

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2016**

5:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION; 6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Regular City Council Meeting

I. Executive Session – 5:30 pm

1. 5 ILCS 120 (2)(c)(21) – Semi Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes
2. 5 ILCS 120 (2)(c)(21) – Executive Session Minutes November 2, 2015, December 7, 2015, and January 4, 2016

II. Call to Order – 6:00 pm

III. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments

V. Mayor’s Report and Presentations

VI. City Council Action

1. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes – January 4, 2016
 - b. Approval of Executive Session Minutes – November 2, 2015; December 7, 2015; and January 4, 2016
2. Approval of Request of Four-Way Stop and Children at Play Signs at Jefferson & Oglesby
3. Approval of Bryan Park Reservations for Historical Speech Re-creation
4. Approval of Bills Payable
5. Approval of Resolution Regarding Semi-Annual Review of Previously Closed Exec Session Minutes
6. Approval of Proposal for Replacement of Bryan Home Roof Replacement

VII. City Manager Report

VIII. City Attorney Report

IX. Finance Director Report

X. City Council Report

XI. Adjournment

Bill Gruen
City Manager

**MINUTES
CITY OF SALEM
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I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. 5 ILCS 120 (2)(c)(21) – Semi Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes
2. 5 ILCS 120 (2)(c)(21) – Executive Session Minutes of November 2, 2015, December 7, 2015 and January 4, 2016

The Executive Session of January 18, 2016 meeting of the City Council was convened at 5:30 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 Clerk Bev Quinn
Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer

Returned to open session at 5:40 p.m. with a break taken until 6:00 p.m.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The regular January 18, 2015 meeting of the City Council was convened at 6:00 p.m., and called to order by Mayor Rex Barbee.

Council members present:

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

Others present:

City Manager Bill Gruen

City Clerk Bev Quinn

Public Works Director John Pruden

Chief of Police Sean Reynolds

Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt

City Attorney Mike Jones

Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer

Assistant Public Works Director Annette Brushwitz

Deputy Chief of Police Susan Miller

Members of the Media and Public

III. **PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

IV. **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

V. **MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS** – None.

VI. **CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

1. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes – January 4, 2016

b. Approval of Executive Session Minutes – November 2, 2015; December 7, 2015; and January 4, 2016

Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Baity that the Consent Agenda be approved (including the Approval of the Regular minutes of January 4, 2016 and the Executive Session minutes of November 2, 2015, December 7, 2015 and January 4, 2016 be approved, and the executive session minutes remain closed). Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Request of Four-Way Stop and Children at Play Signs at Jefferson and Oglesby

City Manager Gruen indicated he had received this request from Candice Ulrey, and reviews by Public Works Director John Pruden and Chief of Police Sean Reynolds have determined that this intersection is a good candidate for a four-way stop.

Ms. Ulrey indicated there are presently stop signs at the north and south, and she is recommending that stop signs be erected going east and west, as well. Mayor Barbee asked where the "Slow - Children Playing" signs would be erected. Assistant Public Works Director Annette Brushwitz indicated they have discussed this with Ms. Ulrey, and have locations in mind. Councilman Farley indicated Ms. Ulrey had spoken with him about this about a month ago, and he thinks this is a good idea. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve the request that this intersection be designated as a four-way stop, and the appropriate signs, including "Slow – Children Playing" be erected. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. Motion carried.***

3. Approval of Bryan Park Reservations for Historical Speech Re-creation

City Manager Gruen indicated he had been approached by Luke Purcell, who is representing a group that would like to recreate the speech given by General William T. Sherman in Salem in 1866. The request is for reservation of the Park stage and pavilion facilities and for street closures in Bryan Park on July 4, 2016 for the speech. Mr. Gruen indicated that if Council gives general approval, staff can work out the details with Mr. Purcell.

Mr. Purcell indicated this July 4th will be the 150th anniversary of William Sherman's speech at Hull's Grove, which is now known as Bryan Park. 25,000 people were present for the speech in 1866. Professor Clint Stephens of Kaskaskia College has agreed to reenact the speech, which was originally directed to Civil War veterans. Mayor Barbee indicated that he's aware that Mr. Purcell is in a civil war reenactment group, and if he could get the publicity out to other groups, they could have a big turnout. Mr. Purcell indicated he has made contact with other groups, and is in the process of searching for the speeches of John A Logan and Governor Oglesby, who were also present that day.

