

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 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 – December 7, 2015
 2. Bills Payable
 3. Second Reading – Selection of Consultant to Obtain Next Electric Supply Rate for Municipal, Residential Aggregation Program
 4. Second Reading – Approval of YMCA Shared Service Agreement for Recreational Services
 5. Second Reading – Ordinance Amending Recreation Board Appointments
Approval of Purchase of New Detective Vehicle
 6. Approval of Plan to Solicit Applications for Downtown TIF Projects
- VI. **City Manager Report**
- VII. **City Attorney Report**
- VIII. **Finance Director Report**
- IX. **City Council Report**
- X. **Executive Session**

- XI. **Adjournment**

Bill Gruen
City Manager

**MINUTES
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 2015 – 6:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of December 21, 2018 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
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

IV. Mayor Barbee made the following comments:

- Wished those present a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday.
- Noted that the debris from the fire at the former Yohe laundry building is being cleaned up, and the site is looking much better.
- Congratulated the Salem Police Department for its quick action on obtaining a confession regarding a recent incident.
- Commented that two local churches have been helping rebuild the Sloat home, which was largely destroyed by the fire at the former Brown Shoe building, and the majority of the home is now under roof.
- Noted that the Roberts Park cleanup is now underway, and is looking much better.

V. **CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

1. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting of December 7, 2015 (12:00 pm meeting) and Regular meeting of December 7, 2016 (6:00 pm meeting.) **Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Baity that the minutes of both the Special Meeting of December 7, 2015 and Regular Meeting of December 7, 2015 be approved, as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

2. **Bills Payable**

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

3. **Second Reading – Selection of Consultant to Obtain Next Electric Supply Rate for Municipal, Residential Aggregation Program**

City Manager Gruen indicated he had submitted questions to both Good Energy and AGE, and provided their responses to Council, prior to the meeting. Both consultants have identical fees, and participation protection, and both would be requesting bids for varying periods of time. Mr. Gruen indicated AGE serves 58 communities, and Good Energy serves over 300,000 households. Mayor Barbee expressed his appreciation to both groups for making presentations at the December 7th meeting. Councilman Farley added that it is a difficult decision, as one group has a larger buying group, and the other is a little more local. Councilwoman Morgan added that the decision is difficult, as both groups have their positives and negatives, but she feel that the larger the buying group, the better. City Manager Gruen added that he feels both groups would be able to represent Salem well, and he would be happy to work with AGE, but he would recommend the larger buying size of Good Energy. **Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Baity to select Good Energy to represent the City of Salem in its next municipal aggregation program. Roll call vote: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

4. **Second Reading – Approval of YMCA Shared Service Agreement for Recreational Services**

City Manager Gruen indicated the Shared Services Agreement for Recreational Services with the YMCA will be a temporary agreement, beginning January 1, 2015. This will allow the YMCA and City to work out any kinks before entering into a more long-term agreement. Work on the more permanent agreement will begin in the next few months. **Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve the Shared Service Agreement between the City of Salem and the YMCA, as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

5. **Second Reading – Ordinance Amending Recreation Board Appointments**

City Manager Gruen presented an ordinance amending Section 15-1. The amendment indicates that five recreation board members will be appointed by the Mayor, subject to Council approval., and during periods of time the City contracts with another organization for the implementation of City-sponsored recreation programming, members of the City Recreation Board shall be appointed to serve on the board which oversees the organization with which the City has contracted.. **Motion was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve Ordinance 2015-16 as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

6. **Approval of Plan to Solicit Applications for Downtown TIF Projects**

City Manager Gruen indicated Council member have suggested soliciting applications for Downtown TIF projects, and he has created a draft solicitation for that purpose. Mr. Gruen indicated some things the City Council may want to change are:

- a) Add “Taxing district capital costs” to the list of project examples solicited (see language from TIF Act provided);
- b) Provide that the City pick up the entire cost of engineering inspection, rather than only half; and
- c) Push the deadline back from January 27, 2016, which may be a bit aggressive. (Consensus was to change the deadline to February 10, 2015.)

Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve the solicitation document as presented, with the revisions suggested by City Manager Gruen, and to authorize the City Manager to proceed in soliciting projects. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

VI. City Manager Report

City Manager Gruen indicated Mayor Barbee and Public Works Director John Pruden met with IDOT to discuss FAU-financed projects. The last FAU funded project was Boone Street resurfacing. Mr. Gruen added that there may be \$200,000 available in FAU funds for projects on FAU routes. Currently, we have identified Illinois Street sidewalk replacement as the next FAU project to be done. Public Works Director John Pruden indicated FAU routes are roads that have been designated to take some of the traffic from our State highways. Some of the roads with FAU designation are Boone Street, College Street, Lake Street, Illinois Street and Shelby Street. City Manager Gruen indicated that In order to have the project ready for a June letting, the City needs to move on the engineering design for the project. The City usually uses Rhutasel and Associates for projects such as these, and asked if Council is happy with using Rhutasel, or if they want to solicit qualifications. Mayor Barbee indicated he is comfortable with using Rhutasel and Associates, and that Mr. Pruden does a good job of watching out for the City. Mr. Pruden indicated the FAU program is similar to the MFT program, except they are Federal funds. There used to be so much in the FAU funds for each municipality, now there is just one large fund. The City provides a 20% match, usually in engineering costs. Centralia will be using most of the \$600,000 available, and we want to use approximately \$200,000. Councilwoman Morgan asked if FAU funds could be used to extend Baldrige to Mills Cart Rd. Mr. Pruden indicated Mills Cart is not designated as a FAU route. Mr. Gruen asked Mr. Pruden to provide Council with a map of the FAU routes, and indicated he will bring Rhutasel's proposal for the engineering on the Illinois Street sidewalk replacement to Council for approval.

VII. City Attorney Report – None.

VIII. Finance Director Report – None.

IX. City Council Report

Councilman Farley indicated Purina has awarded the City a \$5,000 grant for the dog park, and he thanked Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson and Assistant Public Works Director Annette Brushwitz for accompanying him to meet with Purina representatives in St. Louis.

Councilman Baity wished everyone a "Merry Christmas".

Councilman Morton asked what is happening with Roberts Park. City Manager Gruen responded that he has received a number from Kane Insurance on the compensable amount. Ms. Brushwitz indicated Public Works employees are removing the damaged equipment. Councilman Farley asked if there is any way the City can squeeze out some funds to purchase larger play items. Ms. Brushwitz indicated she has contacted two new suppliers that she hopes to work with. Councilwoman Morgan indicated she hopes the youths who damaged the park receive some punishment.

IX. Adjournment

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

Bev Quinn, CMC

City Clerk