

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 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 – August 3, 2015
 - 2. Approval of Bills Payable
 - 3. Second Reading – Approval of Ordinance Making Amendments to City Liquor Code
 - 4. Approval of Authorization for Gas Futures Purchase

- VI. City Manager Report**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. Finance Director Report**
- IX. City Council Report**
- X. Adjournment**

Bill Gruen
City Manager

**MINUTES
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I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Salem City Council was held on August 17, 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
Councilwoman Sue Morgan
Mayor Rex Barbee

Council members absent: None.

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 |
| Deputy Chief of Police Susan Miller | |

II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Earl White of the Illinois Department of Veteran's Affairs was present to address Council regarding the possibility of naming a street in honor of our local veterans. Mr. White indicated several local veterans were Medal of Honor recipients. Mr. White indicated that some communities have sub-named a street, and the one he is suggesting be sub-named is Kinney Blvd. Mr. White indicated in his position, he travels 47 counties, and most of the sub-named streets have red, white and blue signs. Councilman Farley indicated he feels this is a good idea. Mayor Barbee suggested Mr. White bring his street name suggestions to City Hall and leave them with the City Clerk for further Council discussion.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Marion County Fair - Mayor Barbee congratulated the Marion County Fair Board on another successful fair.

Life Saving Awards – Mayor Barbee indicated the Mayor and City Council were invited to the last Police Department staff meeting, where three employees were presented with Life Saving Awards. Telecommunicator Brad Crow, Patrolman Dustin Duncan and Patrolman Denise Garden were integral in saving the life of Ed Phillips, along with Mr. Phillips’ wife, Doss, and the EMTs who responded. Mr. Phillips was experiencing a heart attack and the efforts of all involved kept him alive until further medical care could be provided.

Proclamation – Jim Husk Day – Mayor Barbee read a proclamation recognizing Jim Husk for more than 50 years of coaching area youth in baseball and softball, and declaring Friday, August 21st as “Jim Husk Day” in Salem.

V. **CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

1. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Minutes – August 3, 2015

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, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of Bills Payable**

Mayor Barbee pointed out an error in the description in the payables, which the Clerk indicated she would have the Accounts Payable Clerk correct. City Manager Gruen indicated the repairs for hail damage done by Jeff Irwin were for the Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Police Department. Mr. Pruden indicated the upgrade on the alarm system on the payables was for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. ***Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Baity to approve the Payables with the minor correction. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

3. **Second Reading – Approval of Ordinance Making Amendments to City Liquor Code**

City Manager Gruen indicated the ordinance being presented limits the number of liquor licenses available to 34, which leaves three licenses vacant for Class D, which is for restaurants. The ordinance also permits Sunday sales by all license holders. The proposed ordinance would become effective September 1st. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan that Ordinance 2015-11 Amending Chapter 3, pertaining to the City of Salem Liquor Code, be approved. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.*** City Manager Gruen suggested those license holders whose license fees will go up be given a break for a year or two.

4. **Approval of Authorization for Gas Futures Purchase**

City Manager Gruen indicated Radiac has had some changes in its executive administration, and he has not received an opinion on the purchase of gas futures from them. Gruen added that he does feel a longer-term purchase of gas futures is something he would want to do for the remainder of the City, regardless. Mr. Gruen indicated he is requesting authorization by the City Council to enter into a longer hedge, upon the recommendation of Ron Ragan. ***Motion was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilman Farley to authorize City Manager Gruen to enter into long-term hedge agreements for the purchase of gas, as requested. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

VI. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Gruen added his appreciation for the efforts of the Police Department personnel who assisted in life-saving efforts recently, and added that the City has very good employees across the board. The Public Works employees recently worked around the clock on a water main front of the theatre, and the office staff at City Hall always does a good job.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – None.

VII. **FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – None.

VIII. **CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilman Farley wished his father, David Farley, who was in the audience a “Happy Birthday”. **Councilwoman Sue Morgan** congratulated the Little League team of 11-year-olds who competed at State for their efforts, and thanked them for bringing honor to the City. Mayor Barbee agreed, and indicated it is good to see the youth of the community being given the chance to represent their City.

Councilwoman Morgan added that it was great to see the kids selling food items on Sweney Corner to raise money to attend the competition.

Councilman Morgan indicated he recently toured the Animal Control Facility, and indicated he was impressed with the operation. Mayor Barbee commended all involved in Animal Control for their efforts.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Farley to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morgan, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved: _____