

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013
6:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments**
- IV. Mayor's Report and Presentations**
- V. City Council Action**
 - 1. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2013
 - b. Salem Community Theatre 5K Run at Bryan Park Nature Trail, 10/5/13
 - 2. Good Energy Resolution – City Mgr Authorization to Execute Supply Agreement for Aggregation Program
 - 3. RFP for Real Estate Agent to Promote Kinney Blvd Development
 - 4. Ordinance First Reading – No On Street Parking on Illinois Street Between Main and Boone
 - 5. Discussion – US HWY 50 Traffic Flow and Timing of Stop Lights
- VI. City Manager Report**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. Finance Director Report**
- IX. City Council Report**
- X. Adjournment**

Bill Gruen
City Manager

**MINUTES
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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Council Members present:

Councilman Jim Baity	Councilman David Black
Councilwoman Sue Morgan	Mayor John Raymer

Council Member absent: Councilman Royce Bringwald

Others Present:

City Manager Bill Gruen	City Clerk Bev West
Public Works Director John Pruden	Chief of Police Ron Campo
Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer	Recreation Director Sherry Daniels
Library Director Kim Keller	Code Enforcement Officer Bryan Hunt
City Attorney Mike Jones	Animal Control Officer Paul Wimberly

Also members of the public, and the following Media: Salem Times Commoner, WJBD Radio, Centralia Sentinel, Marion County Observer, US Sonet (video recording).

II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Little Egypt Festival - Mayor Raymer reminded those present that the Little Egypt Festival and Parade will be held Saturday, October 5, 2013. The Parade Committee is currently accepting entries, and applications are available at Salem Travel, WJBD Radio, and on the Little Egypt Parade Facebook page. The event will include a car show, kids' games, parade, horse show, and crafts and food stands around the court house.

Boards and Commissions – Mayor Raymer indicated the he has received letters of resignation from Doris Purcell who served on the Tree Board and Sandie Phillips who served on the Tourism Board, and has not been appointed to the Planning Commission. Mayor Raymer asked for recommendations from the Council and Public for citizens to serve on both the Tree Board and the Tourism Board.

V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2013
- b. Salem Community Theatre 5 K Run at Bryan Park Nature Trail, 10/5/13

Councilman Black moved and Councilwoman Sue Morgan seconded the motion that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. Good Energy Resolution

City Manager Gruen presented Good Energy Resolution #2013-03, which authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the low bidder on the next service year's electrical contract. **Councilwoman Black moved and Councilman Baity seconded that Resolution #2013-03 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement to purchase electricity be approved as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

3. RFP for Real Estate Agent to Promote Kinney Blvd Development

City Manager Gruen presented a draft Request for Proposals for real estate services to market Kinney Blvd. Mr. Gruen indicated he and Ms. Gustafson put the RFP together using a template. This RFP was modified to open up the ability for all licensed real estate agents to submit a proposal, and with the express intent to allow for subcontractors to be used if advantageous to the real estate agent, as well as to address the topic of splitting a commission. Mr. Gruen requested that the dates in the RFP be pushed up to allow for the RFP documents to be available to agents on September 12th, questions accepted until September 19th, responses to those questions sent out by September 23rd, and final proposals due by October 4th.

Councilman Black suggested the City just ask what the agents' qualifications are, what experience they have, what they have done lately, and eliminate a lot of the verbage in the RFP. City Manager Gruen indicated the document was designed to address many questions and potential problems. City Attorney Mike Jones indicated he feels the recipients of the RFP document will understand the material it contains.

Councilman Black indicated the RFP appears to give some room for negotiation between the agent and the City. City Manager Gruen responded that it does, as one agent might indicate they can get an ad on a particular website for us, and the negotiation may involve the City requesting that it be at the top of the main page of the site. The negotiation allows the City to receive the most attractive proposal.

Councilman Black indicated he would like to see the RFP require that any agent selected to market Kinney Blvd. not be able to steer potential customers to sites that the agent is marketing in other towns.

City Manager Gruen indicated a modified proposal would be brought back to Council at the next meeting.

4. Ordinance – First Reading – No On-Street Parking on Illinois Street Between Main and Boone

City Manager Gruen presented the ordinance restricting on-street parking on Illinois Street for First Reading. Councilman Black indicated Illinois is a snow route, and the streets must be kept clear. Chief of Police Ron Campo was invited to speak, and he shared pictures of vehicles parked in the 100-200 blocks of Illinois Street. Campo added that it can be a problem for those exiting CVS from the west exit. Councilman

Morgan added that the 300 block of Illinois Street is mostly rental properties, and all of the houses have driveways.

Sue Eilman, 345 Illinois St., indicated the parking on Illinois St. is a problem, and many of the residents disregard the snow route designation. Ms. Eilmani added that Illinois St. is a nice paved street that leads to the grade schools, and it has become a thoroughfare. Mayor Raymer asked if there would be a warning period if the ordinance takes effect. Chief Campo said it is generally 30 days.

5. Discussion – US Hwy 50 Traffic Flow and Timing of Stop Lights

Mayor Raymer indicated he is concerned about the timing of stop lights, particularly the one at Jefferson and Main. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of the lights on Main Street running east and west being placed on flashing amber after a certain time of day to make traveling north and south easier. Mayor Raymer also suggested putting roundabouts in, rather than stop lights, at several of the intersections. Councilman Black indicated IDOT would be the entity that would make that decision. Mayor Raymer indicated he will have the opportunity to meet with IDOT personnel on September 19th, and he would like the consensus of the Council that a reduction of lights, or putting them on amber, and the possibility of putting in some roundabouts is acceptable. Public Works Director John Pruden was asked for his opinion, and he suggested the City ask if there is a way to reduce the number of stop lights, and rely on IDOT's engineering expertise. Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer indicated that he had spoken with a business man who visited the area who indicated the City needs to do something about its lights if we want to encourage business growth.

VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT – City Manager Gruen reported that the Gas Department and City Hall personnel were able to get the gas meter information input into a database in a timely manner, and the new information has now been put into our software system. Mr. Gruen will prepare some projections, based on the information collected.

VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - No report.

VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT – No report.

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS - No report.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, at 6:50 p.m. **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Baity seconded the motion to adjourn. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilman Black, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

Bev West, CMC
City Clerk