

**AGENDA  
CITY OF SALEM  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 18, 2015  
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**
  
- V. City Council Action**
  - 1. Consent Agenda
    - a. Approval of Minutes – May 4, 2015
  - 2. Grace Nazarene Church Request for use of Nature Trail on June 20, 2015 for a 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser
  - 3. Approval of Request to Surplus Real Estate, 1414 S Broadway
  - 4. Approval of Rhutasel & Associates Agreement to Engineer Resurfacing College & Spillway Rd
  - 5. Approval of Rhutasel & Associates Agreement to Engineer Sidewalk, one block of S Main
  - 6. Amendment of Ordinance Creating Penalties for Certain Numbers of False Alarms
  - 7. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem
  
- VI. City Manager Report**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. Finance Director Report**
- IX. City Council Report**
  
- X. Adjournment**

Bill Gruen  
City Manager

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**MINUTES  
CITY OF SALEM  
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MAY 18, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Salem City Council was held on May 18, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rex Barbee at 6:00 p.m.

**Council members present:**

**Councilman Nic Farley**

**Councilman Craig Morton**

**Councilwoman Sue Morgan**

**Mayor Rex Barbee**

**Council member absent:**

**Councilman Jim Baity**

**Others present:**

City Manager Bill Gruen

City Attorney Mike Jones

Chief Sean Reynolds

Animal Control Officer Paul Wimberly

Public Works Director John Pruden

Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt

City Clerk Bev Quinn

Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer

Deputy Chief Susan Miller

Economic Development Dir. Jeanne Gustafson

Recreation Director Sherry Daniels

Members of the Public and Media

**II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Opening Prayer was led by Councilwoman Sue Morgan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**III. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Barbee recognized Bob Lafenhagen, Michael Phillips, and Leon Chapman of BPO Elks #1678 (Salem Elks), who made a donation of \$2,000.00 on behalf of Salem Elks #1678 and the Elks National Foundation for replacement of the slide at Andrew Jackson Park. Mr. Lafenhagen added that the Salem lodge has been named an "All-American Lodge" again this year. Mayor Barbee thanked the Elks organization on behalf of the City.

Mayor Barbee commended the Public Works Department for working on a water main break late into the evening

Mayor Barbee also mentioned that the PKC held a dog judging event at the Marion County Fairgrounds over the past weekend. This is a new event to our area, and we are hoping they will bring it back next year.

**IV. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.**

**V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

**1. Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of Minutes – May 4, 2015

***Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Nic Farley that the Consent agenda be approved as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

**2. Grace Nazarene Church Request for use of Nature Trail on June 20, 2015 for a 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser**

City Manager Gruen invited Cheryl Ice of the Grace Church of the Nazarene to address Council and explain what their fundraiser involves. Ms. Ice indicated last summer they were able to take a group of 84 kids and volunteers to “Big Stuff” at Panama City Beach, FL. Ms. Ice indicated that although the location sounds attractive, the camp is so much more than a vacation. The camp welcomes 1,000 different students each week of the summer. They offer Christian services each morning and evening, and the students have some time for independent activities, but the event involves a lot of programs that help the students in their faith. The week gives the students a chance to meet a lot of students from all over, and teaches them compassion and how to interact and connect with other students.

This year, there are 100 students and volunteers who have signed up to go, but the trip is a privilege and expense, and Grace Church of the Nazarene wants to use the 5K fundraiser as a means to help raise some of the expenses involved. The 5k Run/Walk will be held on the Nature Trail on June 20, 2015. They will begin by 7:00 a.m. and be out by 1:00 p.m.

City Manager Gruen indicated policy has been to bring any fundraising events that take place in city parks to the attention of the City Council. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve Grace Church of the Nazarene’s request to use the nature trail for a 5k Run/Walk on June 20, 2015. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

**3. Approval of Request to Surplus Real Estate, 1414 S. Broadway**

City Manager Gruen indicated the former Jarco building at 1414 S. Broadway was part of the land deal with Jarco, and the City was to take possession of the building once Jarco had moved completely out of it. Americana still has a small presence in the building doing some painting, but it is basically empty. Once City Council declares the building surplus, the City can do the necessary publications to accept bids for purchase. ***Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Farley that 1414 S. Broadway, Salem, IL be declared surplus. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

