

**AGENDA  
CITY OF SALEM  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2014  
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 – February 3, 2014 & February 10, 2014
    - b. Use of Aquatic Center & Nature Trail for Salem Swordfish-Hosted Triathlon Event on June 22
  - 2. Bills Payable
  - 3. Rhutasel & Associates Engineering Agreement for Boone Street Resurfacing
  - 4. Liquor Code Amendments – Hours of Operation, Increase Number of Class I Licenses from One to Two
  - 5. Executive Session [5 ILCS 120/2 (7) Real Estate]
  - 6. Action on City-Owned Real Estate
- 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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**MINUTES  
CITY OF SALEM  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

I. **Call to Order**

The Salem City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 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 David Black  
Councilman Royce Bringwald  
Councilwoman Sue Morgan  
Councilman Jim Baity  
Mayor John Raymer

Others present:

City Manager Bill Gruen	Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson
Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer	Public Works Director John Pruden
Recreation Director Sherry Daniels	Chief of Police Ron Campo
Animal Control Officer Paul Wimberly	Code Enforcement Officer Bryan Hunt
City Clerk Bev Quinn	

Also present were members of the general public, and the following members of the media: Bruce Kropp, WJBD Radio; Dennis Rosenberger, Salem Times-Commoner; and Reece Rutland, Centralia Sentinel.

II. **Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

III. **Presentation of Petitions /Public Comments**

**Benjamin Tate, 4103 Cartter Rd., Kell, IL** was present to address Council. Mr. Tate owns property immediately adjacent to the site the City is purchasing for use as an Animal Control facility. Mr. Tate indicated his home is approximately 100 ft. from the building, and he is concerned about possible dog dumping, noise, odors, and the safety of his children. Mr. Tate indicated he is particularly concerned that his three-year-old twins may be attacked by dogs that may be dumped near the site. Additionally, Mr. Tate feels using the property for an Animal Control site will reduce the value of his property.

Mayor Raymer assured Mr. Tate that the City intends to be a good neighbor, and will do everything possible to insure the safety of Mr. Tate's children and reduce any possible nuisances. Mayor Raymer and City Manager Gruen indicated the animals will be kept completely indoors, which they feel will eliminate some of Mr. Tate's concerns. Mr. Tate indicated an indoor operation may help, but it will not completely eliminate the problem.

Mayor Raymer directed Mr. Tate to leave his contact information with Chief Campo, and he would ask Sgt. Miller to meet with Mr. Tate. Mr. Tate asked that he be kept apprised of action taken on development of the facility.

#### IV. Mayor's Report and Presentations

- **Greater Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Home Show** - Mayor Raymer announced that the Greater Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Home Show will be held March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, and all spaces have been reserved.
- **Unity Forum** – Mayor Raymer thanked all who attended the Unity Forum, and added that it was a productive building. Councilman Black added that he felt like the Forum was beneficial, and suggested it be opened to the public next year. Mayor Raymer indicated he would be happy to do so.
- **Salem Community Activities Center** – Mayor Raymer indicated that the SCAC is currently in a rejuvenation mode, and they are meeting in retreat session tonight to discuss the future of the Center. Donations and volunteers would be appreciated.
- **Fabick Tractor Open House** – Mayor Raymer indicated Fabick Tractor is hosting an open house on March 5<sup>th</sup>, and the public is invited.

#### V. City Council Action

##### 1) Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes – February 3, 2014 and February 10, 2014.

b. Use of Aquatic Center and Nature Trail for Salem Swordfish-Hosted Triathlon

***Motion was made by Councilman Black, seconded by Councilwoman Morgan that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

##### 2) Bills Payable

Following discussion, ***Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman***

***Morgan that the Bills Payable be approved as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

##### 3) Rhutasel and Associates Engineering Agreement for Boone Street Resurfacing

City Manager Gruen indicated City Council has taken action previously on moving forward on resurfacing the majority of Boone Street with grant dollars from IDOT. City Manager Gruen is recommending approval of an engineering agreement for this project with Rhutasel and Associates, not to exceed \$59,000. ***Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Baity to approve award of the engineering agreement for the Boone Street Resurfacing Project to Rhutasel and Associates. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

