

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
6:00 PM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 1, 2019**

- 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. City Council Minutes - 06/17/19
 - 2. Approval of Mayoral Appointments
 - 3. Approval of Lease of Police Squad Cars
 - 4. Approval of Ordinance Prohibiting Parking on Both Sides of North Alley Between College and Walnut
 - 5. Approval of Ordinance Removing Historic Vehicle Exemptions from Definition of Inoperable and Derelict Vehicle
 - 6. Approval of Ordinance Increasing Smoking Age to 21 for Purpose of City Offenses
 - 7. Approval of Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking in Certain Areas of Salem Parks
- VI. City Manager Report**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. Finance Director Report**
- IX. City Council Report**
- X. Executive Session**
 - 1. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) – Review of Closed Minutes
 - 2. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) – Personnel
- XI. City Council Action**
 - 8. Approval of Closed Session Minutes from January 7, January 21, and June 17, 2019
 - 9. Approval of Resolution Pertaining to Closed Session Minutes
- XII. Adjournment**

Bill Gruen, City Manager

**MINUTES
CITY OF SALEM
JULY 1, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular July 1, 2019 meeting of the City Council was convened at 6:00 pm, and called to order by Mayor Rex Barbee.

Council members present:

Councilman Jim Koehler
Councilman Nic Farley
Councilman Craig Morton
Councilwoman Sue Morgan
Mayor Rex Barbee

Council members absent:

None.

Others present:

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

II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

IV. MAYOR’S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Barbee congratulated Harold Boyles on his retirement from the Marion County Genealogical Society, and thanked him for his many years of service.

VI. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

- 1. **Consent Agenda**

- a. City Council Minutes – 06/17/2019
Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve the minutes of June 17, 2019 as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Mayoral Appointments

Mayor Barbee presented the following list of appointments:

Planning Commission:	Brad Heaton	– term ending 4/30/2022
Zoning Board of Appeals:	Thadeus Freed,	– term ending 4/30/2023
Library Board:	Ed Dolbeare	– term ending 4/30/2022

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

3. Approval of Lease of Police Squad Cars

City Manager Gruen provided the following information with the agenda:

“The FY20 budget includes \$35,000 for the possible lease for replacement of possibly four squad cars, for which the City began a lease back in FY14. Before FY14, the City got behind on purchase of squad cars and was able to lease four, for essentially the cost of one squad car per year (although available dollars caused us to pay off the lease about one year early).

Bids for new, leased squads are due to come in this week. However, Chief Reynolds has worked with multiple car dealerships to make sure all have opportunities to bid like products. I’d like to hold out for the possibility that needed review might cause us to postpone consideration until the second meeting in July. Hopefully all is ready for action on Monday.

During presentation of the FY20 budget, we have talked about what may happen to the four squads leased back in FY14. Two may be assigned to the SROs for use and parking at SCHS and Franklin Park/Hawthorn. I think this may have generated some questions among Council folks about the real need for the lease of four, new squads. Chief Reynolds will be able to present possibilities for use or disposal of our four existing squad cars to fully inform you about the current fleet and the lease of four new squads prior to taking action on a possible lease as the City Council sees fit.”

Chief Reynolds added that there were not many cars available. Ford is no longer making the Taurus, and police departments are having to buy SUVs and trucks in place of sedans. Reynolds added that this isn’t all bad, as they are roomier and have a better resale value. Dealers are also offering more incentives on trucks and suvs than on cars. Reynolds added that the prices on the tab sheet also include the accessories, lights, etc.

Mayor Barbee asked if there will be any cars traded in. Chief Reynolds indicated the Code Enforcement car needs to be upgraded and two cars will be utilized by the SROs. Reynolds added that he does not intend to trade in any vehicles at this time.

Councilwoman Morgan asked about the budgeted amount of \$35,000. City Manager Gruen indicated the lease payments will be about \$5,800 per year over budget. Finance Director Barrow added that she would like to request lease rates from the banks, which may lower that amount.

