

AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2014
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**
 - 1. SAFE – Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- V. **City Council Action**
 - 1. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes – February 18 & 24, 2014
 - b. Use of Aquatic Center for Salem Swordfish Meet – July 26, 2014
 - 2. Shawn Rasul – Request to Reserve Softball Field for Tournament June 27-29
 - 3. Request for Downtown TIF Assistance at 115 East Main Street
 - 4. Discussion on Zoning Code – Sign Regulations & Residential Use of Commercial Property
 - 5. Approval of New Admission Schedule to the Aquatic Center
 - 6. Presentation of City of Salem Zoning Map
 - 7. Approval of New Computer Monitor/Presentation Setup in Council Room

- VI. **City Manager Report**
- VII. **City Attorney Report**
- VIII. **Finance Director Report**
- IX. **City Council Report**

- X. **Executive Session**
 - 1. Executive Session [5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1) Personnel, (21) Minutes]
 - 2. Executive Session Minutes (February 3 & 18, 2014)

- XI. **Adjournment**

Bill Gruen
City Manager

MINUTES
CITY OF SALEM
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2014

I. **Call to Order**

The Salem City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 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: Rob Sussman, 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**

Josh Berger indicated he had heard that Marathon Oil was interested in expanding in the area, and would need Enterprise Zone assistance. Mayor Raymer thanked Mr. Berger for his interest, and responded that the City's Enterprise Zone does extend to the tank farm at Patoka, but the zone was extended with the express understanding that property taxes would not be abated. The zone would permit Sales Tax Exemptions, but the affected taxing bodies would be the deciding factor on property taxes.

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

SAFE Proclamation - Mayor Raymer indicated the SAFE proclamation will be postponed until the next meeting, due to the SAFE representative being unavailable due to illness.

Aquatic Center Workshop – Mayor Raymer thanked Recreation Director Sherry Daniels for the information provided at the Aquatic Center Workshop.

Demolition – Mayor Raymer asked Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt to work with the City Manager and provide a report on demolition at a future meeting.

V. **City Council Action**

1) Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes – February 18 & 24, 2014.
- b. Use of Aquatic Center for Salem Swordfish Meet – July 26, 2014

Motion was made by Councilman Bringwald, seconded by Councilman Baity 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) Shawn Rasul – Request to Reserve Softball Field for Tournament June 27-29

Mr. Rasul indicated he is a member of Team Chill, which is in honor of Casey Hill. Last year he hosted a fundraising event to benefit members of Mr. Hill's family. This year, they would like to do a fundraiser to benefit the Kaskaskia College Veteran's Memorial. ***Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Bringwald Shawn Rasul be approved to use the Softball Field on June 27-29. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

3) Request for Downtown TIF Assistance at 115 East Main Street

Mayor Raymer indicated he had been approached by Marty Hays of the Odd Fellows regarding their need for assistance to improve their building. Mayor Raymer recognized Mr. Hays, and asked him to introduce the other representatives of the Odd Fellows who were with him. Mr. Hays introduced: Noble Grand David Hocking, Warden Kenny Hays, Vice Grant Elwood Hays, and Chaplain Carl Brown.

Mr. Hays indicated the Odd Fellows building was built in 1887, and is in need of windows and additional repairs. The group has grown in the past few years from two to twenty. The lodge's only income is rent from Bella Chez, which rents the first floor. Mr. Hays indicated the group wants the building to remain viable, so the organization can continue to give back to the community. In 2012 they replaced the roof, a few windows, and made additional repairs totaling nearly \$15,000. The Odd Fellows are looking for assistance with tuck pointing and window replacement, although they are not yet sure of the amount they will need.

Councilman Black suggested Mr. Hays get with Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson to fill out the necessary to request assistance either in the form of a low-interest loan or grant. City Manager Gruen added that an inspection of the building by an engineer would be a TIF eligible expense, should the City wish to provide that service. Mayor Raymer added that he liked the idea of an engineer looking at the building. Mayor Raymer also indicated a recent repair to the Salem Travel Bureau included the installation of glass blocks, rather than windows, and it is very attractive.

