

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2014
6:00 PM**

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Bill Gruen
City Manager

**MINUTES
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AUGUST 4, 2014**

I. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Salem City Council was held on Monday, August 4, 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 Jim Baity
Councilman David Black
Councilman Royce Bringwald
Councilwoman Sue Morgan
Mayor John Raymer

Others present:

City Manager Bill Gruen	Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer
City Clerk Bev Quinn	Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson
Sgt. Susan Miller	Animal Control Officer Paul Wimberly
Recreation Director Sherry Daniels	Public Works Director John Pruden
Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt	DOEM Director Terry Mulvany

Members of the media: Dennis Rosenberger, Salem Times Commoner and Bruce Kropp, WJBD Radio

II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Presentations of Petitions/Public Comments

Joe Hotze, 1605 Hawthorn, indicated he is the representative of a large number of residents, regarding the proposed closure or rerouting of Broughton Rd. Mr. Hotze indicated he attended the Special Meeting where STH representatives addressed City Council regarding four options for rerouting or closing a portion of Broughton Road. Mr. Hotze indicated the helipad has been in place for 13 years, and

there has not been one accident. Police patrol the area, and there has not been one speeding ticket issued in that area for eight years. Mr. Hotze indicated he feels the “safety” issue was put into the hospital’s presentation because the project would not be as popular if they said they wanted to close the street for development of a parking lot. Mr. Hotze indicated once the construction fencing and barriers come down, there will still be available space for 15 parking spaces without closing Broughton Rd. Mr. Hotze indicated he spoke with the Police Department, Fire Department, school bus company, Lutheran Church, First Christian Church, Hawthorn and Franklin Park Schools, and some “soccer moms”, and no one can understand why the hospital wants to close the road.

Mr. Hotze indicated the City Council will be meeting in special session with the Hospital Board again tomorrow, and everything appears to need immediate action – and every time City Council has been pushed into a quick decision it has ended up being a bad decision. Last week, Councilman Black suggested tunneling under Broughton Rd., and it appears that that would satisfy the safety issue. Broughton is a major thoroughfare, as well as a snow route. Mr. Hotze added that Broughton Road is just a little safer now, due to the construction that is close to the road, as it slows traffic down. Mr. Hotze asked that City Council put a lot of thought into the project, and re-think tunneling under Broughton Rd.

Mayor Raymer indicated that he and Mr. Hotze went to the hospital and walked the area. Mayor Raymer added that this is not an easy decision, as City Council wants to support the hospital and make sure everyone can access the hospital, but wants the residents to be satisfied, as well.

IV. Mayor’s Report and Presentations

Mayor Raymer announced that there will be a joint meeting of the Salem Township Hospital Board and the Salem City Council on Tuesday, August 5th at 5:30 p.m. at the hospital.

V. City Council Action

1. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2014.
- b. The Amy Center Kickball Fundraiser at Frala Park – Sept 6, 2014 St. Theresa Hosted Cross Country Meets in Bryan Park

Councilman Black pointed out that in Item #14 of the July 21, 2014 minutes, the names of the Councilmen making the motion and second were left out. Ms. Quinn indicated she would check her notes and make the correction. ***Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Baity that the Consent Agenda be approved with the revision to the minutes. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

Mark Simmons of the Amy Center Board of Directors indicated he was a classmate of Amy’s, and their group tries to do a fundraiser each year. Soccer is very popular this year, which is why it was selected for the September 6th fundraiser. Mr. Simmons thanked City Council for their approval.

2. Appointment of David Armbrust to SCIRP&DC

Mayor Raymer indicated Tom Oliverio has resigned from the South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission, and SCIRP&DC has recommended David Armbrust be appointed to serve in his place. Mayor Raymer is in support of the appointment, with City Council’s approval.

Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan that David Armbrust be appointed to represent the City in serving on the SCIRP&DC board. Roll call vote: ayes: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Resolution for Little Egypt Parade on October 4, 2014

City Manager Gruen indicated Little Egypt Parade Chairman Troy Cannon has requested that the City adopt a resolution approving the Little Egypt Parade, which will be sent to the State of Illinois for permission to close the streets. Mr. Gruen added that this year the resolution contains a rain date.

Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Bringwald that the

resolution be approved as requested. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

4. Approval of New City Logo Design

City Manager Gruen presented the new City of Salem logo design, and requested Council approval. Councilman Bringwald indicated the design colors need a little more contrast. Councilman Baity indicated it looks good. Councilman Black indicated it appears to be a little dark in color. Mayor Raymer indicated it is a nice clean logo, and it shows symbols of industry, history, train, agriculture, etc. Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson indicated Minor League had prepared a variation of the logo for shirts, with more contrasting colors. City Manager Gruen indicated he and Jeanne would tweak the colors.

Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve the logo, with some color modifications. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

5. Ordinance – Prohibition of Sales of E-Cigarettes to Persons Under

City Manager Gruen presented the ordinance pertaining to E-Cigarettes, and suggested that if we are restricting **sale** of e-cigarettes to minors, there should also be a restriction against **possession** by those under 18. **Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Black that the ordinance restricting the sale of e-cigarettes to those under 18 be approved, with the addition that those under 18 cannot be in possession of e-cigarettes, and that the penalties be made the same as those for sale of or possession of tobacco. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

6. Smoking Policy in Salem Parks & Placement of Signs

Mayor Raymer indicated he wanted the proposed resolution brought back to Council for further consideration, as he wants to discourage smoking by or around children. Mayor Raymer held up a picture of the new logo over the picture of a cigarette with a circle and slash over it, indicating “no smoking”, and asked if that revision would be acceptable to Council. Councilman Black indicated the wording on the sign still says “smoke-free”, and he is opposed to the violation of adults’ freedom to smoke outside. Mayor Raymer indicated the issue is a public health concern, and sees the policy as an impetus to discourage smoking in the park. Councilman Bringwald indicated that while smoking may be an unhealthy choice, it is still a choice. Councilman Bringwald added that people need to show respect for each other, and not smoke right on the bleachers. As to the safety issue of small children ingesting butts, that should be the responsibility of the children’s parents to insure they don’t pick anything up and eat it. No action was taken.

7. Selection of Firm to Purchase Natural Gas

City Manager Gruen indicated the agenda packet contained a service agreement with Utility Gas Management (UGM) for gas purchasing services. It has been reviewed by Mike Jones, who suggested only that the City consider placement of a 30-day termination be applicable after the first year. Mr. Jones indicated he has since reviewed the revised agreement, and is satisfied with it.

Motion was made by Council Black and seconded by Councilman Baity that the selection of UGM to purchase the City’s Natural Gas be approved, and the City Manager be authorized to execute the agreement.. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

8. **Second Reading – Request for Two-Hour Limited Parking 200 Block of East Schwartz**

City Manager Gruen indicated that after further review of the 200 block of E. Schwartz, he feels the ordinance should be revised to allow three spaces with two-hour parking and one handicapped space. The site was formerly the location of the Division of Children and Family Services, and the two handicapped parking spaces may have been appropriate at that time. Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson indicated the new owner of the former DCFS building has a client interested in leasing the balance of the building, and they will need as many parking spaces as possible. Modern Woodmen will be using spaces behind the building, and utilizing the spaces in front of the building for customers. **Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Baity that Ordinance 2014-09 be approved with revisions to allow for three spaces**

with two-hours parking between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and one handicapped space in the 200 Block of E. Schwartz. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

9 Approval of Parking Lot Design at Jefferson and Main

City Manager Gruen requested formal approval of the parking lot design for the corner of Main and Jefferson, which was distributed at the last City Council meeting. The City will contract out construction of a retaining wall at the southwest corner of the property to account for an existing driveway that sits above the grade of the City lot. Cost of the rock is estimated at \$5,000.00.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of spaces. City Manager Gruen indicated he would talk to Rhutasel and Associates about revising the width of the spaces from 10 ft. to 9 ft. **Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Black to approve the parking lot design for the corner of Main and Jefferson, as revised.. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

VI. **City Manager Report**

City Manager Gruen indicated he will be soliciting bids to demolish 301 S. Lincoln and 1717 E. Main in the next week. Mr. Gruen also indicated he had received a quote from DBS Disposal to provide a second large item pickup for \$4,400.00. Mr. Gruen indicated the City will be scheduling the first pick-up of the year this fall, and does not feel a second pick up would be feasible. Mr. Gruen added that he would prefer to see another derelict building demolished with these funds. Councilwoman Morgan indicated the City should hold a large item pick up each Spring and Fall. Mayor Raymer indicated he would like to see the large item pick-up for this Fall scheduled before the Little Egypt Festival. Mr. Gruen distributed a picture of Team Chills making a donation from the softball tournament held at the City fields to the Kaskaskia College Veteran's Tribute.

VII. **City Attorney Report – None.**

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

IV. **City Council Report – None**

X. **Executive Session**

10. Real Estate – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)

11. Collective Bargaining - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to take a five minute break and enter into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Real Estate and Collective Bargaining.. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Return to open session at 7:48 p.m.

XI. **City Council Action**

12. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of July 21, 2014

Postponed.

13 Sale of Real Estate

Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan that the City Manager be authorized to enter into a sale of property agreement with MPH Hotels for 2.5 acres of land located on Kinney Blvd. for \$250,000 for development of an 86 unit Holiday Inn Express.

XII. **Adjournment**

As there was no further business for discussion, Councilman Black made a motion at 7:52 p.m. to adjourn and Councilman Bringwald seconded the motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Raymer. NAY: None. Motion carried.