Councilwoman Morgan asked if we could reduce the number of new vehicles to three. Councilman Morton suggested two. Mayor Barbee indicated we could, but it would probably not be cost effective. Chief Reynolds indicated there might be a year when the department would not have to purchase any vehicles, but postponement would require it to purchase two. Reynolds added that they were able to pay off the previous four cars’ lease two years early.

Councilman Farley indicated the City’s ordinances allow the City to buy local if the difference in prices is 5% or less. Farley added that if we make this purchase, he would like to see the vehicles purchased from Max Dye Oldsmobile. Councilman Koehler concurred. Mayor Barbee added that he, too, thinks it would be more appropriate to purchase from Max Dye rather than Vito.

Councilwoman Morgan asked if the SROs really need to have cars. Chief Reynolds indicated they do, as the cars need to be visible at the schools and it gives the officers the ability to respond to a non-school incident, if necessary.

City Manager Gruen asked that action on this agenda item be postponed until the next meeting, so the Finance Director can see if she can obtain better financing rates from our local banks.

4. **Approval of Ordinance Prohibiting Parking on Both Sides of North Alley Between College and Walnut**
Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve Ordinance 2019-09 prohibiting parking on both sides of the street on N. Alley between College and Walnut Streets. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

5. **Approval of Ordinance Removing Historic Vehicles Exemptions from Definition of Inoperable and Derelict Vehicles**

City Manager Gruen indicated he has been approached about allowing professional restoration businesses to be exempt from the derelict vehicle requirements. Councilman Farley indicated her is still struggling internally with the whole ordinance. *Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve Ordinance 2019-10 as amended. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: Councilman Farley. Motion carried.*

6. **Approval of Ordinance Increasing Smoking Age to 21 for Purpose of City Offenses**

City Manager Gruen indicated this will bring the City's ordinance in line with State laws. *Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve Ordinance No. 2019-11 to increase the smoking age in Salem to 21. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler< Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.*

7. **Approval of Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking in Certain Areas of Salem Parks**

City Manager Gruen indicated the proposed ordinance would identify certain types of locations in Salem parks where smoking would not be permitted. The ordinance identifies the locations and prohibits smoking within 15 feet of them. The penalty for violation would be \$10, except for persons too young to smoke for whom the penalty would be that which is already provided by the City Code in Section 13-81 (\$50, \$100, and \$200-\$300 for first, second, third, and subsequent violations). The ordinance also proposes a statement for legislative intent, in which the City Council would state that it supports the right of persons to smoke in areas of parks that are open, but not close to areas designed for children. *Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve Ordinance 2019-11 prohibiting smoking in certain areas of Salem parks. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley< Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.*

VI. **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Gruen indicated the City has been approved for the CDAP Housing Grant. As soon as everything is executed, we need to start implementing the grant and accepting applications.

VII. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**- No report.

VIII. **FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT** – No report.

IX. **CITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Councilman Morton indicated the downtown is really looking good.

Councilwoman Morgan noted that there are very few restaurants open in Salem on Mondays, and suggested they get together and stagger the days they are closed.

Mayor Barbee expressed his appreciation to the Nazarene Church for putting the flags up for the Fourth of July.

Councilman Koehler congratulated the Rotary Reds for winning the City Series.

X. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) – Review of Closed Session Minutes

2. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) - Personnel

Motion was made at 6:32 pm by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morton to enter into executive session for the purpose of reviewing closed session minutes and discussing personnel. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried. Mayor Barbee indicated there would be a brief break before Executive Session.

XI. **CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

8. **Approval of Closed Session Minutes from January 7, January 21, and June 17, 2019**

City Clerk Quinn requested that the January 21st minutes be postponed until the next meeting. *Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan that the minutes of January 7 and June 17, 2019 be approved as written, and remain closed. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.*

9. **Approval of Resolution Pertaining to Closed Session Minutes**

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Farley to approve Resolution 2019-05 pertaining to closed session minutes. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton,

Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Morton to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

*Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk*

Approved: 7/15/19