

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2015
6:00 PM**

Regular City Council Meeting – 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 – November 2, 2015
 2. Bills Payable
 3. Approval of Honorable Veterans Naming of Main Street
 4. Second Reading – Renewal of Risk Mgmt Coverage with ICRMT
 5. Second Reading – Approval of Property Tax Levy for Real Estate Taxes Collected in 2016
 6. Approval of Resolutions Abating Real Estate Taxes for Wastewater Treatment Plant (2015) and Aquatic Center (2009) Bonds
 7. Discussion – Municipal Aggregation and City Commercial Accounts
- 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

The regular meeting of the City Council was convened at 6:00 p.m., and called to order by Mayor Rex Barbee.

Council members present:

Councilman Baity
Councilman Nic Farley
Councilman Craig Morton
Councilwoman Sue Morgan
Mayor Barbee

Council members absent: None.

Others present:

City Manager Bill Gruen	City Attorney Mike Jones
City Clerk Bev Quinn	Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer
Public Works Director John Pruden	Assistant Public Works Director Annette Brushwitz
Chief of Police Sean Reynolds	Deputy Chief of Police Susan Miller
Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt	Library Director Kim Keller
Earl White, Field Supervisor, Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs	Members of the Media and Public

I. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

II. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

III. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

- Mayor Barbee thanked everyone who was involved in putting together Veteran's Day celebrations.
- Mayor Barbee indicated the High School and Boy Scouts are doing food drives for the Ministerial Alliances' food pantry, and encouraged all who are able to participate.
- Mayor Barbee thanked the Daffy Dills for an enjoyable evening at their annual dinner.

IV.

V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of November 2, 2015.

Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan that the minutes of the meeting of November 2, 2015 be approved as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee.

2. Bills Payable

City Manager Gruen presented the Bills Payable. **Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve the Bills Payable as presented. Roll call vote: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAY: None. Motion carried.**

3. Approval of Honorable Veterans Naming of Main Street

City Manager Gruen indicated he had provided a list of possible names to City Council, as follows:

- Veteran's Way or Drive
- G.I. Bill of Rights Drive
- Veteran Hero's Way or Drive
- Military Hero's Way/Drive
- Military Mile
- American Veteran's Way
- Veteran's Blvd. or Drive
- Veteran's Memorial Drive

Mr. Earl White, Field Supervisor, Illinois Department of Veteran's Affairs, indicated his contact with veterans across the State has indicated they prefer Veteran's Blvd. or American Veteran's Blvd. Mr. White indicated Peoria has signs with an American Flag on them, in the corner of the honorary street sign. Mayor Barbee indicated he likes that idea, as well. Councilman Morton asked about using Military Mile. Mr. White indicated that may be a little stiff for the younger veterans. Mayor Barbee indicated putting "Memorial" in the name really honors those who have died, and "Veteran's Blvd." recognizes all veterans. **Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan that Main Street be sub-named Veteran's Blvd. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.** Councilwoman Morgan indicated she recently flew back from Phoenix, and a group of veterans came in from Operation Pride, ranging from the very young to the very old. The entire terminal stood and clapped for them. Councilwoman Morgan indicated it was quite a sight, and an honor to be there.

4. Second Reading – Renewal of Risk Mgmt Coverage with ICRMT

City Manager Gruen indicated that Kane Insurance had provided an updated Risk Management proposal, with replacement cost for the Theatre building, and deductibles raised to \$10,000. The new total is \$528,483. **Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Baity to approve the proposal from Kane Insurance for Risk Management insurance in the amount of \$528,483. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

5. Second Reading – Approval of Property Tax Levy for Real Estate Taxes Collected in 2016

(Discussed concurrently with Item 6.)

6. Approval of Resolutions Abating Real Estate Taxes for Wastewater Treatment Plant (2015) and Aquatic Center (2009) Bonds

City Manager Gruen provided an ordinance levying a total of \$1,799,750 that will be collected in 2016, and resolutions abating the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Aquatic Center bonds totaling \$611,995. After abatement, the actual amount levied by the City will be reduced to \$1,187,755. Additionally, this amount will be reduced even further after PTELL calculations. **Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Farley as an omnibus vote to approve Ordinance 2015-14 Approving the levy, and Resolutions 2015-06 and 2015-07 abating taxes for the Wastewater and Aquatics Center bonds. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

Mr. Gruen indicated he met with Mr. Steven Adams of Bernardi Securities, and he was of a mind that with interest rates being low, the City might want to refinance the Aquatic Center bonds a little early. If there is a cost to do this, it would be offset by the interest savings. Mr. Gruen indicated he would provide more information at a later date.

7. Discussion – Municipal Aggregation and City Commercial Accounts

City Manager Gruen indicated that in 2016, the City will have new supply rates for both the City of Salem Commercial accounts and the municipal aggregation program (*residential Ameren customers*). Good Energy is the broker that obtained both of these rates for us last time. Mr.

Gruen indicated he has spoken with Affordable Gas & Electric about the possibility that they may also want to seek pricing for City commercial accounts and the aggregation program. AGE administers a small business aggregation program on behalf of the Salem Chamber. Mr. Gruen indicated what he is seeking from Council is either authorization to make the decision for the City facilities based on pricing received, or authority to schedule a special meeting for City Council to make the decision.

Councilman Farley indicated that the City has a provision that if a local provider is within 5% of the low bid, the City can choose to go with the local provider. Mr. Gruen added that AGE provides a fee to the Chamber from the businesses that have elected to join the commercial aggregation program. Councilman Farley indicated he feels it would be smart to hold a special meeting for this decision. ***Motion was made by Councilman Baity and seconded by Councilman Farley to schedule a Special City Council meeting to discuss Electricity Proposals for City facilities at noon on Monday, December 7th at City Hall. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

VI. City Manager Report

City Manager Gruen indicated that the IDNR grant for the walking trail at the southwestern corner of Bryan Park was not reappropriated, and IDNR wants the City to send a letter stating that we are still interested in completing the project. The contractor on the project, Shores' Builders, has indicated that the project has probably not increased more than \$5,000 over the past year, primarily for rock. Mr. Gruen indicated the former City Council did not want to invest any City money in the project, but he is asking that City Council authorize an expenditure of \$5,000 for rock on this project, even though it is under his \$10,000 spending cap. Mayor Barbee commented that the trail would be a good thing for the City. Consensus was to proceed with the expenditure.

Mr. Gruen indicated the "stop stripe" at the Walton Rd. entrance/exit to Walmart has been moved up. The street sign will be moved in the near future.

VII. City Attorney Report – None.

VIII. Finance Director Report – None.

IX. City Council Report

Councilman Farley thanked Deputy Chief Susan Miller, Animal Control Officer Paul Wimberly, and Animal Control Employee Olivia Holsapple, as well as the "Calling All Angels" organization and Rural King for hosting the adoption event last week. It went very well, and a number of animals were adopted.

Councilman Farley also indicated that a Press Release on the status of the dog park and the proposed budget will be released today. City Hall will be accepting donations for the project. Mayor Barbee indicated that the dog park will have a positive impact on the community, and he would like to see as many donations made before the end of the year, as possible. In a show of support, Mayor Barbee provided Councilman Farley with a \$100.00 donation towards the dog park.

X. Adjournment

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Councilman Morton and second by Councilman Baity, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk