

CTY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 6, 2021 – 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 – June 21, 2021 and Planning Session of May 25, 2021
 - 2. Approval of Ordinance on Federal and State Grant Administration Policy
 - 3. Approval of Ordinance on end of year Budget Amendment

- VI. City Manager Report with Department Head Updates**
- VII. Executive Session – 5 ILCS 120/2©(21) – Review of Executive Session Minutes**

- VIII. Open Session –**
 - a. **Approval of Closed Session Minutes of 5/17/2021**
 - b. **Resolution – Semi Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes**

- IX. City Attorney Report**
- X. City Council Members Report**
- XI. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager

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On this day in History – July 6

- [1785](#) US Congress unanimously resolves the name of US currency to the "dollar" and adopts decimal coinage
 - [1885 Louis Pasteur](#) successfully gives an anti-rabies vaccine to 9-year-old Joseph Meister, saving his life
 - [1923](#) The Central Executive Committee accepts the Treaty of Union, signed in Moscow in December 1922, and the Russian Empire becomes the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
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MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 6, 2021

- I. Call to Order**

The regular July 6, 2021 meeting of the Salem City Council was convened at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers of Salem City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nicolas Farley.

Council members present:

Councilman Jim Koehler
Councilman Royce Bringwald
Councilwoman Amy Trout
Mayor Nicolas Farley

Council members absent: Councilman Craig Morton

Others present:

City Manager Rex Barbee
City Clerk Bev Quinn
Finance Director Keli Barrow
City Attorney Mike Jones

Public Works Director Annette Brushwitz
Chief of Police Sean Reynolds
Economic Development Dir. Tabitha Meador
Members of the Media and Public

II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Koehler offered the opening prayer, with Mayor Farley leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Farley recognized DeWayne Collier:

DeWayne Collier thanked Bruce Kropp of WJBD Radio for doing a good job on reporting on the City Council meetings. Mr. Collier then asked how old the City's water plant is, and mentioned a time when water was so low the City had to pump water from the interstate ponds for customer use. Collier added that the Salem Reservoir is very shallow, and City Council might want to look at increasing the capacity of the reservoir so we can sustain life in the event of a catastrophe. Mr. Collier indicated he would like to see the City have an engineer look at the plant and tell us how long it will last.

Mayor Farley responded that we have been doing regular maintenance at the water plant, and our situation is not the same as that of some of our neighboring communities. Mayor Farley added that Chief Water Plant Operator Jason Weber has indicated there could be some issues with dredging the reservoir, due to the Carlyle water line. The City has been obtaining water through the Carlyle raw water line since the 70s and we are in good shape with both our plant and supply. Farley thanked Mr. Collier for bringing this concern forward.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Farley passed his compliments to all who were involved in the July 4th event in Bryan Park, and added that Tabitha Meador did a great job of putting it together, Dave Sands and the Public Works department did a great job of getting the park ready for the event, and he received several comments from attendees who said this was the best fireworks display Salem has had. Mayor Farley added that the entire event turned out very well.

V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consent Agenda

- a. **City Council Minutes - request approval of minutes of June 21, 2021 and Planning Session minutes of May 25, 2021**

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to approve the minutes of May 25, 2021 and June 21, 2021, as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Trout, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Ordinance on Federal and State Grant Administration Policy

Mayor Farley indicated this action is just putting in ordinance format the procedures the City already follows on State and Federal grants. Finance Director Keli Barrow added that this ordinance has been recommended by the City's auditors. ***Motion was made by Councilwoman Trout and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve Ordinance 2021-11 adopting a Federal and State Grant Administration policy. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Trout, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

3. Approval of Ordinance on End of Year Budget Amendment

City Manager Barbee indicated it is budget procedure to review the accounts to determine if any accounts exceeded the amounts budgeted. This year there were two accounts that exceeded the amounts budgeted, which are:

Fund 10: Police Pension - \$35,000 (*Unexpected retirement of an officer*)

Fund 14: Veteran's Fund - \$200.00 (*Purchased flags*)

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Trout to approve Ordinance 2021-12 Amending the FY21 Budget. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman

Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Troutt, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT WITH DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

City Manager Barbee:

- Barbee echoed Mayor Farley's comments regarding the July 4th event – the weather was perfect, Ms. Meador did a great job of organizing, Dir. Brushwitz and her crews did a great job of getting the park ready, and Asst. Dir. Purintun did a great job of handling the fireworks pyrotechnicians.
- Construction continues on the Inclusive Playground. Dir. Brushwitz added that the installers had some equipment breakdown, which caused some delays. They expect to have the equipment installed in 7-10 days, after which the sidewalk will be poured, the "poured-in-place" base will be installed, and the fencing erected. Brushwitz added that although the contractor is estimating sooner, she feels confident it will be done in two months.
- Barbee indicated he is happy to see things opening back up, including the ABC Pub.
- The Salem Area Historical Museum will be opening on July 16th. Additional information will be sent out via email, as it becomes available.

Finance Director Barrow:

- Dir. Barrow indicated the auditors will be onsite on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. They will not be done with the audit, but those are expected to be the only two days they will be at City Hall.
- Dir. Barrow indicated she had sent out letters of interest to the local banks on the bond refinancing issue, and their rates were nowhere near the ones being offered on the open market. Barrow added that if the City is going to refinance its bonds, now is the time. Barrow estimated that the City could save \$100,000 over eight years. Mayor Farley indicated this is good news, and he would like to see this made an agenda item for action at the next meeting.

Economic Development Director Meador:

- Dir. Meador offered her thanks to Parks Leadman Dave Sands for getting the park ready for the July 4th event and to Chief Reynolds for providing the extra officers.

Public Works Director Brushwitz:

- Dir. Brushwitz indicated the Salem Family Aquatic Center will be closed during the day on July 24th for a big invitational swim meet, but will reopen at 5:00 pm for a night swim. A band and free hotdogs will be provided with the price of admission.
- NAL employees will be volunteering in Roberts and Bryan Parks on July 21st as part of "Honda Days". Volunteers will be working two-hour shifts cleaning and painting equipment. NAL is inviting others who would like to volunteer to join them.
- The City will begin oiling streets in August.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(21) REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilwoman Troutt and seconded by Councilman Koehler to enter into executive session at 6:33 pm for the purpose of reviewing executive session minutes. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Troutt, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Return to open session at 6:36 pm

VIII. OPEN SESSION

a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of 5/17/21

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler to approve the closed session minutes of 5/17/21, with a minor correction, and to keep them closed. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Troutt, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Councilman Koehler abstained.

b. Resolution – Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

Motion was made by Councilman Bringwald and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve Resolution 2021-5 Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Troutt, Mayor Farley.
NAYS: None. Motion carried.

IX. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – None.

X. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

Councilman Koehler indicated Bryan Park looks great, and the July 4th event went very well. Koehler asked if there was any chance of combining Family Day in the Park and the Fourth of July events in the future.

Councilman Bringwald expressed his appreciation to those “behind the scenes”. Bringwald indicated last Friday at 6:00 am, he saw City crews out taking down a tree, and by mid-morning, everything was cleared up. As he looked around, he saw more public works employees trimming, cleaning, and making the City look good. Bringwald added that he stopped and visited with members of the Daffy-Dill Garden Club as they were beautifying the area around the Bryan statue, and the contractors who were installing the equipment at the Inclusive Playground.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, at 6:40 pm, ***motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Trout to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Troutt, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____