

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2014
6:00 PM**

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- IV. Mayor's Report and Presentations**

- V. City Council Action**
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 - 4. Bid Award – Water and Sewer Main Improvements Under Union Pacific Railroad
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Bill Gruen
City Manager

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I. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Salem City Council was held on Monday, August 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
Mayor John Raymer

Council member absent: Councilman Jim Baity, due to illness.

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	Library Director Kim Keller

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

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

IV. Mayor's Report and Presentations

IML - Mayor Raymer indicated the Illinois Municipal League will be holding its annual conference in Chicago on September 18th through the 20th, and encouraged Council members to attend.

Next Meeting Date - Mayor Raymer indicated the next regular City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd, due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday.

Conway Trucking – Mayor Raymer indicated he had been contacted by Brent Smith of Conway Trucking, regarding a problem with the birds and pests residing at the former Selmaville School, and the subsequent fouling of Conway’s truck windows and facility. Mayor Raymer asked that Mr. Hunt contact the property owner regarding this, as well as the weeds and debris, and indicated he would like to meet with the owner, as well.

V. City Council Action

1. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes – August 4 and August 5, 2014

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

2. Bills Payable

Following review of the bills payable, ***motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Bringwald that Payables be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Black, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

3. Authorization to Go Out for Bids – Bryan Park Recreational Trail

City Manager Gruen indicated Keep Salem Beautiful has applied for a \$20,000 Lowe’s Grant to be used for the Bryan Park Recreational Trail, and they are listed on the Lowe’s website as being awarded it. The estimated cost to complete the trail is \$122,000, according to Micah Mulvaney of Marvin Jenkins and Associates. However, we will not know the actual cost until the City goes out for bid on the project. Councilwoman asked if there was a deadline for completion in connection to the Lowe’s grant. City Manager Gruen indicated the project must be done by December 31, 2014. Mr. Gruen added that if the bids come in higher than expected, the Public Works Department may be able to performing brush removal to reduce the cost, or the trail extenders could be modified. Councilman Black pointed out that the invitation for bids has a signature line for the Mayor, and it should be changed to City Manager, as the City Manager has administrative authority and the Mayor and Council have legislative authority. ***Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Bringwald that the City Manager be authorized to go out for bids on the Bryan Park Recreational Trail project. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

4. Bid Award – Water and Sewer Main Improvements Under Union Pacific Railroad

City Manager Gruen indicated bids were opened for the Water and Sewer Main Improvements Under Union Pacific Railroad on Tuesday, with the low bid being submitted by Haier Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$112,395. Manager recommends approval. ***Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan that the Water and Sewer Main Improvements Under the Union Pacific Railroad be awarded to Haier Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$112,395.00. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Councilman Bringwald abstained.***

5. Bid Award – Demolition of Buildings – 301 S. Lincoln and 1717 E. Main

City Manager Gruen indicated he requested demolition bids on 301 S. Lincoln and 1717 E. Main from Wheat Excavating and Chuck’s Excavating. The low bids on both properties were received from Chuck’s, as follows: 301 S. Lincoln - \$5,400.00; 1717 E. Main St. - \$6,450.00. Mayor Raymer indicated he would like to see these demolitions come out of the General Fund, rather than using UDAG funds, as he would like to see those funds saved for larger projects. ***Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to award the demolition of 301 S. Lincoln and 1717 E. Main to Chuck’s Excavating, and to pay for the project from the General***

Fund. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Black, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

6. Selection of Engineer for Engineering Review – Salem Township Hospital Project
- City Manager Gruen indicated he had requested statements of qualification from Heneghan and Associates, P.C., Centralia, IL and HMG Engineers, Inc., Carlyle IL regarding the traffic study and engineering review of the Salem Township Hospital project. Mr. Gruen added that he is not looking for them to create new information, just to review the information we have. Public Works Director John Pruden indicated he has worked with both engineering firms on other projects, and they are both good, but the submittal from HMG was more indicative of traffic work and Heneghan's submittal was more design work. City Manager Gruen indicated he has worked closely with Scott Rakers of HMG, and he had a good experience with him. City Manager Gruen indicated he would ask the firm selected for a "not to exceed" price, and would then approach the Salem Township Hospital to ask that the fee be split between the City and the Hospital.
- Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan that HMG be selected to perform the traffic study and engineering review of the hospital project, with the stipulation that the hospital agrees to pay half. Councilman Black added that the minutes from the joint meeting between the hospital and City had indicated all improvements to date have been paid for with hospital profits, rather than tax dollars – the City does not have "profits" to spend – it is all tax dollars. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Black, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

VI. City Manager Report

City Manager Gruen indicated the Salem Theatre and Cultural Center is working on additional grant money to do their expansion at the rear of the theatre for a dressing room and restroom. In 2013, City Council approved a TIF grant and loan, totaling \$31,000. Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson is working with them to try to turn the \$70,000 they are currently working with into much more.

