

**AGENDA
CITYOF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2017
6:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Presentation of Petions/Public Comments**
- IV. Mayor’s Report and Presentations**

- V. City Council Action**
 - 1. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes – August 7, 2017 Regular Meeting
 - 2. Approval of Layout of Sidewalk Nea4r Pavilion #7 Bryan Park
 - 3. Approval of Allocation of City Dollars for Home Rehab Projects
 - a. Reapplication for and Allocation to Housing Rehab Grant
 - b. Allocation for Salem Area Foundation-Approved Projects
 - 4. Approval of Walmart Request for “Roadblock” to Fundraise for Children’s Miracle Network
 - 5. Approval of Use of Bryan Park for St Theresa-Hosted Cross Country Meets: Sept 5 & 23; October 2 & 14
 - 6. Approval of Bills Payable

- VI. City Manager Report**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. Finance Director Report**

- XI. City Council Report**
- XII. Adjournment**

Bill Gruen
City Manager

**MINUTES
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular City Council meeting of August 21, 2017 was called to order by Mayor Rex Barbee at 6:00 pm.

Council members present:

Councilman Tim Hudspeth
Councilman Nic Farley
Councilman Craig Morton (*arrived after roll call but before any action*)
Councilwoman Sue Morgan
Mayor Rex Barbee

Council members absent: None.

Others present:

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| City Manager Bill Gruen | City Clerk Bev Quinn |
| Finance Director Keli Barrow | Chief of Police Sean Reynolds |
| Deputy Chief of Police Susan Miller | Economic Development Director Jeanne Gustafson |
| Public Works Director John Pruden | Jason Patrick, SCIRPDC |
| Kyle Kelley, Apostolic Church of Salem | Lion’s Club Members |
| Members of the Public and Media | |

II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kyle Kelley of the Apostolic Church of Salem indicated the church will be hosting a celebration weekend to honor Pastor Calvin Jean for 25 years of service, and invited the Mayor and City Council members to an event at the church on Friday, August 25th at 7:00 pm.

Jeannell Charman noted that the service members’ names on the City Hall windows are not up to date. City Clerk Bev Quinn responded that she has a list of names to add, once a window is replaced.

IV. MAYOR’S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Barbee thanked all involved in the Eclipse Weekend, which included a Moonlight Bike Ride, Night Swim at the Salem Family Aquatic Center, and free movie at the theater.

V. COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes – 8/07/2017 Regular Meeting

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

2. Approval of Layout of Sidewalk near Pavilion #7 Bryan Park

City Manager Gruen presented a concept plan prepared with the assistance of Rhutasel and Associates for a sidewalk leading from near Shelter #7 to the playground equipment. Mayor Barbee added that the purpose of this sidewalk is to assist those with handicaps to access the playground equipment, and that more handicapped accessible equipment be installed. Public Works Director John Pruden indicated the estimated cost for this project is \$21,500 for the 6-ft.-wide ADA compliant sidewalk. Dir. Pruden added that Shelter #7 will have handicapped accessible tables and will be labeled as handicapped accessible. The sidewalk will lead past the drinking fountain, then to the playground area. Mr. Pruden indicated he will be doing the bid requests along with the Alley Street widening.

Councilman Farley indicated he is concerned that this will affect placement of the handicapped accessible playground equipment. Mr. Pruden responded that this project will be ongoing over a number of years, and equipment placement will not be stymied in any way by the proposed sidewalk layout. City Manager Gruen indicated the playground currently has shredded rubber in it now, and that can always be relocated to another play area. Mr. Pruden added that the ADA requirement is that we provide access to the equipment. Councilman Farley indicated that if we are putting in handicapped accessible playground equipment it will need to be placed on a hard surface.

City Manager Gruen indicated he had invited Lion's Club members to attend the meeting, as they have indicated they are interested in developing a handicapped-accessible playground area. Shelli McIntosh of the Lions club indicated they do not have a full-blown plan yet, but there would need to be a hard surface put down. One of the companies they are looking at does everything from the ground up. The group has also looked at doing the labor itself. Ms. McIntosh added that they have hired a grant writer to assist them, and they have been told there are funds available and this project is very doable.

Mike Charman of the Lion's Club indicated the surfaces they have looked at are concrete with a thin layer of rubber. Mr. Charman added that anyone from the City or community is welcome to sit in on a conference call with the company, which is located in St. Charles. Mr. Charman added that a handicapped accessible playground will attract people from all over the area to Salem. The grants would provide for 30% from the City, community, and grants. City Manager Gruen added that the handicapped accessible sidewalk could be the City's contribution.

Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve the handicapped accessible sidewalk layout provided by Rhutasel and Associates for installation in Bryan Park. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Hudspeth, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Allocation of City Dollars for Home Rehab Projects

a. Reapplication for and Allocation to Housing Rehab Grant

City Manager Gruen indicated the City applied for a CDAP Housing Rehab grant last year, and did not receive it. Mr. Gruen invited James Patrick of SCIRPDC to address Council on the possibility of reapplying. Mr. Patrick indicated there were 40 municipalities that applied last year, with 19 receiving the grant. Mr. Patrick indicated that many of those who were approved provided a grant match of \$10,000 or more from their municipality. The City of Salem ranked 21. Mr. Patrick indicated that, with a few revisions, he feels the City of Salem has a good target area, and we will not have to resurvey the neighborhood, with the exception of three homes. This grant targets single-family, owner occupied neighborhoods to address structural, energy efficiency, and building code issues in an effort to bring them up to minimum standards. This grant is geared at low to moderate income households. The application is due by December 15, 2017. The minimum match of \$10,000 will be 2.8% of our overall grant. Mr. Patrick indicated he has already secured a letter from BCMW indicating they will have \$10,000 in weatherization. Mr. Patrick indicated the work is almost all done, and the fee to SCIRPDC will be \$1,500.00. City Manager Gruen indicated he would like to see the City reapply for this grant, and for City Council to commit some funds to the grant. Councilman Hudspeth indicated he thinks it is something the City should do, especially since we were so close to being funded last year. ***Motion was made by Councilman Hudspeth and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to reapply for the CDAP Housing Rehab Grant and to provide a \$10,000 match. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Hudspeth, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

b. Allocation for Salem Area Foundation Approved Projects

City Manager Gruen indicated the Greater Salem Area Foundation has approached him about doing a similar housing rehab project, and he thought they were going to be present at the meeting. This will be discussed further in a future meeting.

4. Approval of Walmart Request for “Roadblock” to Fundraise for Children’s Miracle Network

City Manager Gruen indicated he received a request from Walmart employees asking if they can have a “roadblock” at Sweney’s Corner between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm on Friday, September 8th and Friday, September 22nd. Chief Reynolds indicated he likes the concept, but he has concerns regarding safety. Council discussed the possibility of making the stop lights flashing red, and requiring the volunteers to wear bright yellow vests. Public Works Director Pruden indicated he can have the lights set to flashing red, but returning them to their regular settings will require overtime callouts. Additionally, Salem’s Friday evening traffic between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm is very heavy. Mayor Barbee indicated he would like to see the Council move forward on this, but suggested moving this to Boone and Broadway or some evenings/times other than Friday between 4:00 and 6:00 pm. ***Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve the “roadblock”, as long as the times and locations are not on Friday nights between 4:00 and 6:00 pm, and to authorize the City Manager to work out the details with Walmart. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Hudspeth, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

5. Approval of Use of Bryan Park for St. Theresa-Hosted Cross Country Meets: September 5 and 23: October 2 and 14

City Manager Gruen indicated the reservation and Public Works schedules have been checked to insure there are no conflicts with these dates, and there are none. ***Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Farley to approve St. Theresa’s use of Bryan Park for Cross Country events on September 5, September 28, October 2 and October 24th. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Hudspeth, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

6. Approval of Bills Payable

City Manager Gruen presented the list of bills payable date d7-17-2017 to 8-18-2017. Following discussion, ***motion was made by Councilman Hudspeth and seconded by Councilman Farley to approve the Bills Payable of 7-17-2017 to 8-18-2017 as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Hudspeth, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

VI. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Gruen expressed appreciation to Terry Mulvany and his DOEM volunteers who served as escorts for the Moonlight Bike Ride; Chief Reynolds and his officers who provided safe crossing at Boone St.; to Drew Johnson and the Theatre Board who provided a free movie at the theatre; to Jed Casburn of the YMCA, who assisted with setting up; to Randall Knaak and the pool staff for assisting with the Moonlight Swim and Pizza Party; and Chris Hicks of Salem Township Hospital who provided giveaway bags and solar eclipse glasses. Mr. Gruen said it was a very cool weekend.

City Manager Gruen indicated development proposals are due in on the former armory property by Tuesday, September 5th, and he is hopeful and optimistic that the City will receive at least one proposal.

VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – None.

VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT - None.

XI. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Hudspeth asked where the Brown Shoe lien foreclosure is at. City Attorney Jones indicated the public notice will be published in September giving a notice of hearing, and the City should have the judgment in October or November. Councilman Hudspeth asked if new dirt was brought into the site. City Manager Gruen indicated dirt was not brought in, but there was some leveling done.

XII. 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 6:52 pm. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Hudspeth, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

Bev Quinn, CMC

City Clerk

Minutes approved: _____