

III. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments – None.

IV. Mayor's Report and Presentations

Mayor Raymer

- expressed appreciation to the Lion's Club, for hosting their Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Bryan Park.
- indicated the local YMCA held its first walk/run over the weekend. It was a big success, with approximately 70 people participating.
- expressed sympathy for the family and friends of three-month old Aribella Thomason, who have formed a group, "Justice for Aribella" to bring awareness to family issues and keep Aribella's memory alive.
- thanked all who have painted their windows, worn "Superman" tee shirts, hung banners, and participated in fund-raisers for lift the spirits of Weston McGhee's family.
- expressed appreciation to City Manager Gruen for preparing a transparent, visible budget.
- thanked those candidates who are running for office for their willingness to serve.
- indicated he would like to see groundbreaking ceremonies for both the Bryan Park Walking Trail and the Holiday Inn Express before his term expires.

V. City Council Action

Following consultation with City Attorney Mike Jones, it was determined that it would be allowable to take an omnibus vote on City Council Action items 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7, in an effort to move the agenda along, due to expectations that the Budget Workshop might be lengthy. Item #2, Budget Workshop, was postponed until after other action items.

1. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2015 Regular, March 23, 2015 Special Meeting**
4. **Purchase Approval – Water Plant Chemicals**
5. **Purchase Approval – Bituminous Patch**
6. **Purchase Approval – Repair of John Deere Track Hoe**
7. **Purchase Approval – AECOM Groundwater Monitoring at Landfill**
8. **Purchase Approval – Audit Services with Glass & Shuffett**

Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Bringwald that items 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 be approved, with awards being made to the low bidders on the purchase items. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

3. **Purchase Approval – Rock & Sand**

City Manager Gruen indicated rock and sand are annual purchases, and he is recommending the low bid for CA6 rock from Beelman in the amount of \$13.87/ton. Mr. Gruen added that Council should decide to either accept the low bid for sand from Beelman at \$11.44/ton, or the local bid from Quad County of \$12.00/ton. The difference per ton is 4.7%, although the "buy local" ordinance specifies that it doesn't apply to public works. ***Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Baity to accept the bid for CA6 rock from Beelman in the amount of \$13.87/ton and the bid from Quad County for the sand at \$12.00/ton. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilman Baity, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***
9. **Ordinance Approval – Sale of Land and Assignment to Salem IL 0614 (hotel)**

City Manager Gruen indicated this ordinance is restating the City's action taken last year to sell land (located on Kinney Blvd.) to MPH Hotels for the Holiday Inn Express. This ordinance also specifically provides that MPH is permitted to assign its ownership interest to Salem IL 0614 LLC (which is also Mike Holtz). ***Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by***

Councilman Baity to approve Ordinance 2015-02 entitled, “An Ordinance Approving the Conveyance of Certain Real Property Located Within the City of Salem Located Along Kinney Blvd. (Salem West Subdivision) to MPH, Inc./Salem, IL 0614 LLC.”

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

10. Ordinance Amendment – Ordinance No. 2014-20

This ordinance made changes to the City’s hotel/motel tax in support of new Holiday Inn Express that will begin construction in the near term.

Construction, however, is beginning later than hoped. Thus, I request that the Council push back a construction deadline from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016 regarding eligibility for the tax credit provided. **Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Bringwald that Ordinance No. 2013-03 be approved, amending Ordinance No. 2014-20. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

11. Liquor Amendment – Increase Number of Licenses for Restaurants

Mayor Raymer has proposed that the number of Class D liquor licenses available in Salem be increased by five (5), from nine (9) to fourteen (14). Discussion ensued regarding the need to review and revise our existing code, due to changes brought about by video gaming. In the meantime, Mayor Raymer indicated he did not want to restrict development of restaurants in the area. **Motion was made by Councilman Black and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to increase the number of Class D Liquor Licenses available by five (5), changing the total available from nine (9) to fourteen (14). (Clerk’s note: Ord. No. will be 2015-04.) Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Black, Councilman Bringwald, Councilman Baity, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

12. Discussion – Waiver of City Demolition Liens for New Construction

Mayor Raymer has received requests from the public for discussion on a policy that would have the City release demolition liens without payment to make way for construction on a property affected by the lien. City Attorney Jones added that it is rare that property liens are collected, or waived, as they are usually lost in tax sales. Mr. Jones added that the City Manager has always had the authority in the past to negotiate payment on liens, or waive them, at his discretion. Mayor Raymer asked if Council had any objections to City Manager Gruen continuing to use his discretion on liens. No objections were received. City Manager Gruen was advised to continue to use his discretion regarding waiving liens.