VII. City Attorney Report – None.

VIII. Finance Director Report – None.

IX. City Council Report

Councilwoman Morgan – Councilwoman Morgan indicated the City is really looking good. Our downtown has places to shop, we are getting rid of derelict buildings, and there is a new building going up in the Industrial Park. Ms. Morgan added that we should all be proud of Salem.

Mayor Raymer – Mayor Raymer indicated the City of Salem and the Salem Elks Club recently re-dedicated Andrew Jackson Park in the Frisco subdivision. Mayor Raymer indicated Assistant Public Works Director Annette Brushwitz coordinated the efforts of the Elks, Modern Woodmen, and Americana on refurbishing the park, and it really looks good. Approximately 50 people attended the rededication ceremony. In addition to their previous efforts, the Elks presented Mayor Raymer with a check for \$2,000 to pay for a small shelter at the park.

Mayor Raymer added that he would like Council to be cautious in using the UDAG money, and suggested it could be used to demolish the old motel on Rt. 50 West, or other large projects. Additionally, he would like it to be used to offer incentives of \$1,000 - \$2,000 to individuals to encourage *them* to have their derelict buildings demolished. City Manager Gruen indicated he received some help from Johnathon Halberg of SCIRPDC in getting the approval to use UDAG funds for demolitions, but the funds have to support low to moderate income neighborhoods.

Mayor Raymer indicated he would also like to see if it is possible for the City to take control of properties before they are sold at tax sales, so that the City can work out arrangements with adjacent property owners, perhaps even waiving some liens, so that the properties are back on the tax rolls and the City is not maintaining them.

Councilman Black commended the Salem Elks for all they have done. Councilman Black indicated the club had gotten to the point that it had almost closed its doors, but under the current leadership, it is flourishing. Councilman Black added that the Elks is now a gift to the community, and we should be grateful for all they do.

X. Adjournment

As there was no further business for discussion, Councilman Black made a motion at 6:50 p.m. to adjourn and Councilwoman Morgan seconded the motion.

A member of the audience, Joe Hotze, 1605 Hawthorn Road, indicated he had come in after the public comments, and asked if he could speak regarding Broughton Road. Mayor Raymer invited him to speak.

Mr. Hotze indicated he has nothing personally to gain by stopping the closure of Broughton Rd. Sunday afternoon he walked the area to see if there was something he was missing. Mr. Hotze indicated rerouting Broughton Rd. would require that the road be able to accommodate school buses, semis, and would have to be at least 30 feet wide, plus easement for walkers and bikers. The proposed amendment to the north would put the road in the lake. Mr. Hotze suggested City Council have a meeting outside where the rerouting is proposed, and they bring a tape measure. Mr. Hotze said the proposed rerouting to the south would affect a grove of approximately 60 pine trees, a bluff, then it drops into a flood plain. This would require the widening of College Street.

Mr. Hotze said that before the City pays for more engineering work, is rerouting even an option? Mr. Hotze indicated Barnes built an overpass, and Councilman Black's suggestion of constructing an underpass is a good suggestion. Mr. Hotze added that until the City of Salem tells the hospital that closing Broughton Rd. is not an option, they will not even consider other alternatives.

Mayor Raymer indicated the most viable option to rerouting the road is Councilman Black's suggestion of going under the road, and he has been speaking to Jerry Broom (formerly of Egyptian Concrete) about the pre-cast arch bridges. However, Salem Township Hospital has requested a road closure, and we must consider the options. Mr. Hotze reiterated that the hospital would not consider other alternatives as long as road closure is a possibility.

***(Motion to adjourn made earlier by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan.)
Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Raymer. NAY: None. Motion carried.***

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk