

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2016
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. Ducks Unlimited Day

 - V. **City Council Action**
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 - a. Approval of Minutes – March 2, 2015 Reg Meeting and Feb 10, 2015 Unity Forum
 - b. Approval of Use of Bryan Park by Salem Chamber for Apple Fest, Sept 19, 2015
 - c. Approval of Use of Pool & Bryan Park for Triathlon, June 28, 2015
 - 2. Approval of Bills Payable
 - 3. Presentations by Bond Underwriting Firms for Salem Bond Refinance
 - 4. Approval of Bid for Pump Station Installation
 - 5. Approval to Surplus/Destroy Police Dept Avon Masks
 - 6. Main Street Traffic

 - VI. **City Manager Report**
 - VII. **City Attorney Report**
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 - IX. **City Council Report**

 - XII. **Adjournment**

Bill Gruen
City Manager
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I. **Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the Salem City Council was held on Monday, March 16, 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 Raymer

Council member absent: Jim Baity

Others present:

City Manager Bill Gruen	Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt
City Clerk Bev Quinn	Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer
Chief Sean Reynolds	Deputy Chief Susan Miller
Recreation Director Sherry Daniels	Public Works Director John Pruden
City Attorney Mike Jones	Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson

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**

Bill Walton addressed City Council, asking permission to close the block of E. Locust (containing 4j19 and 420 E. Locust) between Rotan and Hamilton from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2015. The purpose is to hold an event to celebrate birthdays and memorialize family

and friends of those living on the block. Mr. Walton indicated he has arranged for parking and shuttling for people, so the roads don't get overwhelming or create any problems. The event will also have a live band. **Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve the closure of the street, pending the approval of the City Manager and Chief of Police. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

IV. Mayor's Report and Presentations

Local Tragedy – Mayor Raymer expressed sorry at the tragic car accident that occurred due to fog a week ago, which took the life of 19-year-old Wyatt McGhee and caused severe injuries to his 14-year-old brother, Weston, who remains in the hospital in St. Louis. Mayor Raymer commended the community for the outpouring of support it has shown through the photos of groups wearing Superman tee-shirts (*Weston's favorite*) including photos of the entire Marion County Sheriff's Department and the Salem Police Department, along with various fundraises. Chief Reynolds added that the Salem Police Department photo was arranged by Officer Denise Garden. Reynolds added that there has also been a "Go Fund Me" account set up for the McGhee family to help with funeral, hospital and travel expenses.

Salem Community Activities Center Fundraiser – Mayor Raymer indicated the SCAC is hosting a wine tasting fundraiser on March 21, 2015, and encouraged the community to support that event.

Ducks Unlimited – Mayor Raymer indicated the Duck's Unlimited annual dinner is being held on March 21st, and urged the community to support that event.

The Greater Salem Area/Chamber of Commerce "Evening of Honors" – Mayor Raymer indicated the Greater Salem Area Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce "Evening of Honors" is being held Thursday, March 26th, with a number of deserving individuals being recognized.

Election Day – Mayor Raymer indicated municipal elections will be held April 7th, and urged citizens to vote. The new Mayor and Council will be seated on May 4th.

Animal Control - Mayor Raymer asked City Manager Gruen if he would like to give a report on Animal Control. Mr. Gruen invited Animal Control Officer Paul Wimberly to provide an update. Mr. Wimberly indicated he currently has four animals ready for adoption, a female boxer-mix approximately 8 months old; a male black Lab approximately 8 weeks old; a female German Shepard mix approximately one year old; and a gray female cat.

Mr. Wimberly reported that they have adopted out the following, since beginning operations:

January – 1 dog; 1 cat

February – 1 dog;

March- 2 dogs; 2 cats, with an additional dog and additional cat going out this week.

Mr. Wimberly asked that anyone having information about rescue operations for German Shepards contact him with the information.

V. City Council Action

1. Consent Agenda:

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- c. Approval of Use of Pool & Bryan Park for Triathlon, June 28, 2015

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

2. Approval of Bills Payable

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

3. Presentations by Bond Underwriting Firms for Salem Bond Refinance

Presentations we were made by the following firms, in an order determined by random drawing:

- 1) First Midstate - Kevin Wills and Steve Pine
- 2) Edward Jones – Chris Collier, Darren Dwyer and Cory Kleiss
- 3) Baird – John Piemonte
- 4) Bernardi – John Visetti

Following discussion, consensus of Council was for the City Manager and Finance Director to lay out a more specific plan, and to invite two firms back for a second presentation at the next meeting.

4. Approval of Bid for Pump Station Installation

City Manager Gruen indicated that on February 17th, Council approved purchase of pump station equipment for location at Kell Street, with bids being solicited for installation at a later date. On February 26th, bids were received for installation, with the low bid coming from Kassen Excavating in the amount of \$29,250. ***Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve the Kassen Excavating to install the Kell St. pump station equipment in the amount of \$29,250. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

5. Approval to Surplus/Destroy Police Dept Avon Masks

City Manager Gruen indicated the Avon masks are expired, and cannot be used by anyone else, as they are specifically fitted for their users. ILEAS has recommended that City Council declare them surplus, and approve destruction. ***Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to declare the expired Avon masks as surplus, and approve their destruction. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Raymer.***

6. Main Street Traffic

City Manager Gruen indicated Councilwoman Morgan has asked to have Council discussion on increasing traffic she is witnessing on Main Street. John Pruden and Sean Reynolds are aware of the request and may have some comments on the matter, in addition to those of the Council. Councilwoman Morgan indicated traffic on Main Street is awful, sometimes stretching from one light to the next, and asked if there is any way the traffic signals can be adjusted to improve travel. Councilman Black commented that IDOT had been approached about this in the past. Public Works Director John Pruden indicated that IDOT does do studies on this, but if it is a surge problem, it may not be a priority. Mr. Pruden indicated he would make a call to IDOT. Mayor Raymer indicated the Rt. 50 Coalition is meeting with IDOT on Friday. Mayor Raymer added that he feels the area had a better relationship with IDOT in Effingham than it has with Collinsville, and asked about petitioning to be placed back in Effingham's district. Councilwoman Morgan asked about having an officer direct traffic during the busy times on Fridays. Chief Reynolds responded that having Officers direct traffic seems to create more traffic problems than the lights. Mayor Raymer indicated that he wants City Manager Gruen to make our legislators and IDOT aware of the problem.

VI. City Manager Report – City Manager Gruen indicated he is working on finalizing the draft budget, and has received good budgets from the Department Heads. The Budget Workshop will be scheduled for the first meeting in April.

VII. City Attorney Report – None.

VIII. Finance Director Report – None.

IX. City Council Report

Mayor Raymer reported that he had received two phone calls from citizens, 1) asking him to ask citizens to slow down in fog and to turn on their lights; and 2) thanking City Council for their service, then asking why City Council approved the resolution objecting to local tax cuts. Mayor Raymer added that the Governor is doing what he was elected to do – straighten out Illinois' finances – and we will all have to live with the decisions that are made.

X. Adjournment

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion by Councilman Black and second by Councilwoman Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved: 4/06/15