

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2015
6:00 PM**

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 - II. **Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
 - III. **Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments**
 - IV. **Mayor's Report and Presentations**
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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, January 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. 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

Others present:

City Manager Bill Gruen	Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt
City Clerk Bev Quinn	Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer
Chief Sean Reynolds	Recreation Director Sherry Daniels
Public Works Director John Pruden	Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt
Library Director Kim Keller	Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson
DOEM Director Terry Mulvany	

Also present were members of the media and 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. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments – None.

IV. Mayor's Report and Presentations

Unity Forum -Mayor Raymer indicated the City will once again be hosting a Unity Forum on February 10, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bryan Bennett Library. Although this has always been a public meeting, members of the public are both invited and encouraged to attend.

State of the City – Mayor Raymer presented his annual State of the City address. Of note were the following:

- North American Lighting plant employment tops 1000 workers at our Salem plant
- City of Salem and Jarco Propane break ground for new 50,000 sq. ft. facility at #10 Carpenter Drive
- Holiday Inn Express selects Salem as site of New 86 room hotel
- Americana Products announces expansion of Powder Coating and Painting facilities at Salem plant
- Howell Paving consolidates operations at former Henderson Trucking location
- Radiac Abrasives announces Jim Baylis as plant manager with Tyrolit merger
- Star Buildings selects Salem as new center for drafting and design operations – opens in November
- Salem Twp. Hospital completes \$20 million in expansion
- Murray Center Parents Association organize to oppose Governor’s plans to close the center
- Salem Animal Control begins operations in new facility on Cartter Road
- US 50 4-Lane Coalition identifies Marion County as next area for study in road project
- Keep Salem Beautiful wins Lowe’s grant for \$20,000 local match for Bryan Park Trail Project
- City receives \$15,000 Union pacific Grant for Creation of Salem Museum
- City awards contract to Shores Builders for constructing new walking trail in Bryan Park
- PKC World Coon Hunt Expands and is recognized for five years of operations in Salem
- Marion County Fair expands buildings and events at the summer fair
- Little Egypt Festival and Parade has new directors in Jay and Beth Henke
- Safe Sheds displays actual product that saved lives of people and pets in a tornado
- Chamber of Commerce welcomes new president Brian Gansauer
- Salem Theater sets goals for three-year effort to restore the building and expand programming
- Salem Area Aquatic Center continues plans for indoor swim pool and therapy pool
- Keep Salem Beautiful brings new recycling trailer to Salem
- Apostolic Church and St Theresa’s Church open buildings to stranded travelers during ice storm
- Farmer’s Market expands to 25 vendors and adds Saturday operations during July
- Salem Banking Center opens new main bank facility in downtown Salem
- City purchases 8 acres from Yellow Freight for expanded worker parking in industrial park
- RADIAC abrasives announces new safety, environmental and community involvement plans
- Chamber of Commerce monthly business luncheons expand membership and information
- City adopts tiered rate structure for pricing natural gas to customers, rebates gas costs for December
- Daffy-Dill Garden Club and Master Gardeners expand Display Garden at Bryan Statue
- USSonet announces plans to expand services to Odin and Sandoval
- Salem Community Activities Center announces \$10,000 grant from Union Pacific Foundation
- City established tree nursery using Union pacific Grant funds
- Salem YMCA begins operations with location in Salem Community Activities Center

Mayor Raymer thanked the City Council for all they have done, and for the goals they have set. Raymer stated that he appreciates the leadership of City Manager Gruen, the assistance of the department heads, and is proud to be a part of the current City Council.

