

**AGENDA  
CITY OF SALEM  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

- I. Call to Order – 6:00 pm
  - 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 – January 18, 2016
    - 2. Approval of Resolution Supporting State Funding for Kaskaskia College
    - 3. Approval of Cost & Process to Replace Playground Equipment for Roberts Park
  
  - 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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**MINUTES  
CITY OF SALEM  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2016 – 6:00 PM**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular February 1, 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 Jim Baity  
Councilman Nic Farley  
Councilman Craig Morton  
Councilwoman Sue Morgan  
Mayor Rex Barbee

**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	Members of the Media and Public

II. **PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Opening prayer was given by Councilwoman Sue 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 expressed sorry at the passing of John Andrews, who had been involved in various City projects, as well as serving on the Salem Business and Industrial Commission. Mayor Barbee added that Mr. Andrews will be missed.

Mayor Barbee indicated the City has received notification that we have been approved for a grant from the Union Pacific Railroad, and that the award will be made in June. The grant was for funds to construct a handicapped accessible dock at the Salem Reservoir.

V. **CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

**1. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Minutes – January 18, 2016

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

**2. Approval of Resolution Supporting State Funding for Kaskaskia College**

Councilman Farley indicated the State of Illinois is \$5.8 million behind in State payments to Kaskaskia College. The college has cut programming, instituted early retirement, and eliminated a

number of positions. The school is looking at issuing bonds and taking out loans just to stay in operation. Councilman Farley indicated he has proposed this resolution to put pressure on legislators and the Governor to get through the budget impasse.

Councilman Morton asked if funds due to the City are also being held. City Manager Gruen responded that they are. Councilman Morton suggested that a similar resolution be drafted on behalf of the City, with a resolution number of 2016-03, and that the resolution on behalf of KC be number 2016-04. City Attorney Mike Jones indicated a resolution on behalf of the City will need to be placed on the next meeting agenda. **Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Baity to approve resolution 2016-04 Supporting State Funding for Kaskaskia College, and that the resolution be forwarded to Governor Rauner and our legislators. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

**3. Approval of Cost and Process to Replace Playground Equipment at Roberts Park**

City Manager Gruen indicated the loss value of the playground equipment at Roberts Park is \$22,510.46. We have received a check from the insurance company in the amount of \$12,013.71, and there will be additional funds issued to the City, based on depreciation. Mr. Gruen added that projects costs may be revised upwards, depending upon the loss value of the rubber chips burnt/melted in the fire. Mr. Gruen indicated that staff will present options (including photographs) online and at a public hearing to receive feedback from the community, and will make a selection based upon that feedback. **Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan that City Manager Gruen, Public Works Director John Pruden and Assistant Public Works Director Annette Brushwitz be authorized to put together playground equipment packages not to exceed \$22,510.46. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

VI. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Gruen expressed sorry at John Andrews' passing, and talked about John's enthusiasm for improving the City and his bringing fiber internet to the area. Mr. Gruen added that the community needs people like John Andrews to believe in it and invest in it. Mr. Gruen added that John was a great guy, and we will miss him.

VII. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT** – None.

VIII. **FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT** – None.

IX. **CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

**Councilman Farley** indicated he attended the Salem Theatre's presentation of "Noises Off" over the weekend, and it was very funny and enjoyable. Farley indicated the show is being presented again next weekend, and encouraged the community to attend.

**Councilman Morton** indicated he had looked at the Bryan Home, and asked if the City was proceeding with replacing the roof. Assistant Public Works Director Annette Brushwitz indicated we are, and she is just waiting for a start date from Alpha & Omega.

**Councilman Barbee** indicated Keith McNeil had hosted a ribbon cutting at his new facility in the former Jarco building on South Broadway today, and although he was not able attend the ribbon cutting, he did go by earlier in the day and tour the building, and he congratulated Mr. McNeil on the project.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to discuss, **motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Baity to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Roll call vote: Councilman Baity, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**