

**AGENDA
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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2018**

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Bill Gruen
City Manager

**MINUTES
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- I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular August 6, 2018 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 Koehler
Councilman Nic Farley
Councilman Craig Morton (arrived shortly after roll call)
Councilwoman Sue Morgan
Mayor Rex Barbee

Council member absent: None.

Others present:

City Manager Bill Gruen	City Attorney Mike Jones
City Clerk Bev Quinn	Public Works Director John Pruden
Public Works Asst. Dir. Annette Brushwitz	Finance Director Keli Barrow
Deputy Chief Susan Miller	Code Enforcement Officer Dave Lusch
Jay Henke, Little Egypt Festival Chair	Adam Bumgarner
Bob Jamison, Avenue of Flags	Jim Milano, Avenue of Flags
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**

Adam Bumgarner addressed Council regarding a rally being held on August 31st at Centralia Fairview Park to raise awareness against drug use. The rally will be held on Friday, August 31st from 5-7 pm. Councilwoman Morgan thanked Mr. Bumgarner for providing the information.

Sheila Mulvany indicated she was representing the Relay for Life Leadership team, and they are requesting to use the Bryan Park Nature Trail on Saturday, October 20th for a fundraising relay. The race will be called the Monster Mash Bash, and will be an officially timed race and tee-shirts will be provided. All proceeds will benefit the Relay for Life Event in Salem on June 19th. Ms. Mulvany indicated the staging area will be in the rocky area just before the trail and on the hospital parking lot. Mulvany indicated they will be looking for some limited business sponsorship to provide refreshments such as water and fruit. Councilman Farley asked where participants will park. Ms. Mulvany indicated

the back parking lot at the hospital. City Manager Gruen indicated this would be placed on the next meeting agenda for approval.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Barbee indicated the Marion County Fair and the Salem Country Club Ladies Summer Classic had brought a number of visitors to our area, and our restaurants and gas stations benefited.

V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. Approval of Minutes

a. 07/16/18 Regular Meeting

b. 07/24/18 Special Meeting

Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve the minutes of the regular July 16, 2018 and special July 24, 2018 meetings as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. Presentation by Bob Jamison – Avenue of Flags

Bob Jamison indicated he would like to see Main and Broadway lined with 200 flags to the north, south, east and west from the intersection of Main and Broadway. Mr. Jamison is prepared to raise the funds, although he indicated the City Manager has committed \$1,000 towards the project, which he appreciates. Mr. Jamison indicated he will be approaching the Tourism Board with a request for \$3,000 next Monday night, and will be accepting donations in the amount of \$40.00 per flag from businesses and individuals. The total amount needed is \$7,200.00. Mr. Jamison indicated he would like to see the City order the flags, as they would then be purchased tax-free. Mr. Jamison indicated the Mission Salem program can offer workers to install the mounting supports on city poles. Three churches have already asked to be a part of the effort, which will avoid the expense of city workers in most installations. Mr. Jamison added that he would like to see the flags installed for approximately a week at a time during patriotic holidays. Mr. Jamison added that the flags will be placed on both sides of the streets, with the intention of honoring all veterans, past, present and future. Councilman Farley asked if the City has a place to store the flags. PW Director Pruden responded that it does. City Manager Gruen indicated he would like to see the City donate \$1,000 towards this project. ***Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to support the project, and to commit \$1,000 to the project. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.*** Jay Henke of the Salem American Legion added that Mr. Jamison has started the effort with a generous donation of his own.

3. Approval of IDOT Resolution for Little Egypt Festival

Jay Henke, Little Egypt Festival Committee Chairman, has requested a resolution of support to be sent to IDOT to approve the closure of US Rt. 50 and IL-37 during the Little Egypt Parade to be held on October 6th between 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm. This is an annual request. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve Resolution 2018-05 Approving the closure of US Rt. 50 and IL-37 during the Little Egypt Parade. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

4. Approval of Rhutasel Engineering Agreement for Kell St. Culvert Replacement

City Manager Gruen indicated the FY19 budget includes \$148,500 for replacement of a large culvert on Kell Street to facilitate widening the street at that location. Mr. Gruen indicated he is requesting approval of an agreement with Rhutasel and Associates Engineering to provide the design, bidding, and inspections, not to exceed \$25,000. Public Works Director John Pruden indicated they are ready to get started. The culvert is located approximately half way between College St. and IL Rt. 37. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve the engineering agreement with Rhutasel and Associates Engineers to provide engineering for the Kell St. Culvert Replacement, not to exceed \$25,000. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

5. Second Reading – Amendments to Chapter 10 Regarding Nuisances and Other Provisions

City Manager Gruen indicated the revisions he is proposing have not changed substantially since the last review, and provided a summary, below:

Chapter 10 DRAFT Revisions Summary

Fines/Penalties → Chapter 10 has fines ranging from \$25 to \$500 which in some ways conflict. City Council may wish to review the appropriate of all fines and revise and remove any conflict.

