

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
6:00 PM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 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
 - 2. City Council Minutes – 09/16/2019
 - 3. Request to amend no parking ordinance in 200 block of West Alley St.
 - 4. Request to downsize the scope of plan for West Whittaker St. improvements
 - 5. First Reading – Property tax levy for 2020 collections
 - a) Approval of Resolution for Library Building Levy of .02%

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

- X. Adjournment**

Rex A. Barbee, City Manager

**MINUTES
CITY OF SALEM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular October 7, 2019 meeting of the City Council was convened at 6:00 pm, and called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Sue Morgan.

Council members present:

Councilman Nic Farley
Councilman Craig Morton
Mayor Pro Tem Sue Morgan

Council members absent:

Councilman Jim Koehler

Others present:

City Manager Rex Barbee	City Clerk Bev Quinn
City Attorney Mike Jones	Chief of Police Sean Reynolds
Public Works Director John Pruden	Asst. Public Works Director Annette Brushwitz
Finance Director Keli Barrow	Deputy Chief of Police Susan Miller
Economic Dev. Dir Jeanne Gustafson	Members of the Media and Public

II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Opening prayer was offered by Mayor Pro Tem Sue Morgan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alpha & Omega Construction, represented by Justin Matthews, Russ Sanderson, David Vaughn and Clayton Simmons, addressed Council regarding an issue they are experiencing with the City regarding service to their construction office. Mr. Matthews indicated the City has advised him that he must apply for a tap, as the current tap was for a residential structure on another lot. Matthews added that in lieu of applying for another tap, he had been given a period of time to remove the residential structure. When he could not meet the two-month deadline, the meter was pulled. The office has not had a water connection for a couple of months. City Manager Barbee indicated the City’s water service is “per lot”, and the City is willing to expedite an application for another tap and waive the deposit on the account. Mr. Matthews indicated he would like to know where in Chapter 2 that requirement is shown. Matthews added that it has now become a matter of principal, and he does not want to apply for another tap. Matthews indicated he is asking Council for a variance, like they were granted previously.

Zoning Administrator Bev Quinn responded that a new Special Use category was adopted for Alpha & Omega by City Council, which allowed the business to stay in the location it is currently in, and a variance was granted for another zoning issue, but the Zoning Board does not grant variances for utility services. Mr. Matthews indicated he has an appointment with Eric Terlizzi on Wednesday to start the process of having the lot lines removed. City Attorney recommended that Mr. Matthews have Mr. Terlizzi contact him regarding this issue. Mr. Matthews added that there have been other instances where they have needed help from the City, and they have not received it. City Manager Barbee responded that, in this instance, the City would be happy to expedite his application for a tap.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Morgan commended both the Little Egypt Festival and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Reunion committees for their efforts over the weekend, and added that both were great successes. Morgan added that the PKC organization will be in town next week, and we welcome them to Salem.

V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consent Agenda

a. City Council Minutes – 09/16/2019

Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve the minutes of 9/16/2019 with two minor corrections. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Pro Tem Morgan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. Request for Use of Salem Reservoir for RC controlled boat events in 2020

Bud Davis, dba Mt. Vernon Yacht Club, indicated he has been running remote controlled "yachts", between 12" and 32", on lakes in the Mt. Vernon and Centralia areas for the past year. Last Saturday, he started sessions in the Centralia Recreation Center's indoor pool. The Recreation Center has sponsors for the program that allow children to drive the boats free of charge.

Mr. Davis is proposing to use the Salem Reservoir on Saturdays from April through September, between 1:00 pm – 6:00(ish) pm, weather permitting. The fee is \$5.00 per session (*when the battery runs out*), unless he receives corporate sponsorship, which is \$400/month. Davis added that he sets up pool noodles as buoys and has a rubber dingy he uses to go out and pick up the remote controlled boats after they flip over. Councilman Farley asked if he is a not-for-profit. Mr. Davis responded that he is a capitalist, and is doing this as a business. Davis added that he would like to set up at the small boat dock at the north end of the reservoir. City Manager Barbee responded that there is limited parking there, and is very close to the busy highway, and indicated a better location would be the play area close to the hospital.

Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve Mr. Davis' request to use the reservoir for his remote controlled boats, at the location across from the hospital, for one year, between April and September, contingent upon Mr. Davis providing liability insurance and the coverage being approved by the City's insurance agency. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilman Farley, Mayor Pro Tem Morgan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

3. Request to amend no parking ordinance in 200 block of West Alley St.

City Manager Barbee indicated he was contacted by Paul Polanski, owner of a commercially zoned property in the 200 block of N. Alley St., requesting that parking be allowed along the street adjacent to the properties zoned for commercial use. Councilman Farley asked Chief Reynolds if the PD had a position on this request. Chief Reynolds indicated it does not. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve Ordinance 2019-15 Amending Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances to prohibit parking on either side of N. Alley between College and Walnut. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Pro Tem Morgan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

4. Request to downsize the scope of plans for West Whittaker St. Improvements

City Manager Barbee indicated Public Works would like to amend the scope of the Whittaker Street project to involve only the 300-400 blocks adjacent to the former Brown Shoe property. This will alleviate disruption to the Dairy Queen restaurant, but retain the ability to straighten out the jog in the road at S. College and allow for improvement of storm sewer drainage at the site. This project will be utilizing FAU dollars. Barbee added that this will also reduce the cost of the project from approximately \$1,000,000 to \$400,000. Public Works Director Pruden added that the City will not lose the FAU funds – those funds will remain in the fund earmarked for Salem, and we will have access to those dollars for future projects. Pruden added that Whittaker will be a good street to add additional sidewalks on, as there are currently sidewalks from College to Westgate. The addition of sidewalks from Broadway to College will complete a large square with sidewalk access. Mr. Pruden indicated he needs Council consensus that downsizing the project is appropriate. Council members concurred.

5. First reading – Property tax levy for 2020 collections

a) Approval of Resolution for Library Building Levy of 0.02%

City Manager Barbee presented the first draft of the proposed levy, as follows:

\$88,894,332.00	TOTAL EAV
\$2,899,289.00	TIF INCREMENT
\$469,262.00	EZ VALUE ABATED
\$1,195,577.36	AGGREGATE BASE
0	NEW PROPERTY

2019 City of Salem Estimated Levy

Max 104.999% of Previous FY		
2018 Total Extension	Increases Spread Across All Funds	Fund Name
\$ 341,470.23	\$ 358,540.33	GENERAL
\$ 185,479.76	\$ 194,751.89	IMRF
\$ 131,418.92	\$ 137,988.55	POLICE PENSION
\$ 127,493.28	\$ 133,866.67	LIBRARY
\$ 28,386.01	\$ 29,805.03	GARBAGE
\$ 25,392.60	\$ 26,661.98	AUDIT
\$ 133,693.90	\$ 140,377.26	LIABILITY INS
\$ 49,801.66	\$ 52,291.24	PARK
\$ 63,691.05	\$ 66,874.97	RECREATION
\$ 113,193.37	\$ 118,851.91	SOCIAL SECURITY
\$ 17,002.53	\$ 17,852.49	LIBRARY BLDG
\$ 8,475.60	\$ 8,899.30	LIBRARY SOCIAL SECURITY
\$ 1,225,498.91	\$ 1,286,761.60	

Barbee added that this will be presented again two more times, and the increase will be 4.999% over the last levy. No action is requested on this tonight.

City Manager Barbee indicated the Library has submitted its request that the City levy an additional 0.02% to provide for building maintenance. Council does need to take action on this, as it will need to be published within fifteen (15) days of adoption as part of the “backdoor resolution”. **Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve Resolution 2019-08 agreeing to levy an additional .02% tax for the Bryan Bennett Library for the maintenance, repairs and alterations of the library buildings and equipment. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilman Farley, Mayor Pro Tem Morgan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT

IML: City Manager Barbee indicated he attended the IML conference , along with Councilman Morton, Councilman Farley, and City Clerk Quinn, and had the opportunity to learn some things.

Inclusive Playground: City Manager Barbee indicated ED Dir. Gustafson is working on a DNR grant application for State funding for the Inclusive Playground. A DNR representative has suggested the some additional amenities be added to enhance the application. The project has been amended to include: batting cages; sand volleyball, court; gaga pit; dog park amenities; and physical fitness amenities along the walking trail. There are 34 applications, with a maximum award of \$400,000. Barbee added that it will probably be several months before we hear back from DNR, but he feels we have a 70% chance of approval.

Enterprise Zone Conference: City Manager Barbee indicated he will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday, October 10-11, to attend an Enterprise Zone conference in Peoria.

Agracel and Hoffmann: City Manager Barbee indicated the City closed on the sale of property to Agracel on Wednesday. The title work is being done on the Armory property.

Events: City Manager Barbee offered kudos to the organizers of the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Reunion and the Little Egypt Festival for their successful events.

VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT- No report.

VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

Finance Director Barrow indicated she has been working on accounts payable, and at the direction of the City’s auditors, she will be working on writing off \$420,000, and additional \$50,000 has been sent to the State, and \$17,000 was filed for a bad debt.

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Farley indicated he thinks there were more people at the Little Egypt Festival than he has seen at the event during his lifetime. Farley expressed appreciation to the Public Works, DOEM/ESDA and Police Department employees who assisted.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, ***motion was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilman Farley to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilman Farley, Mayor Pro Tem Morgan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____