

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2016
6:00 PM**

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- III. **Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments**
- IV. **Mayor's Report and Presentations**
- V. **City Council Action**
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 - 2. Presentation of Salem PD K9, Freddie
 - 3. Approval of Engineering Agreement with Rhutasel & Associates for Illinois Street Sidewalk
 - 4. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Selection of Residential Aggregation Rate
 - 5. Approval of Amendment to Good Energy Services Agreement
- VI. **City Manager Report**
- VII. **City Attorney Report**
- VIII. **Finance Director Report**
- IX. **City Council Report**
- X. **Executive Session**
 - 1. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) – Purchase of Real Estate
- XI. **Adjournment**

Bill Gruen
City Manager

**MINUTES
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JANUARY 4, 2016 – 6:00 PM**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular January 4, 2016 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
Members of the Media and Public	K-9 Officer Dustin Duncan and "Freddie"

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 indicated he hoped everyone had a wonderful holiday, and asked that the agenda be amended to allow the presentation of "Freddie", the K9 dog, before further action. Council concurred by consensus.

(V. 2) Officer Dustin Duncan of the Salem Police Department presented "Freddie", who was greeted with enthusiasm by the Council and public. Officer Duncan indicated Freddie has participated in 25 deployments, including two in Centralia. Freddy is able to detect Heroin, Cocaine, Meth, and Cannabis, and is trained to do search and apprehension. Officer Duncan indicated they train every day, and are currently working on obtaining a national license, which will allow them to train for Schedule 1 narcotics, which would allow them to work with the DEA. Officer Duncan indicated Freddie has not been trained to alert on K-2, as the State of Illinois has not outlawed it. Councilwoman Morgan asked if there will be any problems with medical marijuana. Officer Duncan indicated Freddie can be "trained off" of drugs that become legal. Chief of Police Sean Reynolds

indicated the department received a \$1,000 donation from the Salem Elks club, which was used to purchase a bullet and stab resistant vest for Freddie, so that he is protected like other officers. Reynolds added that Freddie has been working for six weeks, and there have been five arrests made as a result.

Mayor Barbee thanked Officer Duncan and Freddy for their presentation.

V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Minutes – December 21, 2015

Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve the December 21, 2016 minutes as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of Salem PD K9, Freddie

(Above, after Mayor's Report)

3. Approval of Engineering Agreement with Rhutasel & Associates for Illinois Street Sidewalk

City Manager Gruen indicated expects to receive FAU funds for this project, but the City's 20% match will be the cost of the engineering. The attached agreement with Rhutasel and Associates includes a not-to-exceed cost of engineering totaling \$21,700. Councilman Morton asked if there were other engineering firms that were considered. City Manager Gruen indicated he had asked Council if they wanted to proceed with using Rhutasel on this project during the last meeting, and consensus was to proceed. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Baity to approve the engineering agreement with Rhutasel and Associates for the Illinois Street Sidewalk Project. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Barbee, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

4. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Selection of Residential Aggregation Rate

City Manager Gruen presented a resolution which would authorize the City Manager to execute a new electric aggregation rate agreement with a supplier for the next term. The resolution was drafted by Doug Gruenke of Bruckert, Gruenke and Long on behalf of a group of communities. Mr. Gruen indicated the Council may want to remove the section pertaining to the "Green Option". Mr. Gruen also indicated some communities collect a fee as part of this program, but the City of Salem does not collect a utility tax, and this does not apply to us. Councilman Farley asked if it would be prudent for City Council to call a special meeting to approve the contract, like it did for the City of Salem's facility rates. City Manager Gruen indicated this resolution will authorize him to enter into an agreement, without holding a special meeting, as the bids are opened and must be executed at an off-premise site in another community. City Manager Gruen added that this resolution also addresses the possibility that the Good Energy buying group doesn't stay together upon receipt of bids. The idea is that a second bid would then be taken. Mr. Gruen indicated he would apprise Council, should that possibility occur. ***Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Farley to approve Resolution 2016-01 Authorizing Selection of Residential Aggregation Rate, excluding the "Green" option. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

5. Approval of Amendment to Good Energy Services Agreement

City Manager Gruen indicated the original service agreement with Good Energy has expired. The proposed amendment will extend the agreement if the City executes a new agreement with a supplier produced by Good Energy, and the agreement will last for the term of the next rate. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve the extension of the agreement with Good Energy as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

VI. City Manager Report

FY2017 Budget - City Manager Gruen indicated administrative staff has begun working on the FY2017 budget. Department Heads have been given caps on General Fund budgets. City Council will be provided with a schedule of budget activities in the near future, as well as preview information on upcoming projects.

Rain – City Manager Gruen indicated the large amount of rain received in recent weeks has caused some turbidity issues at the Water Plant. Gruen added that the City always provides good water, it is just sometimes harder to get it to that level. Mr. Gruen indicated the excess rain also causes issues at

the wastewater treatment plant. City Manager Gruen commended Public Works Director John Pruden and his plant operators for their efforts

Recreation Programs – Mr. Gruen reported that he and Annette Brushwitz met with Jed Casburn to go over recreation issues he needs to be working on during the next six months.

VII. City Attorney Report – None.

VIII. Finance Director Report – None.

IX. City Council Report – None.

X. Executive Session

1. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) – Purchase of Real Estate

Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Baity to enter into Executive Session at 6:25 pm to discuss the Purchase of Real Estate. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Consensus was to take a 10 minute break.

Returned to open session at 6:52 pm.

IX. Adjournment

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Councilman Farley and second by Councilwoman Morgan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk