

AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 3, 2017
5:30 PM Executive Session & 6:00 PM Regular Meeting

- I. Call to Order – 5:30 PM
 - II. Executive Session
 - 1. 5 ILCS 120 (2)(c)(1) and (14) – personnel
 - III. Return to Open Session - Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance – 6:00 PM or 5 mins after Executive Session
 - IV. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments
 - V. Mayor's Report and Presentations
 - VI. City Council Action
 - 1. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2017 Regular Meeting
 - 2. Approval of Use of Bryan Park by Evergreen Christian Church for a 5K with Street Closures
 - 3. Approval of Temporary Street Closure for Birthday Party – S Washington Street
 - 4. Approval of Ordinance Surplusing City Real Estate Located at the NE Corner of Selmaville Rd and Main Street
 - 5. Approval of City Parking Lot Design (NE Corner of McMackin & Walnut)
 - 6. Approval of Purchase of new Squad Car
 - 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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JULY 3, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular City Council meeting of July 3, 2017 was called to order by Mayor Rex Barbee at 5:30 pm.

Council members present:

Councilman Tim Hudspeth
Councilman Nic Farley
Councilman Craig Morton
Councilwoman Sue Morgan
Mayor Rex Barbee

Council members absent: None.

Others present:

City Manager Bill Gruen	City Attorney Mike Jones
City Clerk Bev Quinn	Finance Director Keli Barrow
Chief of Police Sean Reynolds	

II EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. 5 ILCS 120 (2)(c)(1) and (14) Personnel

Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Hudspeth to enter into executive session at 5:32 pm for the purpose of discussing Personnel. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Hudspeth, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Return to open session at 6:17 pm. (Will resume after a brief break.)

III. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

IV. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.

V. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Barbee wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July.

V. **COUNCIL ACTION**

1. **Consent Agenda**

a. **Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2017 Regular Meeting**

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

2. **Approval of Use of Bryan Park by Evergreen Christian Church for a 5K with Street Closures**

City Manager Gruen indicated he has received a request from Keli Thompson of Evergreen Church to hold a 5K in Bryan Park, including some road closures. Mr. Gruen indicated there are no scheduling conflicts with this event. Mr. Gruen added that Council could approve the request and the map, as requested, but he requested they give him some flexible authority to close down streets as minimally as possible to facilitate the event. Ms. Thompson added that the 5k is being scheduled to benefit “Broken Chains”, which battles human trafficking in Costa Rica. Ms. Thompson added that they ran the 5K on the nature trail last year, but they would like to be more visible this year, and they may have vendors and a band in the park. Councilman Morton indicated there is a routine 5K route that is run through Bryan Park and suggested they use that. City Manager Gruen asked Ms. Thompson if they are flexible with the route and if they would be open to starting earlier. Ms. Thompson indicated they are. ***Motion was made by Councilman Hudspeth and seconded by Councilman Farley to approve the use of Bryan Park for a 5K hosted by Evergreen Christian Church on September 30, 2017. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Hudspeth, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

3. **Approval of Temporary Street Closure for Birthday Party – S. Washington Street**

City Manager Gruen indicated he received a request from Keesha Landert of 400 S. Washington to close the 400 block of S. Washington for a birthday party on July 7 between 4 pm and 8 pm. All of the homes in that block are family members who will be attending the party. Councilwoman Morgan commented that permitting this might not be setting a good precedent. Councilman Farley indicated he thinks it is kind of a cool thing and doesn’t involve any major thoroughfares. Chief Reynolds asked how the road will be closed. The response was with wooden barricades that can be moved, if necessary, to get emergency personnel into the block. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to permit the closure of the 400 block of S. Washington on July 7, 2017 between 4 pm and 8 pm. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Hudspeth, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: Councilwoman Morgan. Motion carried.***

4. **Approval of Ordinance Surplusing City Real Estate Located at the NE Corner of Selmaville Road and Main St.**

City Manager Gruen indicated the City recently received deed to 22+/- acres of land from the Salem Business and Industrial Commission in connection with refinancing the property. Mr. Gruen indicated he is recommended this property be declared surplus so that it can be the subject of an economic development project. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Hudspeth to approve Ordinance 2017-08 declaring the 22+/- acres surplus. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Hudspeth, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

5. **Approval of City Parking Lot Design (NE Corner of McMackin & Walnut)**

City Manager Gruen presented an updated drawing prepared by Brent Taylor of Rhutasel and Associates, which showed parking in front of Coaches Corner. Mr. Gruen indicated this would include knocking down the hump in the driveway and the concrete pad where the Bachman’s building used to stand. This would leave the area behind the theatre open. The cost for this phase of the parking lot would be \$21,500. Councilman Farley added that this will not have a huge impact on the rest of the project. Mr. Taylor added that if Council decides to go with all concrete on the project, this portion will have minimal impact. Doing the entire parking lot in concrete, including sidewalks and ADA accessible parking spaces, will cost \$190,000.

Councilman Morton asked when the theatre expansion is going to be done. Councilman Farley responded that it will begin once they get the estimates back from contractors, which may be as soon as August. Jeff Morgan of Coaches Corner indicated he does not like the parking spaces across the front of his business, and he would prefer they be placed by the north wall of the theater. Mr. Taylor indicated putting parking on the north wall of the theater is a big problem, as it is extremely hard to get into those spaces. Taylor added that having parking in front of the business is no different than the parking in front of Pizza Man or El Rancherito. Mr. Morgan indicated he has seen a lot of plans that he likes better. Councilman Farley asked when Mr. Morgan intends to open. Mr. Morgan indicated August 1st, and that he would like to see parking spaces 7, 8, and 9 removed from the plan. City Manager Gruen suggested getting the paving in for spaces 7, 8, and 9, knock down the hump and the pad, and get one handicapped accessible space in. Councilwoman Morgan asked if this will be open parking. Mr. Gruen indicated it would have an hourly limit. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Hudspeth to approve the parking lot design. Roll call vote: AYES:***

Councilman Hudspeth, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Councilwoman Morgan abstained. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Purchase of New Squad Car

City Manager Gruen indicated the FY18 budget includes \$36,000 for the purchase of a new squad car for the Police Department. Only one bid was received, from Veto Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$37,203. Mr. Gruen indicated the budget can cover the overage. **Motion was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve the purchase of a new squad car from Veto Enterprises in the amount of \$37,203. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Hudspeth, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.** Chief Reynolds indicated he would be passing a 2008 vehicle to DOEM, to replace an Explorer that is mechanically failing.

VI. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Gruen indicated the legislature it trying to move quickly on the budget, and IML is keeping municipalities updated. Mr. Gruen indicated he will continue to share those updates.

VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – None.

VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT – None.

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Farley indicated there is a senate bill that will decrease funding to municipalities by 10%, which will not have a big impact on municipalities.

Councilwoman Morgan thanked Public Works Director John Pruden for taking her on a tour of all the plants. Ms. Morgan indicated she enjoyed the tour and it was very enlightening.

Mayor Barbee indicated he enjoyed the opportunity to interact with City employees at the City employee pool party.

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 7:00 pm. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Hudspeth, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved: _____