

**AGENDA CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 17, 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**
 - 1. SAFE – Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- V. **City Council Action**
 - 1. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes – March 3, 2014
 - 2. Bills Payable
 - 3. Approval of 2014 Audit Services with Glass & Shuffett
 - 4. Purchase Approval – Gas Line Relocation
 - 5. Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments
- VI. **City Manager Report**
- VII. **City Attorney Report**
- VIII. **Finance Director Report**
- IX. **City Council Report**
- X. **Adjournment**

Bill Gruen
City Manager

**MINUTES
CITY OF SALEM
COUNCIL MEETING
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I. **Call to Order**

The Salem City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 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:

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| 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 Brian Hunt |
| City Clerk Bev Quinn | City Attorney Mike Jones |

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**

Benji Tate, 4703 Cartter Rd., Kell, IL, was present to address Council regarding the new Animal Control site, which is adjacent to his property. Mr. Tate reiterated his concerns, and his objection to the project, as expressed at the February 18, 2014 Council meeting. Mr. Tate listed concerns about noise, property values, animal dumping in the area, the safety of his personal pets, and specifically the safety of his three-year-old twins. Mr. Tate indicated he had approached the County regarding this issue, and was told they were not involved. Mr. Tate questioned why the City didn't find a location within its corporate limits.

Mayor Raymer responded that the City has been trying to address this issue for several years, and this is the first truly viable site that has been available. Mayor Raymer indicated that the difference between a Humane Shelter and an Animal Control facility is that the City does not intend to house the animals long-term. Mayor Raymer reiterated that the City wants to be a good neighbor, and will address any issues that come up, once the facility is in operation. Mayor Raymer added that the City will do everything it can

to make the facility as safe for Mr. Tate's children and pets as possible. Mayor Raymer thanked Mr. Tate for attending the meeting and expressing his concerns.

IV. Mayor's Report and Presentations

SAFE Proclamation – Mayor Raymer introduced Cyndi Addison of the SAFE organization, and provided a summary of the proclamation declaring April 2014 as “Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month” in the City of Salem, Illinois.

V. City Council Action

1) Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes – March 3, 2014.

Councilman Black pointed out a typo in Section 5, and directed that “Feels” be amended to “Fees”. ***Motion was made by Councilman Black, seconded by Councilman Baity that the Consent Agenda be approved, with the amendment to the March 3rd minutes. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

2) Bills Payable

Following discussion of Bills Payable, ***Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Baity that Bills Payable be approved as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

3) Approval of 2014 Audit Services with Glass and Shuffett

City Manager Gruen presented a proposal for FY2014 Auditing Services from Glass and Shuffett. Gruen indicated the proposal is \$27,500 (last year it was \$26,600) and Glass added that Shuffett has provided superior service. Mr. Gruen recommended approval. ***Motion was made by Councilman Black, seconded by Councilwoman Morgan that the proposal be accepted. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

4) Purchase Approval – Gas Line Relocation

City Manager Gruen indicated Union Pacific has requested the relocation of a Salem natural gas line to accommodate work they are doing to expand their switch yard at Salem's northeast side. The only bid received was from USDI in the amount of \$39,950.00. City Manager Gruen indicated he recommends approval. ***Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Baity that the Gas Line Relocation project be awarded to USDI in the amount of \$39,950.00. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

5) Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments

Mayor Raymer requested that this item be withdrawn, and indicated appointments will be an agenda item in April.

- VI. City Manager Report** - City Manager Gruen indicated the Budget is coming together very well, and he expects it to be reviewed by Council on April 7th. The code review workshop for the Sign and Zoning Codes has been scheduled for April 1st.

VII. City Attorney Report – No report.

VIII. Finance Director – No report.

IX. City Council Report

Councilwoman Black asked if the leaf vac will be running. Public Works Director John Pruden responded, “if necessary”, and added that yard waste bags are picked up year round.

Mayor Raymer indicated his appreciation to Andy England of The Spirit Shoppe, who went through all the necessary steps to bring his building into compliance for assembly use. Mayor Raymer indicated he will be issuing the Spirit Shoppe's Class “I” license in the near future.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Bringwald that the meeting be adjourned at 6:35 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: 4/21/14