

AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 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 – September 8, 2015
 - 2. Bills Payable
 - 3. Approval of Elavon/Marion County Bank Credit/Debit Proposal
 - 4. Approval of Frala Park Change of Use to Dog Park
 - 5. Approval of Bid for Water Treatment Plant Lagoon Effluent Improvements
 - 6. Approval of Bid to Resurface North College, Broughton, Spillway Rds

- 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 Monday, September 21, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rex Barbee at 6:00 p.m.

Council members present:

Councilman Jim Baity
Councilman Craig Morton
Councilwoman Sue Morgan
Mayor Rex Barbee

Council members absent: Councilman Nic Farley

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 | Assistant Public Works Director Annette Brushwitz |
| Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt | Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson |
| Deputy Chief of Police Susan Miller | Animal Control Officer Paul Wimberly |
| Members of the Public and Media | |

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 - None.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

- Mayor Barbee commended the Greater Salem Area on the success of the Applefest which was held on September 19th.
- Mayor Barbee congratulated the SCHS Marching Band on its first place ranking at a competition held in Edwardsville over the weekend.
- Mayor Barbee commended Terry Mulvany, Director of Emergency Management, on acquiring a number of certificates for training he has recently completed, and commented as to how lucky we are to have Mr. Mulvany as our Director of DOEM.
- Mayor Barbee noted that the Little Egypt Festival will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, and encouraged citizens to attend.
- Mayor Barbee indicated the PKC Youth Hunt will be taking place in the following weeks, and welcomed the hunters and their families to the community.
- Mayor Barbee indicated Recreation Director Sherry Daniels has retired her position with the City, and wished her well in retirement.

- Mayor Barbee indicated Salem Police Telecommunications Supervisor Charlie Duncan is also retiring, and there will be a cake and punch reception for him on Friday, September 25th at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2015

2. Bills Payable

Bills payable were presented for review, and discussion. ***Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Baity to approve the Bills Payable as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Councilman Farley abstained, as he was not present at the September 8th meeting.***

3. Approval of Elavon/Marion County Bank Credit/Debit Proposal

City Manager Gruen indicated that proposals were sought and submitted by Marion County Bank and luka Bank to partner with a provider to offer credit/debit card payment services at City Hall. Marion County Bank is partnering with Elavon, whose proposal is cheaper than that provided by GovPayNet, who would partner with luka State Bank. City Manager Gruen indicated that we intend to start small, with the initial system accepting payments and generating a batch list to be keyed by City Hall staff. As the program grows, we will look at upgrading to a program and integrates with our software to automatically update individual payments to customer accounts. The City is not entering into a contract for these services, and can change vendors at any time. As discussed previously, the City intends to absorb the fees involved in credit/debit payments, and not pass on a transaction fee to customers. Mr. Gruen indicated that he budgeted \$10,000 in the FY2016 budget to get the program started. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to accept the proposal submitted by Marion County Savings Bank and Elavon. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

4. Approval of Frala Park Change of Use to Dog Park

City Manager Gruen indicated a proposed budget has been put together to change the use of Frala Park from a ballfield to a dog park. Sample rules and estimates for items were provided to Council in their agenda packets. Local fundraising is proposed to cover costs for the change, although the City would provide labor and materials for some of these items. City Manager Gruen indicated that prior to starting fundraising efforts, he would like to see Council approve the change of use of Frala Park to a dog park. Councilman Farley concurred, and indicated that if the change of use is approved, he will work on raising private funds. Councilman Farley added that he, Jeanne Gustafson and Annette Brushwitz had a great meeting with Purina, and he is hoping they will partner with us at some point in the future. Mayor Barbee added that a dog park can also be a draw for tourism, as many people travel with their pets. Councilman Farley concurred, and added that the new Holiday Inn Express being built is dog-friendly. Farley added that a dog park promotes community, particularly among his age demographic. Councilman Morton indicated he has received some comments regarding possible liability. Mayor Barbee responded that we will try to counter that with signage indicating the dog park rules. Councilman Farley added that the City is already covered by liability insurance. Mr. Gruen indicated he would follow up on the liability issue with Bob Kane.

Linda Johnson, who serves as a Pink Lady at Salem Township Hospital, indicated she has concerns about the dog park being so close to the hospital, and possible odors generated by the park. Councilwoman Morgan indicated we need to make sure citizens understand that the park will be largely self-sufficient, and people will be responsible for picking up after their pets.

Councilman Morton asked if there is specific significance with the Frala name. Councilman Farley indicated he had done some research on the Frala name, and there does not seem to be a deep emotional connection with the name, but there is no intention to change the name at this time.

Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Baity to approve changing the use of Frala Park from a ballfield to a dog park. Roll call vote: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Bid for Water Treatment Plant Lagoon Effluent Improvements

City Manager Gruen indicated the drain for the Water Treatment Plant Lagoon has failed, and the City solicited proposals to replace the drains. The low bid received was from TEK Construction in the amount of \$31,300. This is not a budgeted expense, given the unexpected failure of the drains. City Manager Gruen indicated that the City budget can accommodate the expense using

Fund 18. Public Works Director Pruden added that TEK is very competent. **Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Farley to approve the bid from TEK Construction in the amount of \$31,300. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morgan, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

6. Approval of Bid to Resurface North College, Broughton and Spillway Roads

City Manager Gruen indicated only one bid was received for this project, from Howell Paving, in the amount of \$189,589.25. This is a budgeted item, and the bid came in under the engineer's estimate. **Motion was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilman Baity to award the bid for resurfacing North College, Broughton and Spillway Roads to Howell Paving in the amount of \$189,589.25. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

VI. **CITY MANAGER REPORT** - No report.

VII. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT** – No report.

VIII. **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – No report.

IX. **CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilwoman Morgan indicated she felt the Illinois Municipal League conference was a worthwhile event and it was time well spent.

Mayor Barbee indicated the IML seminars brought some items to his attention that might require some minor revisions to practice or policy, and asked Council to let Bev or Bill know of anything they had learned that required similar action.

X. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Purchase and Sale of Real Estate – 5 ILCS 120/2©(5) and (6)

Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to enter into Executive Session at 6:37 for the purpose of discussing the Purchase and Sale of Real Estate. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Return to open session at 7:38 p.m.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Baity to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Moreton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved: _____