Mr. Purcell indicated they are requesting that the street behind the stage and GAR drive be closed next to the stage, for safety purposes, and that the stage and Shelter #2 be reserved. City

Manager Gruen indicated staff could handle the reservations, but the road closures would require Council action. **Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve the closing of streets in the park, as deemed necessary by the Public Works Department and City Manager, for the reenactment of General Sherman's speech on July 4th.** **Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

4. Bills Payable

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

5. Approval of Semi-Annual Review of Previously Closed Executive Session Minutes

Mayor Barbee indicated Council had reviewed the list of closed session minutes, and those to remain closed are on Attachment A of the resolution and those to be opened are on Attachment B. **Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Baity to approve Resolution 2016-02 Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

6. Approval of Proposal for Replacement of Bryan Home Roof Replacement

City Manager Gruen indicated proposals were solicited some time ago for roof replacement of the Bryan Home, and no bids were received. Since that time, Assistant Public Works Director Annette Brushwitz has contacted Alpha & Omega Contractors and Headlee Roofing. Mr. Gruen added that the bids received are for asphalt shingles, not shake shingles. The low bid received was from Alpha and Omega in the amount of \$16,285.07. Mr. Gruen indicated \$13,000 was budgeted for Bryan Home improvements, but the City can handle the overage. There is additional work that can be done by public works employees on an availability basis. Councilwoman Morgan asked if the mold issue will be taken care of. Mr. Gruen indicated it will be, but the first step is the roof. Additionally, the actual mold situation is not nearly as bad as it appeared in photos. **Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to award the bid to Alpha and Omega in the amount of \$16,285.07 to replace the roof of the William Jennings Bryan Home. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Gruen provided the following:

- **Television Monitors:** Several items have been purchased for television monitors for computer presentations in the Council room. City Manager Gruen indicated he would like to further discuss exact location of the monitors.
- **FY17 Budget Making Process:** City Manager Gruen provided some materials pertaining to the FY17 budget, and indicated that the intent is to get the Council up-to-speed and involved early so that their input doesn't get crammed into a small period time.
- **Farmers' Market in Bryan Park:** Approval for use of Bryan Park for a farmers' market was granted by the City Council back in 2012. People have come on and off various boards that have overseen the market, but the essence of the market has remained unchanged since 2012. The market is regrouping for operation in the Park for 2016. Also see comment below.
- **Use of Park Facilities, Fund Raising, Annual Requests, YMCA, etc:** City Manager Gruen indicated he has noticed that we are getting repeat requests for use of Bryan Park for events and fund raisers that have been previously approved, including by previous City Councils. Subject to the Council saying "no," he is taking the approach that previously approved requests for repeat events in the Park don't need repetitive, annual approval by the City Council. Requests for new events would still be submitted to the Council for review, however. Additionally, I propose that the YMCA have standing approval for use of Park facilities, subject to their availability.

- **Structural Review of Theater Building:** City Manager Gruen indicated that Structural Engineer Bill Lueking of Rhutasel has conducted a review of the Theater Building. His report was provided in the agenda packets, and has been shared with Drew Johnson.
- **Review of Engineers Retained for City Projects:** The City has acquired some long term relationships with engineering firms who serve us for project design, bid letting, and construction-period inspection. Mr. Gruen indicated we have receive good service from the firms with whom we've worked in the past, and there are other firms in the region surrounding us. A list of engineers, and what services they provide, was provided in the agenda packet.

VIII. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT** – None.

IX. **FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT** – None.

X. **CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilwoman Morgan indicated there is a large basketball tournament in town this weekend, with three teams coming to Salem from out of state. Councilwoman Morgan indicated these teams and their families bring a lot of revenue into town, and urged everyone to support the tournament.

Councilman Farley noted the death of Roy Woodward, who had been a member of the Fire Protection Board, as well as a number of other boards and committees, and indicated the community will miss him. Visitation is tonight, with funeral tomorrow.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to discuss, ***motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Farley to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved: _____