V. **City Council Action**

1. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2015

Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to approve the minutes of January 5, 2015 as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of Route for YMCA Fundraising Run Event – April 4, 2015**

City Manager Gruen indicated the Marion County YMCA is organizing a fundraising run that would take place on Saturday, April 4, 2015. Funds raised would support YMCA programming. A general route has been discussed with the Salem PD and Emergency Management, both of which have expressed support for the route. It would make use of Bryan Park, College Street (around the Hospital) and the Nature Trail. Jed Casburn and Geff Purcell are working on this together, with their goal bring to bring more exercise and programming to the area. ***Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Black to approve the run route as proposed. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman***

Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Black, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

3. Bills Payable

City Manager Gruen indicated there was a problem getting into the gateway to our bank on the day payables were printed, and the Payables Clerk has since added two payments, and provided a sheet showing the new total. Mayor Raymer indicated he appreciated the way this was handled, with the majority of the payables being distributed to Council on time.

Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve the Bills Payable as presented, with the addition of the additional sheet provided. Roll call vote: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Final Plat for Sale of Land to Holiday Inn Express

City Manager Gruen indicated the City has agreed to sell approximately 2.5 acres to MPH for the Holiday Inn Express. This has required the re-platting of lots 3 and 4 of Salem West Subdivision, to take approximately 77 ft. from to what is now described as lot 4A and add it to lot 3A. Lot 3A remains compliant with the City's zoning code, and is developable as such. After approval, the plat will be recorded so that the land can be sold. **Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve the re-subdivision of lots 3 and 4 (now 3A and 4A) of Salem West Subdivision, as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

VI. City Manager Report

City Manager Gruen indicated that Kevin Cantrell of Goff Plumbing was at City Hall to make a minor repair to the boiler, and expressed concern about the age of the boiler and the piping system that is used, in part, to heat City Hall. Mr. Cantrell does not sell boilers or forced air systems, but he suggested the City look into what it would cost to replace the system, prior to its failure. Councilwoman Morgan indicated it could be a problem if the boiler is 60 years old. Councilman Black suggested the City Manager investigate what would be involved.

Councilman Gruen invited Chief Reynolds to provide a report on police action taken during the past year.

Chief Reynolds indicated the Salem Police Department is both proactive and reactive, and complaints against offices are few and far between. The Police Department provided 66 extra patrols for businesses (*up from 44 last year*) at the request of business owners. The largest increases were in traffic accidents and fraud. Accidents increased from 286 in 2013 to 390 in 2014. Reynolds indicated he feels an increase in traffic has caused the increase. Fraud cases jumped from 43 to 68. Reynolds indicated the Police Department is seeing an increase in fraud against the elderly, with a lot of it coming from overseas, which hinders the department's ability to prosecute. Reynolds added that, "if it seems too good to be true, it probably is." Residential and vehicle burglaries dropped, as well as misdemeanor thefts, criminal sexual assaults, and aggravated battery dropped. New stalking laws have helped lessen domestic violence, and the officers can now use a "quick form" for a temporary order of protection. An area that saw an increase was non-residential burglaries, which jumped from 19 to 41. The total non-traffic arrests fell from 316 in 2013 to 292 in 2014. A total of 2,340 traffic citations and arrests were made in 2014. Chief Reynolds Indicated that City Ordinance citations were up for Cannabis, and down for tobacco, synthetic drugs, alcohol, and drug paraphernalia.

Mayor Raymer asked if the video gaming in town has caused an increase in calls. Chief Reynolds indicated it has not. Councilman Black asked if the number of false alarm calls have dropped since City Council adopted the False Alarm Ordinance. Chief Reynolds indicated they have.

City Manager Gruen indicated Department Heads have been given their budget work sheets, and he is looking at presenting the Budget in a workshop format the first meeting in April.

VII. City Attorney Report – Absent.

VIII. Finance Director Report – None.

IX. City Council Report

Councilman David Black commended DOEM Director Terry Mulvany for updating the Emergency Management Plan with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

Councilwoman Morgan thanked Mayor Raymer for working with Council for the past couple of years, and added that they have done a lot of good.

Councilman Bringwald indicated Union Pacific has started a \$22 million yard expansion. UP originally has some problems with road weight limits, but Public Works Director John Pruden worked with them and helped them find a route. City Manager Gruen thanked John for helping UP find an alternate route.

XII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion by Councilman Bringwald and second by Councilwoman Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Black, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved: February 2, 2015