

**AGENDA  
CITY OF SALEM  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 3, 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 – July 20, 2015 Regular Meeting and July 28, 2015 Workshop
- 2. Resolution Approving Little Egypt Parade Held on October 3, 2015
- 3. Approval of Bid for Sale of 1414 S Broadway
- 4. Second Reading – Action on Recommendation from Planning Commission
- 5. Second Reading – Ordinance Making Amendments to City Liquor Code

**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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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Salem City Council was held on August 3, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rex Barbee at 6:00 p.m.

**Council members present:**

Councilman Jim Baity  
Councilman Nic Farley  
Councilman Craig Morton  
Mayor Rex Barbee

**Council members absent:** Councilwoman Sue Morgan

**Others present:**

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| City Manager Bill Gruen             | City Clerk Bev Quinn                           |
| City Attorney Mike Jones            | Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer               |
| Chief of Police Sean Reynolds       | Public Works Director John Pruden              |
| Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt | Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson |
| Recreation Director Sherry Daniels  | Members of the Public and Media                |

**II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Opening Prayer was given by Mayor Barbee, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**III. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Royce Bringwald presented the City of Salem with a Union Pacific Foundation Grant in the amount of \$10,000, \$5,000 of which is to be used by the Salem Theatre Board for a screen and \$5,000 of which will be used for Parks Sustainability.

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

Mayor Barbee indicated the July 28<sup>TH</sup> City Council workshop for the purpose of discussing the TIF districts went very well, and Council received many good suggestions from owners of property In the Downtown TIF District Mayor Barbee added that the City will also continue to work with the various taxing bodies affected.

**V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

**1. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2015 Regular Meeting and July 28, 2015 Workshop

***Motion was made by Councilman Baity and seconded by Councilman Farley to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilman Baity, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

**2. Resolution Approving Little Egypt Parade Held on October 3, 2015**

City Manager Gruen indicated this resolution is the City Council's official request to IDOT to close the highways for the Little Egypt Parade on October 3, 2015, with a rain date of October 4<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Chief Reynolds Indicated the time needs to be changed from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to accommodate the 5-K run. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Baity that Resolution #2015-04 requesting permission from IDOT to close Rt.37 and Rt. 50 on October 3, 2015 between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. be approved. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

**3. Approval of Bid for Sale of 1414 S. Broadway**

City Manager Gruen indicated Keith McNeil of McNeil Sales and Services had submitted a bid of \$101.00. Mr. McNeil intends to expand his sales and service business at 1414 S. Broadway, should the City Council accept his bid. Mr. McNeil has submitted a proposed budget of \$38,000 in renovations to the building, which would allow for a show room at the front. The business would employ 1-2 additional employees. Mr. Gruen indicated that should the City accept this bid, it should require that the renovations be completed and the business expanded and open by a mutually acceptable date. Councilman Farley indicated he would like to see the building back on the tax rolls. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Baity to accept the bid from Keith McNeil in the amount of \$101.00. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

**4. Second Reading - Action on Recommendation from Planning Commission**

City Manager Gruen indicated Bev Quinn had send additional information received at the last Council meeting to the Planning Commission, and polled them to see if they felt additional review at the Planning Commission level was warranted. Their response was that they did not feel that was necessary, and they supported their original recommendation not to recommend rezoning two lots on South Marshall Street from RS-2 Single Family Residential to RS-3 Single Family Residential for the purpose of allowing a single-wide mobile home.

Councilman Farley indicated he had spoken with several owners of property in the neighborhood, and they were not opposed to the rezoning. Additionally, he spoke with the Supervisor of Assessments, and she indicated the proposed rezoning would not decrease the property values of the neighboring properties in this particular area. Councilman Farley added that he does not want to go against the recommendation of the Planning Commission, but feels this would be an incremental improvement for the neighborhood.

Councilman Morton indicated he spoke with several people in the community, and the reason for Boards and Commissions is to rely on their experience and recommendations. Therefore he does not want to override the Planning Commission's recommendation.

***Motion was made by Councilman Farley to approve the rezoning of two lots on S. Marshall Street from RS-2 to RS-3 to allow placement of a mobile home.*** As there was no second to the motion, the motion failed. Mayor Barbee advised the petitioner Joann Scott that the property would remain zoned RS-2 Single-Family Residential.

**5. Second Reading – Ordinance Making Amendments to City Liquor Code**

City Manager Gruen indicated he had made some very slight revisions to the proposed ordinance amending the Liquor Code. Class E contained a typo and Class H has a provision reinserted which allows the Community Center to serve Sunday through Saturday from noon to midnight, except during sporting events. Mr. Gruen also indicated that it had been brought to his attention that a provision that has been policy for establishments with outside consumption was only printed in the Class I section, and by deleting the Class I section, this requirement was left out. The requirement is that all liquor license holders who have areas for outside consumption must limit ingress and egress through the main building. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to table further action on this ordinance until the next meeting. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

**VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Gruen indicated he had received a letter from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources indicating a \$1,600.00 expenditure had been approved, which makes him optimistic that the DNR grant will be reinstated.

**VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – None.**

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

**IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

**Councilman Farley** indicated he met with John Pruden and Bill Gruen regarding converting the ballfield at Frala Park to a dog park. There had been some questions regarding the home-schooled students' use of Frala Park, which have now been answered, as they indicated they would be happy to use the men's softball field or the fields at Tully Park. Councilman Farley indicated he will be putting together a list of benches, trashcans, etc. that citizens can purchase to help raise funds for the project. Additionally, Americana has offered to paint these items with anti-graffiti paint.

Councilman Farley indicated he would be sitting in a dunking booth at the Marion County Fair on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, as a fund raiser for the Little Egypt Festival.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Baity that the meeting be adjourned at 6:23 p.m. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilman Baity, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

Bev Quinn, CMC  
City Clerk

Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_