

AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 5, 2018
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 – January 15, 2018
 - 2. Recognition of New Salem PD Detective, Trent Swagler
 - 3. Receipt of Proposals for Development of Former Brown Shoe Site, Review if Received
 - 4. Approval of Concept Welcome Sign at Kinney & Main Street

 - VI. City Manager Report
 - VII. City Attorney Report
 - VIII. Finance Director Report
 - IX. City Council Report

 - XII. Adjournment
- Bill Gruen
City Manager

MINUTES
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- I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular February 5, 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 Tim Hudspeth
Councilman Nic Farley
Councilman Craig Morton
Mayor Rex Barbee

Council member absent: Councilwoman Sue Morgan

Others present:

City Manager Bill Gruen	City Attorney Mike Jones
City Clerk Bev Quinn	Chief of Police Sean Reynolds
Finance Director Keli Barrow	Economic Development Dir. Jeanne Gustafson
Deputy Chief of Police Susan Miller	Public Works Director John Pruden
Members of the Media and Public	

- II. **PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Opening prayer was given by Mayor Barbee, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

- III. **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

- IV. **MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS**

None.

- V. **CITY COUNCIL ACTION**
 - 1. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2018
Mayor Barbee pointed out a typing error. Councilman Hudspeth indicated he had abstained during approval of the minutes of December 18, 2017 and January 2, 2018. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Hudspeth to approve the minutes as amended. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilman Hudspeth, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

 - 2. Recognition of New Salem PD Detective, Trent Swagler

Mayor Barbee congratulated Det. Swagler on his appointment as Detective, and presented him with a certificate of appointment.

3. Receipt of Proposals for Development of Former Brown Shoe Site, Review if Received

City Manager Gruen indicated no proposals were received by the initial deadline, but the City can now accept proposals as they are submitted. Gruen added that this will allow the City to become more aggressive in its efforts to develop the property. City Manager Gruen asked City Council to let him know of any potential developments that are brought to their attention.

4. Approval of Concept Welcome Sign at Kinney & Main Street

City Manager Gruen indicated that using dollars from the City's Union Pacific grant received last year and video gaming dollars budgeted, he would like Council to consider approving a welcome sign concept so that bids may be sought for its construction. The concept would be to take inspiration from the highland welcome sign pictured below, but larger, at least 10-12 feet wide and 8-feet tall:



Mr. Gruen indicated the sign will be stone frame with landscaping, and will need to include some small recognition that the sign was made possible, in part, by the UP grant. Mr. Gruen indicated he and Economic Development Director Gustafson have met with some contractors, but he wanted to have Council input before preparing a request for proposals. Proposed placement of the sign is the southeast corner of Kinney Blvd. and Main St. at a 20-30 degree angle. Mayor Barbee commended that this will be a perfect location for the sign to be viewed by drivers exiting north-bound I-57. Mayor Barbee indicated the proposed location is the same area that the temporary PKC sign is placed each year, and asked if they will both fit. Public Works Director Pruden Indicated the PKC sign is placed on a trailer, so it can be placed anywhere. City Manager Gruen indicated Mark Decker has indicated the train could also be placed at the sign location. Mayor Barbee asked if the MPH "coming soon" sign can be removed. Dir. Gustafson indicated she is working on this with Dan Birch, and the sign will come down soon. Councilman Morton asked if the concept had been presented to Councilwoman Morgan. Mr. Gruen indicated it has, and she liked it. Council consensus was for City Manager Gruen to proceed.

VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Gruen asked Director Pruden to provide an update on the water and sewer main replacement projects:

- **Water Main Replacement Project:** Director Pruden indicated the new main is in, and the City has received the operating permit. About one-third of the customer services are in and they will be trying to do tie-ins on Thursday. Pruden added that they will do their best to bring yards and driveways back to re-construction condition.
- **Sewer Main Replacement Project:** Director Pruden indicated the sanitary sewer replacement project was going well until Boone St. They have run into some issues because there are so many utilities in the area. Pruden added that they hope to get past the high school within the next two to three weeks.

City Manager Gruen indicated he has prepared a summary of action taken by the police, public works, economic development, DOEM and finance departments during 2017. Mr. Gruen indicated he did not want to go through the entire report, but copies are available for the media and public. This report will be placed on the City of Salem website once some photos are taken. Additional reports from the Police Department and Public Works will be provided at a later date.

VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – No report.

VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT – No report.

IX. **CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilman Farley asked how far into the Smart Meter project we are. Director Pruden indicated all commercial meters have been replaced with smart meters, and the Public Works Department is about 2 2/2 years into a 5-year project. Pruden added that the City got the “biggest bang for its buck” by replacing he commercial meters first.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to discuss, ***motion was made by Councilman Hudspeth and seconded by Councilman Farley to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilman Hudspeth, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved: