manager Report**
- VII. **City Attorney Report**
- VIII. **Finance Director**
- IX. **City Council Report**
- X. **Adjournment**

Bill Gruen  
City Manager

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**MINUTES  
CITY OF SALEM  
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JUNE 3, 2013**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Salem City Council met in regular session on June 3, 2013, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Salem City Hall, 101 S. Broadway, Salem, IL. The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Raymer.

**Council Members present upon roll call:**

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| Councilman David E. Black | Councilman Jim Baity |
| Councilwoman Sue Morgan   | Mayor John Raymer    |

**Absent:** Councilman Royce Bringwald

**Others Present:**

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| City Manager Bill Gruen                        | Library Director Kim Keller        |
| City Clerk Bev West                            | Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer   |
| Public Works Director John Pruden              | Chief of Police Ron Campo          |
| Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt            | Recreation Director Sherry Daniels |
| Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson |                                    |

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

**II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Opening prayer led by Councilman Black, followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**III. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Daffy Dill Garden Club** - Mayor Raymer commended the Daffy Dill Garden Club for all their work, and read a proclamation outlining the upcoming Garden Tour on June 22, 2013, and declaring June 22, 2013 as "Daffy Dill Garden Club Day in Salem, Illinois." Daffy Dill Garden Club representative Sharon Blair indicated they are very proud of the tour, and this is their eighth year with no repeat gardens. The event will include a vendor market with food and music, and she invited the public to attend. Tour tickets will be available at the Bryan Statue the day of the event.

**US Rt. 50 Coalition** – Mayor Raymer indicated the coalition has been working on having new US Rt. 50 extended from I-64 to Vincennes, IN. The group has now been joined by Clinton and St. Clair Counties, meaning all six counties between I-64 and the Indiana border have joined. Senator McCarter is hosting a US Rt. 50 Coalition meeting at Breese tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m., and the public is invited to attend.

#### IV. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

##### 1. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2013. **Councilman Black moved and Councilwoman Sue Morgan seconded the motion that the minutes of May 20, 2013 be approved as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

##### 2. Mayor's Appointment to Library Board – Mr. Craig Morton

Mayor Raymer recommended that Craig Morton be appointed to the Library Board. **Councilman Black moved and Councilwoman Morgan seconded that Craig Morton be appointed to the Library Board. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Mayor Raymer. Motion carried.**

##### 3. Request to Repeal Prohibition of Swimming in Reservoir

City Manager Gruen presented a request from Mr. Craig Morton to repeal the prohibition against swimming in the reservoir. Mr. Gruen indicated that the City Council had considered this and approved it for a temporary period last fall, at the same time it allowed slalom skiing on a temporary basis. This suspension of the swimming prohibition expired in October 2012.

Craig Morton was present representing the five members of the Salem Tri-Club. Mr. Morton indicated four of their members would like to swim in the reservoir. Mr. Morton indicated the president of a neighboring club did a survey of swimmers, and received 418 responses that there has never been an issue. Eighteen (18) responses indicated there is a prohibition against swimming in their lakes, but it is not enforced. Mr. Morton indicated he spoke with a park ranger at Carlyle, who indicated that as long as swimmers are using the buddy system and have on a flotation device, they don't enforce the prohibition against swimming in the non-beach area. Mr. Morton added that "rescue" is not really an option in Carlyle or Forbes, it is usually "recovery". The wetsuits that they wear are flotation devices.

Chief Ron Campo indicated Salem Reservoir is a very visible lake, and someone would report a problem, to which his officers would respond and be put at risk. Councilman Black indicated he does not want to open the reservoir up to everyone to swim, and a requirement could be that all swimmers use the buddy system and wear a flotation device. **Councilman Black moved that swimming be allowed, but only with a buddy and with a wetsuit or flotation device on.** Mayor Raymer responded that he would like to delay action until the Fire Chief and Police Chief have an opportunity to discuss how they would respond in the case of an emergency. Mayor Raymer suggested the City Manager come up with a set of rules and bring this back to Council. Councilman Black indicated the slalom skiing was denied because of damage to the banks, noise, and the affect on fishing. Councilman Black added that this would not have the adverse affect on the neighborhood that skiing would. **Councilman Black withdrew his motion.** Councilwoman Morgan expressed concern that the City could require the buddy system and property attire, but not everyone would follow the rules. **Councilman Black moved and Councilwoman Morgan seconded that repeal of the swimming prohibition be laid over and brought back after the Fire Chief and Police Chief had had a chance to meet and discuss the best steps for safety. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: Councilman Baity. Motion carried.**

##### 4. Discussion – Amend City Council Meeting Schedule to One Per Month

City Manager Gruen indicated many communities only hold one regular meeting per month, and schedule committee meetings or special meetings at other times during the month. Manager Gruen added that agenda preparation can take up a lot of staff time that might be more productively used. Mayor Raymer indicated he would like to see City Council explore this, if it would not cause a problem with the accounting system at City Hall. Councilman Black indicated he is opposed to going to one meeting per month, because Council were elected to represent the public, and the public knows it can attend a Council meeting and raise questions or concerns at two meetings per month.

Councilwoman Morgan indicated she does not think Council will be its most productive if it must sit through three-hour meetings, or postpone further action for a month.

**(Arrival of Councilman Royce Bringwald at 6:35 p.m.)**

Councilman Bringwald indicated he would like to see the Council go to one meeting per month, but both Councilman Black and Councilwoman Morgan make valid points.

Councilman Baity indicated he supports two meetings per month, and added that they were elected to do a job, and they need to do it.

**5. Discussion – Demolition of Property at the SE Corner of Main and Rotan Streets**

City Manager Gruen updated City Council on the properties located at the corner of Main and Rotan. Gruen indicated the properties are owned by two individuals in Chicago, and referenced an inspection report included by Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt. City Manager Gruen added that the real estate taxes have not been paid for several years, and someone from Edwardsville has been buying the taxes. Code Enforcement Officer Hunt will move forward in declaring both buildings dangerous, if no one objects, and may proceed with demolition of the north building, subject to City Council action. City Manager Gruen added that the Economic Development Director has received a lead interested in the building, that she will explore. Gruen added that no action needs to be taken tonight, and he will keep Council updated as the City moves forward.

Councilman Black expressed concern about the south building, due to the bad roof, brush and trash, as well as concern about the underground tanks at the north site. Mr. Gruen responded that any involvement will be above ground. Public Works Director John Pruden indicated he will contact IEPA to get some information regarding the underground tanks. Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson indicated that she has spoken with the EPA, and it is her understanding that if you don't touch the soil below the surface, you're okay. The City may have to talk to IDOT to see if there is contamination under the road. The City would have to send out a letter directing those working on it not to drill. Discussion ensued regarding possible funds in the LUST fund, and City Manager Gruen directed Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson to check and see what is currently available.

Councilman Black asked if the City could proceed on cleaning up the brush, trash, and weeds around both buildings. City Manager Gruen directed Code Enforcement Hunt to start the notification process, and advised Councilman Black that the City would proceed with clean up, once the notice to bring up to code had expired.

**6. Purchase Request – West Water Tower Restoration**

City Manager Gruen indicated bids were received for the repainting of the west water tower at the northwest corner of NAL property. This project was budgeted, and will be paid for with the Atrazine lawsuit proceeds. Recommendation is that the award go to Whitehead Brothers Painting in the amount of \$68,600. **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Bringwald seconded that award of the West Water Tower Restoration be made to Whitehead Brothers Painting in the amount of \$68,500. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Raymer. Motion carried.**

**7. Executive Session – Personnel & Litigation; 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) and (c)(11)**

Consensus was to do reports prior to Executive Session. Mayor Raymer advised those present there would be no action taken after Executive Session.

**VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Gruen indicated that at the Aquatic Center workshop held in the spring, Council had discussed opening the pool to the public later hours on several evenings during the summer. Those dates have been selected: June 10, June 14, July 22, and August 11. Those that attend the evening swim, after 6 p.m., will be charged \$3.00, with those 2 years and younger being free, and 65 and older paying \$1.00.

City Manager Gruen indicated the aquatic center did not open today, due to the temperature being below 70 degrees. Gruen added that he will continue to be cost conscious in this regard.

City Manager Gruen congratulated Wastewater Operator Matt Schaubert upon receiving his Class II license.

**VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - No report.**

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

**IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Bringwald apologized for arriving late, and added that he was working.

**V. Executive Session – Personnel & Litigation; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and (a)(11)**

Upon call for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:55 P.M., **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Baity seconded the motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss Personnel and Litigation. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald,**

**Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

**OPEN SESSION**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for discussion at 7:55 p.m., **Councilwoman Morgan moved and Councilman Black seconded the motion to adjourn. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

Bev West, CMC  
City Clerk

*Approved during 6/17/13 Council meeting.*