##### 4) Liquor Code Amendments – Hours of Operation, Increase Number of Class “I” Licenses from One to Two

Mayor Raymer indicated a couple of conflicts in the code of ordinances were brought to his attention by a representative of the Illinois Gaming Board. Since then, he and the City Clerk have reviewed the code and found a few items that need to be corrected. Mayor Raymer asked City Clerk Quinn to outline the proposed changes, which she presented as follows:

###### 1) Correction of times for sale of alcohol for the Class “A”, “D” “E” and “I” license holders, as follows:

Action was taken during the April 7, 2008 City Council meeting to change the Friday and Saturday night closing times to 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights (from 12:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday and from 1:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday). Ordinance mistakenly changed the closing time to 2:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday, instead of Friday and Saturday nights. Change corrects closing time on Monday–Thursday to 12:00 a.m. (instead of 2:00 a.m.)

###### 2) Class “B” (Beer only – Restaurants, cafes, etc.) and “G” (Beer and wine only – Restaurants, cafes, etc.)

Currently, the Code does not allow sales on Sunday. Practice has been that both the Class “B” and “G” license holders (Pizza Man, Pizza Hut, and Five Brothers) have sold on Sunday, just like the other restaurant license holders.

Proposed Change: Allow sale of alcohol for consumption on premises on Sundays. No package sales on Sunday or after 12:00 a.m. on any day.

###### 3) Addition of statement, “Hours set by Liquor Commissioner” to Class “F(a)” and “F(b)” licenses.

Currently, the code does not specify any hours for Special Event licenses. This just specifies that the hours will be approved by the Liquor Commissioner.

Additionally, Council received a request from Andy England of The Spirit Shoppe to increase the number of Class “I” licenses from one to two. The proposed ordinance does that.

Councilman Black asked if Council wants this to lay over for action at the next meeting. City Attorney Jones indicated it could be acted on in this meeting, but it would take four affirmative votes to pass it on the first reading. Councilman Black asked if there was any reason to act on the changes tonight. Mayor Raymer responded that the Illinois Gaming Board is awaiting an email confirming the corrections on closing times have been made. **Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Black that Ordinance #2014-01 amending the hours of operation and increasing number of Class "I" licenses from one (1) to (2). Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

**City Manager Gruen suggested moving on to reports, prior to going into Executive Session. Council concurred.**

**VI. City Manager Report**

City Manager Gruen indicated the City Council will be holding an Aquatic Center workshop on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, and indicated some of the items to be discussed are:

- Need to discuss hours of operation from Memorial Day through the first couple of weeks in June, as the school year may extend into to June, due to snow days.
- This past year, we made a decision to close the pool at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m., as a cost saving measure – do we want to do the same thing this year?
- Deck Supervisor position
- Admission prices.

**VII. City Attorney Report – No report.**

**VIII. Finance Director – No report.**

**IX. City Council Report** - Mayor Raymer provided an update on the US Rt. 50 Coalition, and indicated he would like to see the City make a contribution of \$1,000, in addition to the costs incurred by hosting the Rt. 50 Golf Outing this year. Mayor Raymer added that the next US Rt. 50 Coalition meeting will be held at Village Garden on March 18, at 10:00 a.m. Representatives from IDOT districts 7 and 8 will be there.

**V. 5. Executive Session - [5 ILCS 120/2 (7) Real Estate]**

**Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to enter into Executive Session at 6:37 p.m.**

**Return to Open Session at 7:30 p.m.**

**6. Action on City-Owned Real Estate**

City Manager Gruen indicated the City must declare parcels of land it wishes to sell as "surplus", and advertise and accept bids on the property. Mr. Gruen indicated he would like City Council to declare an approximate 24 acre parcel of land East of Americana in the Industrial Park and the approximately 8 acres of city-owned land along Kinney Blvd. as surplus. **Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to declare the 24 acre parcel of land located east of Americana and the approximately eight (8) acres of land owned by the City along Kinney Blvd. as surplus. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.**

**X. Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Baity that the meeting be adjourned at 7:32 p.m. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

Bev Quinn, CMC  
City Clerk

Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_