**4. Approval of Rhutasel and Associates Agreement to Engineer Resurfacing College & Spillway Rd.**

City Manager Gruen indicated the FY16 Budget contains dollars to resurface N. College Street (Boone to Hawthorn/Broughton) and Spillway Road (around the Hospital). Mr. Gruen is requesting authorization to use Rhutasel to engineer this project. The agreement presented provides a cost not to exceed \$18,200. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve the use of Rhutasel and Associates to engineer the resurfacing of College and Spillway Road, at a cost not to exceed \$18,200. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

**5. Approval of Rhutasel and Associates Agreement to Engineer Sidewalk, one block of S. Main.**

City Manager Gruen indicated the FY16 Budget contains dollars to replace the sidewalk on the south side of the 200 block of West Main Street (in front of Iuka Bank and Raymond James). Mr. Gruen is requesting authorization to use Rhutasel to engineer this project. The agreement presented provides a cost not to exceed \$14,900. ***Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Farley to approve the use of Rhutasel and Associates to engineer the replacement of sidewalk on one block of S. Main, in front of Iuka State Bank and Raymond James, at a cost not to exceed \$14,900. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

**6. Amendment of Ordinance Creating Penalties for Certain Numbers of False Alarms**

City Manager Gruen indicated the City enacted an ordinance in 2014 creating penalties for those who use alarm systems, should they cross a threshold of a certain number of false alarms. The City's ordinance was patterned after ordinances from other Southern Illinois communities. The City was experiencing a number of calls for false alarms, which is costly to the Police Department. Chief of Police Reynolds made some suggestions regarding raising the number of warnings and reducing the maximum fines. Discussion ensued among the Council, with suggestions being made for the City Manager and City Attorney to put together some revisions for review at the next meeting.

**7. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem**

City Manager Gruen indicated City Code calls for selection of a member of City Council to act as Mayor Pro Tem, should the Mayor be unavailable. City Attorney Jones indicated the position is generally filled by the most senior Council member, but that is not a requirement. Any Council member can be selected. Councilwoman Morgan, as the most senior member of Council, indicated she would be willing to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. ***Motion was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilman Farley that Councilwoman Morgan be selected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Councilwoman Morgan abstained. Motion carried.***

City Manager Gruen indicated he had accidentally left Bills Payable off of the agenda, and asked that City Council take action on them, so that the bills can be paid. City Council consensus was to add Bills Payable to the agenda as action item 8. Bills Payable.

**8. Bills Payable**

***Following discussion of Bills Payable, motion was made by Councilman Farley, seconded by Councilwoman Morgan, that the Bills Payable be approved as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

**VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Gruen indicated the Chamber did a good job of putting on its annual golf outing, and he enjoyed it.

Mr. Gruen indicated the City has received a rating from S & P of A+, but they had characterized the local economy in a way that he wished they had not. S & P uses two measurements to make its determination. Mr. Gruen indicated he will be releasing S & P's characterization, but will be adding some information that they did not include.

**VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – None.**

**VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT – None.**

**IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

**Councilwoman Morgan** asked Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt about the Dicter property on Marion Street, and mentioned the grass and debris. Mr. Hunt responded that he is working on this, and he will be putting it on the City's mow list, but the owner is not in the area. City Attorney Jones added that he has a court date in June and that if he doesn't attend, he can be arrested. Jones added that they will not arrest him away from Salem on an ordinance violation, but the City can, if he returns to the area.

Councilwoman Morgan indicated she had heard that synthetic marijuana is making a comeback in Missouri, and asked Chief Reynolds if it is coming back in Salem. Chief Reynolds indicated the numbers are still down. Drug trends generally start in the west and move east.

Councilwoman Morgan asked about the grant funds for use to replace the library sidewalk. Mr. Gruen indicated he has talked to Senator McCarter's office about this twice, but he will call them again, and asked if it would be effective to have the President of the Library Board, Jane Gaston, call.

**Councilman Farley** indicated he took a tour of the City facilities with John Pruden (*and thanked him*), attended a Planning Commission meeting during which the Marion County Drug Court Support received a special use permit for their duplex, and became the Theatre Board liaison. Councilman Farley indicated Theatre Board member Drew Johnson had some questions on money that had already been appropriated for the theatre. Ms. Gustafson indicated the \$40,000 that had been appropriated by Representative Cavaletto is still there, but the DCEO grants are in a holding pattern.

**Councilman Morton** asked about executive sessions. Mr. Gruen indicated only certain topics can be discussed in executive session, and then the minutes are prepared and approved by City Council, but kept closed. There was no need for an executive session for this meeting, so the minutes will be presented during the next executive session.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

***As there was no further business for discussion, Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. and Councilman Farley seconded the motion. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

Bev Quinn, CMC  
City Clerk

*Minutes approved:*