What does the City Council think about a fine range from \$75.00 to \$750.00 for all Chapter 10 violations except noise violations?

Consolidates Garbage & Litter Violations → Currently two different articles within Chapter 10, meant to streamline. Some provisions which seem extraneous could be removed.

Non-Customary Outdoor Storage → Would create a new tool for the City to compel the cleanup of properties where the nuisance items are not necessarily junk or garbage. Patterned after an ordinance enacted within the last few years by Lake County. State law allows municipalities to abate nuisances.

The revised draft moves non-customary outdoor storage in with all other Chapter 10 nuisances, which the City would be permitted to abate and charge violators the costs of the abatement.

Removes Outdated Active Landfill Provisions → These provisions no longer apply because the landfill is closed.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Fine</u>	
10-1 Inoperable/derelict vehicles	Not stated	Chapter generic penalties range from \$50-500.00 current
10-2 Open burning	\$25.00	
10-3 Weeds/brush	\$50-\$100.00	
10-4 Garbage/Litter	Not stated	
10-5 Non customary outdoor storage	Not stated	
10-8 Noise nuisance	\$150-\$500.00	
10-9 All other nuisances	\$50-100.00	
10-12 Landfill/garbage/leaves, etc	\$100.00	

City Manager Gruen added that he, City Attorney Mike Jones and Chief Sean Reynolds agreed to set the fines to be between \$75.00 and \$750.00, with the exception of the noise violation fine, which is \$150.00 to \$500.00. Councilwoman Morgan asked what kind of violations would result in a \$750.00 fine. City Attorney Jones responded a habitual, repeat offender. Mr. Gruen added that these ranges are dictated by state statutes, as we are not a home-rule community.

As there were no objections to the proposal, Mr. Gruen requested that Mr. Jones put the changes in the appropriate ordinance format and bring it back for action at the next meeting.

6. Discussion – Sale or Lease of Industrial Park Property for Solar Energy

City Manager Gruen indicated Dir. Gustafson and Councilman Farley recently collaborated on scheduling a presentation from Solar Vest pertaining to solar installations. There are multiple potential benefits or outcomes for a solar installation in the Industrial Park. The **exact** outcome or motivation may be a matter separate from whether the City/Council would entertain a proposal from a company related to an installation within the Industrial Park.

Mr. Gruen indicated the site being looked at is the area Howell Paving had looked at, close to both the Ameren and Tri-County Substations. Gruen asked if the City Council would be interested in a 20-year lease of the property. Councilman Farley added that the prospect does NOT want to purchase land. Farley added that this project will not create a lot of income or a lot of jobs, but the equipment above ground could be taxable. Farley added that he would like to have another discussion with the Illinois Solar Association prior to the City taking any action.

Councilwoman Morgan asked where the solar energy that is collected goes. Mayor Barbee responded that it goes back into the grid, to be sold to anyone who purchases energy credits. In answer to the question as to whether or not this would affect electric costs in the Industrial Park, Councilman Farley responded that this is a ***possibility***, but is not assured.

City Attorney Mike Jones indicated that if the City enters into a long-term lease of this property, it will lose its tax exempt status on that property. Mayor Barbee suggested that if a lease is worked out, it include a clause that the renter pays the taxes. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not the City would have to request proposals on the lease. City Attorney Jones responded that he would look into this further. Councilwoman Morgan indicated she would like this checked into, and feels it would be a good fit for that site.

VI. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Gruen indicated Annette Brushwitz and Randall Knapp have been working on a “back-to-school” bash scheduled for this weekend that will feature give-away items and specials on concession items. The pool will then close for the public on August 18th, although it will continue with early swim from 6-8 am, Monday through Friday.

VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – None.

VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT – None.

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Koehler indicated the back side of the City of Salem sign is very plain, and suggested putting in fine-line plants behind the sign and boulders on the sides and front. City Manager Gruen indicated the City will have to put in a new meter and lights before additional landscaping is done. Councilwoman Morgan suggested having one of the boulders engraved expressing appreciation to the Union Pacific Foundation for the grant. Consensus was that that would be a good idea.

Councilman Koehler thanked Council for the flowers sent for his father-in-law’s funeral.

Councilman Koehler also indicated he got to see Deputy Chief Susan Miller, while off-duty at Sharon’s Café, break up an incident. Koehler added that he was very impressed.

Councilwoman Morgan indicated new Code Enforcement Officer Dave Lusch is doing a “fantastic job” and thanked him for his efforts.

Mayor Barbee indicated fundraising efforts for the Inclusive Playground are ongoing, and the Baptist Church is holding a rummage sale with proceeds to benefit the playground this Saturday. Additionally, Mayor Barbee indicated he has raffle tickets for sale for a ride in a Waco Bi-Plane for \$10.00 ea.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved: _____