Jeannell Charman, owner of Salem Travel, indicated she is a downtown building owner, and she has been working with Illini Restoration to have some work done to her buildings. Ms. Charman added that there is currently a waiting list, and the City might want to proceed with haste to be placed on the list for the Odd Fellows building. Ms. Charman added that she is happy to see the City considering assistance with windows, and feels it should be handled more as a grant than loan, as many downtown business owners cannot afford to replace windows in upper stories without assistance. Charman added that if she had received \$5,000 per year to replace her windows, over several years, the project would now be done.

4) Discussion on Zoning Code – Sign Regulations & Residential Use of Commercial Property

Councilman Black indicated he had requested that this item be placed on the agenda. Councilman Black pointed out several sections and requirements that he does not feel are appropriate, specifically the minor directional signs, restriction for off-premises signs, building heights, and the restriction of residential uses in some Commercial Districts. Councilman Black indicated he feels the entire code needs to be looked at, and Council should hold workshops to address these issues, with the Sign Code and Zoning Code being first. Following discussion, a workshop was scheduled for April 1st at 5:15 to discuss the Sign and Zoning Codes.

Councilman Baity indicated he has received some complaints about off-premises signs, and wanted to know if enforcement action would be taken. Council consensus was that no enforcement action would be taken until after the April 1st workshop.

5) Approval of New Admission Schedule to the Aquatic Center

City Manager Gruen indicated that based on Council direction given at the Aquatic Center workshop, he has prepared a new schedule of fees that does not include inside and outside city limits prices. Prices will be the same for all users, as follows:

Admission Type	Proposed Fee
0-2 years	\$0.00
3-16	\$5.00
17-54	\$5.00
44-64	\$5.00
65 years +	\$2.00
Street-Parent	\$2.00
Group (15+)	\$2.00
Individual Pass	\$70.00
Family Pass (four or fewer)	\$185.00
Add 1	\$36.00
Intro to Water	\$24.00
Learn to Swim	\$48.00
All Parties	\$200.00
Early Morning Swim	
Adult	\$2.50
65 years +	\$1.00

City Manager Gruen indicated he has estimated revenue at these rates as \$202,323 for the season, but it may be less than that.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Black to approve the proposed fee schedule. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

6) Presentation of City of Salem Zoning Map

City Manager Gruen indicated the updated Zoning Map is posted at City Hall, and asked what revisions had been made. City Clerk Bev Quinn indicated there were no actual rezonings, just two minor corrections made to the map. One business site had been in business for 50+ years, and was zoned residential. This zoning was amended to commercial. Additionally, a multi-family complex was zoned single-family residential, but a search of City Council minutes showed it should have been zoned multi-family residential. The corrections were made at the administrative level.

7) Approval of New Computer Monitor/Presentation Setup in Council Room

City Manager Gruen indicated he has proposals totaling approximately \$4,200 for equipment and installation (including electrical work and wiring) to install a pedestal from the ceiling and connect two 42” television monitors. There would be a docking station at the City Manager’s position and at the podium.

Councilman Black indicated he did not think a 42” screen was large enough, and he would like to see something that came down from the ceiling and was retractable, similar to what many churches have. Councilman Baity concurred that he did not think the 42” screen was large enough. Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer indicated his church has the projector/retractable screen, and there are many technical issues and problems that come up that don’t happen with computers and tv screens. Councilman Black asked if the screens could be larger. City Manager Gruen indicated he would see what weight the ceiling will support, if there is a way to make the screens adjustable to be out of sight when not being use, and large enough to read.

- VI. **City Manager Report** – No report.
- VII. **City Attorney Report** – Absent, due to illness.
- VIII. **Finance Director** – No report.
- IX. **City Council Report**

Councilwoman Morgan indicated she worked the home show with the Mayor, and talked to a lot of people during the day. Several people indicated they would like to see Baldrige Lane extended to Mills Cart Road, as a back way to Wal-Mart. Mayor Raymer asked if IDOT would be involved. Public Works Director John Pruden indicated that section of Mills Cart Road is a Salem Township Road, and the Township Commissioner has indicated he has no interest in Baldrige Lane being opened to Mills Cart, which would increase the wear and tear on his township road. Mayor Raymer asked what it would involve. Mr. Pruden indicated it would be necessary to meet with the Township and discuss a jurisdictional transfer.

Councilwoman Morgan also indicated she received several comments about how bad the former Selmaville North school looks, and that it needs to be demolished.

X. Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to enter into Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Return to Open Session at 8:02 p.m.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Baity that the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 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: _____