2. FY16 Budget Presentation – First Reading of FY16 Budget

City Manager Gruen thanked Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer and the Department Heads for their work on the budget, and outlined changes in the FY16 budget from the FY15 budget, as follows:

<u>Department Name</u>	<u>FY15 Budget</u>	<u>FY16 Budget</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>%</u>
General Administration	\$693,595	\$706,595	\$13,000	1.87%
Police	\$1,605,599	\$1,693,261	\$87,662	5.46%
Public Works Administration	\$127,095	\$100,220	(\$26,875)	-21.15%
City Hall	\$46,650	\$48,580	\$1,930	4.14%
Economic Development	\$110,640	\$118,730	\$8,090	7.31%
Streets	\$420,850	\$382,345	(\$38,505)	-9.15%
Street Lighting	\$118,600	\$108,000	(\$10,600)	-8.94%
Swimming Pool	\$452,742	\$447,108	(\$5,634)	-1.24%
Bryan Museum	\$15,010	\$15,610	\$600	4.00%
Cemetery	\$153,165	\$179,940	\$26,775	17.48%

Animal Control	\$80,000	\$81,400	\$1,400	1.75%
General & Personnel Services	\$1,852,000	\$1,897,317	\$45,317	2.45%
Police Board	\$5,290	\$5,395	\$105	1.98%
Tourism Council	\$82,000	\$83,645	\$1,645	2.01%
Mechanical Services	\$69,400	\$72,280	\$2,880	4.15%
Dept of Emergency Management	\$46,880	\$37,109	(\$9,771)	-20.84%
Garbage	\$647,230	\$611,567	(\$35,663)	-5.51%
Parks	\$315,801	\$290,047	(\$25,754)	-8.16%
Library	\$188,963	\$193,522	\$4,559	2.41%
Library IMRF	\$18,640	\$18,915	\$275	1.48%
Recreation	\$116,975	\$113,100	(\$3,875)	-3.31%
Motor Fuel Tax	\$182,200	\$182,200	\$ -	0.00%
Police Pension	\$488,000	\$455,802	(\$32,198)	-6.60%
Downtown TIF	\$280,500	\$248,470	(\$32,030)	-11.42%
Venterans' Fund	\$500	\$500	\$ -	0.00%
Working Cash	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$ -	0.00%
Water & Sewer	\$2,696,000	\$2,792,388	\$96,388	3.58%
Natural Gas	\$3,985,055	\$4,124,175	\$139,120	3.49%
Fund 18 - 1/2 Cent Sales Tax	\$1,994,055	\$1,683,298	(\$310,757)	-15.58%
Matching Grant Projects	\$ -	\$70,000	\$70,000	100.00%
TIF #2	\$606,000	\$651,000	\$45,000	7.43%
CDAP Revolving Loan Fund	<u>\$969,800</u>	<u>\$1,039,940</u>	<u>\$70,140</u>	<u>7.23%</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$18,769,235	\$18,852,459	\$83,224	0.44%

The following budget items were discussed:

- Mr. Gruen indicated operationally, the City is status quo, with the only new positions created being that of a full-time Animal Control Officer and a part-time animal control assistant. The budget includes a 2.75% increase in wages. IMRF came in more favorably than FY15. Those employees who have retired have been replaced with younger people, at lower pay levels.
- Mr. Gruen indicated there is a possibility of income tax revenues being cut at the State level, and he has prepared some budget cuts as contingencies.
- Mr. Gruen indicated he intends to create a new fund, Fund 20, to track video gaming income.
- Public Works has budgeted for a SCADA System, and remote read meters for the larger commercial meters.
- The Police Department has budgeted for a detective's vehicle (which was cut last year), and a K-9 unit, which will include purchase of the dog, equipment, and training.
- The Public Works Administration wages have been reallocated.
- Discussion ensued regarding the clerical position that is budgeted half-time to the Economic Development Department. Mr. Gruen indicated he feels a half-time position is sufficient.
- Street Lighting costs have gone down, due to the use of high-efficiency bulbs.
- The Aquatic Center has had the following items budgeted: Netting Replacement at Bucket feature; Sand Cleaner in Filter; Purchase of Iceberg Floats; Replace Landing at Shark & Iceberg Feature
- Bryan Museum has a new roof and porch repairs budgeted.
- The Cemetery has budgeted for a zero-turn mower and a one-ton dump truck.
- Animal Control has budgeted for a stainless steel cat cabinet.

- The employee health insurance is being updated to include an Affordable Care Plan and a Chronic Care plan for instances where health care expenses can be pre-planned.
- Police Board has budgeted for Patrolman testing this summer.
- The Tourism Board has a new line item covering training and seminars.
- The Mechanic has software budgeted.
- Garbage Fund budget has been increased to allow for more handling of recyclables.
- TIF – the City budgets everything that is in this fund, for projects.
- Water and Sewer have funds budgeted for a roof over the Settling Basin at the Water Plant; new SCADA System, and Remote Read Meters.
- Gas Department has budgeted for a new backhoe, with trade, remote read meters, Kinney Blvd. regulator station, and system improvements.
- Fund 18 has street and curb repairs, water/service line and sewer replacements, and West Main Street sidewalk replacement.
- Fund 20 – new fund to track gaming receipts.

Discussion ensued regarding when “actual” expenditure numbers would be available, with Mr. Stratemeyer indicating another two months. Councilman Black suggested showing actual expenditures, to date, with a percentage indicator on the Budget document.

Mayor Raymer indicated the excess In the Gas Fund has been set up to go down during FY16.

Councilman Black indicated City Manager Gruen did a good job in putting the budget and narrative together. Mr. Gruen thanked him, and added that the Department Heads did a good job on preparing their budgets.

VI. City Manager Report

City Manager Gruen indicated the City was recently audited for a DCEO grant, and t the City must be able to show that it adheres to ADA and the Illinois Human Rights Act. Mr. Gruen indicated he will be bringing an ordinance back for City Council action.

VII. City Attorney Report – None.

VIII. Finance Director Report – None.

IX. City Council Report - None.

X. Adjournment

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion by Councilman Black and second by Councilman Baity, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 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: 4/20/15