

**AGENDA
CITY OF SAEM
6:00 PM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 4, 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 – 10/21/2019
 - 2. Appointment of 55th Mayor for the City of Salem
 - 3. Swearing in of Mayor by Salem City Clerk
 - 4. Appointment of new Mayor Pro Tem
 - 5. Request for approval on policy for Fraud, Waste and Abuse
 - 6. Final reading on Property Tax Levy for 2020 collection and approval of Ordinance
 - 7. Resolution to abate the tax levy to be collected in 2020 related to the City of Salem General Obligation Refunding Bonds, series 2017 (Alternate Revenue Source) which had an initial amount of \$2,465,000
 - 8. Resolution to abate the tax levy to be collected in 2020 for the City of Salem Wastewater Treatment Improvements Revenue Source Alternate Bonds issued in the principal amount of \$3,170,000
 - 9. Request approval of resolution in support of the Illinois Oil and Gas Industry

- VI. City Manager Report**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. Finance Director Report**
- IX. City Council Report**
- X. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee, City Manager

**MINUTES
CITY OF SALEM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
The regular November 4, 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 Jim Koehler
Councilman Nic Farley
Councilman Craig Morton
Mayor Pro Tem Sue Morgan
- Council members absent:** None.
- Others present:**
City Manager Rex Barbee
City Attorney Mike Jones
Chief of Police Sean Reynolds
Economic Dev. Dir Jeanne Gustafson
Members of the Media and Public
City Clerk Bev Quinn
Finance Director Keli Barrow
Public Works Director John Pruden
Asst. Public Works Director Annette Brushwitz
- II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Opening prayer was offered by Councilman Koehler followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Morgan indicated she had signed proclamations for the D.A.R. declaring November as "National American Indian Heritage Month" and for SWAN (*Stopping Woman Abuse Now*) declaring October as "Domestic Awareness Month" in Salem.

Mayor Pro Tem Morgan also indicated she was honored to be a part of the group photograph and video made in Bryan Memorial Park to promote the "Inclusive Playground", and she will be part of the group going to Springfield this week to further present the grant application.

V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consent Agenda

a. City Council Minutes – 10/21/2019

Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve the minutes of 10/21/2019 as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Morton, Mayor Pro Tem Morgan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. Appointment of 55th Mayor for the City of Salem

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Farley to appoint Mayor Pro Tem/Councilwoman Sue Morgan to serve as the 55th Mayor of the City of Salem (term to expire on April 30, 2021.) Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley. NAYS: None. Mayor Pro Tem Morgan abstained.

3. Swearing in of Mayor by Salem City Clerk

Mayor Morgan indicated she is deeply honored to be appointed to the position of Mayor, and she will continue to do her best in serving the citizens of Salem. Mayor Morgan was sworn in by City Clerk Bev Quinn, and congratulated by all.

4. Appointment of New Mayor Pro Tem

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Morton to appoint Councilman Nic Farley to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilman Morton, Mayor Morgan. NAYS: None. Councilman Farley abstained. Councilman Farley thanked Council for their appointment.

5. Request for Approval on Policy for Fraud, Waste and Abuse

City Manager Barbee indicated the proposed policy was proposed at the last meeting. Barbee added that the City has a need to implement a policy on deterring and reporting fraud, waste and abuse to satisfy grant requirements by ILDCEO. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve Ordinance No. 2019-16 adopting a policy on Fraud, Waste and Abuse. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Morgan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

6. Final reading on Property Tax Levy for 2020 collection and approval of Ordinance

City Manager Barbee indicated the proposed tax levy has not changed since the past two presentations, and the proposal is a 4.999% increase. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve Ordinance 2019-17 levying taxes to be collected in 2020 totaling \$1,883,150. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Mayor Morgan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

7. Resolution to abate the tax levy to be collected in 2020 related to the City of Salem General Obligation Refunding Bonds, series 2017 (Alternate Revenue Source) which had an initial amount of \$2,465,000

City Manager Barbee indicated the proposed resolution is to abate the tax levy for GO Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 originally issued in the amount of \$2,465,000. ***Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve Resolution 2019-09 abating the GO refunding bonds in the amount of \$210,660. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Morgan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

8. Resolution to abate the tax levy to be collected in 2020 for the Salem Wastewater Treatment Improvements Revenue Source Alternate Bonds issued in the principal amount of \$3,170,000

City Manager Barbee indicated the proposed resolution is to abate taxes levied for the GO Refunding bonds for Wastewater Plant improvements in the amount of \$385,729. ***Motion was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve Resolution 2019-10 abating GO refunding bonds in the amount of \$385,729 for Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Mayor Morgan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

9. Request approval of resolution in support of the Illinois Oil and Gas Industry

City Manager Barbee indicated he received a request from a representative of the local oil and gas industry, on behalf of local producers, for a resolution of support. Barbee added that they provide 300 jobs in the area and generated \$11.6 million in tax revenue in 2018. ***Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Farley to approve Resolution 2019-11 supporting the Illinois and Gas industry. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Morgan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Public Works: City Manager Barbee offered a “shout out” to the Public Works Department on their response to two pumps going out at the water plant. Public Works quickly got a bi-pass pump in place. One pump has since been repaired and will be back in operation this week, and the other is in Georgia being repaired. There is a good chance the pumps can be brought online without a boil order going into effect. Additionally, a water main ruptured on Ohio St over the weekend, and the Public Works Department’s quick response resulted in the repair being completed by midnight.

Trick-or-Treat: City Manager Barbee indicated the City’s Trick-or-Treat events were postponed from Thursday to Friday, due to inclement weather.

Little Egypt Subdivision: City Manager Barbee indicated he and ED Dir. Gustafson recently met with Neal and Marcy Smith and Rhutasel and Associates on the Little Egypt Subdivision development, and they continue to make progress.

Inclusive Playground: City Manager Barbee offered kudos to John Pruden, Annette Brushwitz and Jeanne Gustafson on their work on the Inclusive Playground project. The last step in the grant application process is a three-minute presentation made to DCEO, outlining why the money is needed and what is planned to be done with it. The group is requesting \$210,000. There are 144 entities applying for the grant, Wamac and Olney included. Barbee added that Jeanne Gustafson, Annette Brushwitz, Shelli McIntosh and Mayor Sue Morgan will be going to Springfield for the presentation. Director Gustafson added that they are still encouraging fundraising efforts, as they would like to add a toddler area, as well.

VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT- No report.

VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT – No report.

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Farley congratulated Mayor Morgan on being Salem’s first woman Mayor. Farley added that it would be good to establish a cutoff date for letters of interest for the open Council position. Farley suggested the letters of interest be accepted until the end of November, with discussion/action regarding the appointment being scheduled for the December 2, 2019 meeting.

City Manager Barbee outlined the process, as follows: The appointment is that of the Mayor’s with Council approval. The Mayor makes her first recommendation. If that suggestion is not approved by the remaining Council members, the Mayor puts forth her second recommendation. If that recommendation is not approved by Council, the Mayor puts forth her third recommendation, which does not need Council approval. Barbee added that the City can put together a committee including two members of Council to conduct interviews without violating the Open Meetings Act. Councilman Koehler indicated he likes establishing a deadline for letters of interest. Council concurred. Mayor Morgan indicated she very much wants Council input on the Council appointment, and does not want to make that decision independent of their support.

Councilman Farley indicated Kaskaskia College has approved action to move forward on making repairs to the Salem Center. *(This announcement was met with applause.)*

XII. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, ***motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Morton to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton and Mayor Pro Tem Morgan. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____