

AGENDA  
CITY OF SALEM  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 2, 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 – May 27, 2014
  - 2. First Reading – False Alarm Ordinance
  - 3. Approval to Sell Klasic Kollections Articles Located at #7 Carpenter Drive
  - 4. Request for Downtown TIF Assistance for Minor League Building Renovations
  - 5. Purchase Approval – 3/4 Ton Truck for Water/Sewer Maintenance
  
- VI. **City Manager Report**
- VI. **City Attorney Report**
- VIII. **Finance Director Report**
- IX. **City Council Report**
- X. **Adjournment**

Bill Gruen  
City Manager

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**June 2, 2014**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Salem City Council was held on June 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Salem City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem David Black.

Council Members Present:  
Councilman Royce Bringwald  
Councilwoman Sue Morgan  
Councilman Jim Baity  
Councilman David Black

*(Mayor Raymer had called and indicated he would be a few minutes late, as he was attending a Public Hearing in Patoka.)*

Others present:

City Manager Bill Gruen	Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer
City Attorney Mike Jones	Public Works Director John Pruden
Recreation Director Sherry Daniels	Library Director Kim Keller
Chief of Police Ron Campo	Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt
City Clerk Bev Quinn	Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson
Sgt. Susan Miller	

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

**II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

Opening prayer was led by Mayor Pro-Tem David Black, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Reece Rutland of the Centralia Sentinel announced that tonight's meeting would be his last, as he has taken a position with SIU-E. Mr. Rutland thanked the Council and others present for their help during his time with the Sentinel.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Black indicated this would be postponed until Mayor Raymer's arrival.

**V. City Council Action**

- 1. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approval of Minutes – May 27, 2014

***Motion was made by Councilman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Bringwald that the Consent Agenda be approved, as amended. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman***

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

**2. First Reading – False Alarm Ordinance**

City Manager Gruen indicated this ordinance is being brought to Council at the request of Chief Campo, in an effort to deter excessive false alarms. City Manager Gruen added that he had provided examples from Mt. Vernon, Marion, Carbondale, and Darien, and their charges follow:

<b>Community</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Penalty/Fee</b>
Carbondale	6 <sup>th</sup> and subsequent	\$100.00
Marion	4 <sup>th</sup> false alarm	\$100.00
	5 <sup>th</sup> false alarm	\$200.00
	Subsequent	increased by \$100.00
Mt. Vernon	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> false alarms	\$100.00
	5 <sup>th</sup> false alarm and sub	additional \$25.00 each time

Chief Campo indicated the false alarms are a drain on their resources, and he would like to see an ordinance in place that would encourage businesses to take care of faulty systems. Campo added that he would like to see the calls tracked on a calendar basis, rather than a “rolling” basis.

Chief Campo provided copies of stats for 2012 and 2013, showing that the top false alarms for 2013 were: Salem Tire – 80; SCHS – 23; Purple Elephant – 12; Regions Bank – 10 and KFC - 9.

Consensus of the Council was that an ordinance did need to be developed. Councilman Black suggested a fine for the fourth call at \$100.00, with a \$50.00 increment each false alarm after that. Discussion ensued regarding what the ultimate action should be after a number of fines. Chief Campo indicated they could be told that after so many false alarms, they would no longer respond. City Attorney Mike Jones added that he does not think there is any requirement that the City offers that service, and indicated he would put together an ordinance for Council review at the next meeting.

**3. Approval to Sell Klassic Kollections Articles Located at #7 Carpenter Drive**

City Manager Gruen indicated he would like to hire an auctioneer to auction off the items left behind by Klassic Kollections. Mr. Gruen also suggested selling some of the furniture to SBIC, as it makes the building more attractive. Mr. Gruen added that he would like the City to purchase a few items for the Animal Control office. When questioned about why the City would need to purchase items at auction, Mr. Gruen responded that the items were used as collateral in a CDAP loan, and must be auctioned. Consensus of Council was to proceed. City Attorney Mike Jones indicated he would prepare an ordinance declaring those items surplus.

**Mayor Raymer arrived at 6:08 p.m.**

**4.. Request for Downtown TIF Assistance for Minor League Building Renovations**

City Manager Gruen Mike Bolton of Minor League is applying for TIF assistance to make repairs to the roof of his building at 115 West Main Street. The total cost for the new roof is estimated to be \$18,500, and the City Manager is recommending a 50% (\$9,250.00) forgivable loan. Councilman Black expressed some concern about forgivable loans, as there is no money going back into the fund. Mayor Raymer added that he has been approached by a number of downtown business owners regarding projects they would like assistance with. Councilwoman Morgan mentioned that she thinks expenditures to make permanent repairs to the downtown area are worthwhile expenditures. City Manager Gruen indicated the City has had good results from workshop sessions, and suggested the Council may want to hold a workshop to discuss how they would like to proceed in utilizing TIF funds. **Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan to approve a TIF #3 forgivable loan to Minor League in the amount of \$9,250.00. Discussion ensued regarding whether the action should be held over for two weeks, with consensus being to proceed with action. The motion was seconded by Councilman Black Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

**5. Purchase Approval – ¾ Ton Truck for Water/Sewer Maintenance**

City Manager Gruen indicated the FY2015 Budget provides for the purchase of a truck for the Water/Sewer Department, and he is recommending approval of the purchase of a 2015 Ford F250 Supercab in the amount of \$27,235 from Schmidt Ford. **Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Baity to approve the purchase of a F250 Supercab in the amount of \$27,235 from Schmidt Ford. Roll call vote: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

VI. **City Manager Report**

**Salem Family Aquatic Center** - City Manager Gruen indicated the Aquatic Center had had problems with two probes that measure the chemicals at the pool over the weekend. They have now been repaired, and the pool should re-open tomorrow.

VII. **City Attorney Report** - None.

VIII. **Finance Director Report** – None.

IX. **City Council Report**

**Councilman Black** – Councilman Black indicated a citizen had commented to him that the grassy area of the interstate exchange has not been mowed. Public Works Director Pruden indicated the State mows the area twice per year. Councilman Black asked if that is something the City can do. Mr. Pruden responded that in order to do that, the City would have to enter into a “partnership” with IDOT, and we would have to guarantee we’d maintain it. Councilwoman Morgan indicated she wants to see Kinney Blvd. mowed. Mr. Pruden indicated mowing Kinney Blvd. is scheduled for tomorrow.

Councilman Black also expressed concern about the business on West Main Street where junk sits out 24 hours per day. Councilwoman Morgan concurred and indicated they have a refrigerator, box springs, large furniture, etc. setting out all of the time. Councilman Black indicated he would like to see them acquiesce voluntarily. Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt indicated he would make contact with them.

VI. **Adjournment**

City Manager Gruen reminded those present of the workshop scheduled for Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. ***Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Bringwald that the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

Bev Quinn, CMC  
City Clerk

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