

AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
5:45 PM BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
6:00 PM REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 15, 2019

FY20 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – 5:45 PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Discussion on FY20 Budget
- III. Public Input
- IV. Adjourn

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:00 PM (or 5 minutes after Public Hearing)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Swearing in of Mayor

**Administration of the Oath of Office
Mayor Rex Barbee**

- IV. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments
- V. Mayor’s Report and Presentations
- VI. City Council Action
 - 1. Consent Agenda
 - a. City Council Minutes - 04/01/20
 - 2. Approval of FY19 Budget Amendments
 - 3. Approval of FY20 City of Salem Budget
 - 4. Approval of Disbursement to Daffy Dill Garden Club – Presentation by Sharon Blair
 - 5. Approval for Group “Amazing Grace” to Sell Concessions at Men’s Softball Games
 - 6. Approval of use of Nature Trail/Park by BnC Bikes for Programming in Park
 - 7. Approval of Bids of Rock & Sand Materials
 - 8. Approval of Bids for Water Plant Chemicals, Soda Ash and Chlorine
 - 9. Approval of MFT Oil & Chip Materials
 - 10. Approval of Agreement with Tech Advisors for PD Computer Work
 - 11. Approval of Resolution Amending Comprehensive Plan Amendment
 - 12. Approval of Bills Payable
- 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
FY20 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
April 15, 2019 – 5:45 pm**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
The April 15, 2019 Public Hearing for the FY20 Budget was called to order at 5:45 pm by Mayor Rex Barbee.
- Council members present:**
Councilman Nicolas Farley
Councilwoman Sue Morgan
Councilman Jim Koehler
Mayor Rex Barbee
- Council member absent:**
Councilman Craig Morton
- Others present:**
City Manager Bill Gruen
City Clerk Bev Quinn
Finance Director Keli Barrow

II. **DISCUSSION ON FY20 BUDGET**

City Manager Gruen indicated he expects the FY19 EOY expenditures to be \$76,116 under EOY revenues. Amendments to the FY20 budget, since the last budget discussion, are shown below:

Gen Fund Budget Total (2 nd Draft)		\$5,725,610
PD Tech Advisors service	01-5102-215-00	\$42,000
Parks Transfer	01-5112-240-03	\$20,400
Revised Gen Fund Budget Total		\$5,788,010
Parks Budget Total (2 nd Draft)		\$181,020
Shelter #5 & Rip Rap	04-5101-621-00	\$20,400
Revised Parks Budget Total		\$201,420
All Funds Budget Total (2 nd Draft)		\$17,244,881
Revised All Funds Budget Total		\$17,327,681

III. **PUBLIC INPUT** – None.

IV. **ADJOURN**
Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to adjourn the Public Hearing on the FY20 Budget at 5:50 pm. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

**MINUTES
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 15, 2019 – 6:00 pm**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular April 15, 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	Asst. Public Works Director Annette Brushwitz
Deputy Chief Susan Miller	Economic Development Dir. Jeanne Gustafson
Finance Director Keli Barrow	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. **SWEARING IN OF MAYOR**

The administration of the Oath of Office was made by City Clerk Bev Quinn to Mayor-Elect Rex Barbee. Congratulations were offered by all

IV. **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tony Etnier, Country Financial Independent Contractor, addressed City Council regarding the City’s requirement that sales people going door-to-door must have a solicitor’s permit. Mr. Etnier indicated part of his marketing plan is to go door to door, and he did so for approximately two months last year, and it was well received. Mr. Etnier provided the following letter, and outlined his request verbally:



04/15/2019

Salem City Council

Dear Council Members,

I am writing this letter to address the current ordinance for solicitors. I want to start by saying that I support the spirit of the ordinance that helps to protect people from others who would choose to harm or defraud them and agree that there should be a way to register and check the backgrounds of people that want to go door to door. What I want to address is the cost of the permits, the way they are set up, the need to compete and present an idea of how it could be different.

The Cost

We are currently charging \$5.00 a day, \$25.00 a week, or \$100 per month. I agree with the fact that we are charging for the permits and do not expect it to be free; however, I have done some research and called around locally and found that we are much more expensive than other communities in our area.

- Mt Vernon: No charge for local brick and mortar business if they are practicing over 120 days consecutively Mon - Fri, or \$75 a day.
- Centralia: \$115 a year
- Flora: \$25 a month or \$5 a day
- Effingham: \$75 a month per business (multiple people can operate on one permit) or \$5 a day.

The Set Up

The current ordinance treats local brick and mortar businesses the same as out of town operations that show up for a week and leave. There is a huge difference in the way these types of businesses operate. If there is a problem with the way we are operating our business locally, we can easily be found. The same can not be said for an out of towners. There is also an enormous difference in what is given back to the community by our local businesses vs out of towners.

The Need to Compete

I have local competitors, State Farm, All State, Shelter, Joe Black, Kane. That doesn't concern me, nor should it concern the council. What should concern the council is that all of us have non-local competitors. GEICO, ESURANCE, The General, are to us in the insurance world what Wal-Mart was and is to mom and pop, what Amazon is to Wal-Mart and mom and pop. More and more business is being done online, and unlike mom and pop and Wal-Mart, Amazon and other online vendors don't hire anyone locally. Don't pay property taxes, don't give back to the local community. In the insurance industry, unlike in some businesses, people don't make a routine of stopping into insurance offices to shop, and the trend especially for the younger generation is going online. The problem for the consumer, is that they are price shopping only and tend to pick the cheapest possible, state minimum coverages, and can find themselves involved in lawsuits due to at fault accidents where they will be forced to pay large settlements out of pocket. The best way to combat those practices is to get in front of people. Going door to door provides the opportunity to talk face to face and educate where it may not have been available otherwise. Not only that, when people shop online, how many of those dollars spent get invested back into the community? Since I have started, a little over 2 years ago, I have been responsible for almost \$20,000 in local sponsorships, local advertising, local contests and giveaways. The High School Scoreboard, Little League Signs, Golf Tournaments to name a few... Not to mention the almost \$100,000 dollars on business expenses spent locally. The more business done online, the less we have the ability to spend in town. The less our other local businesses and programs are supported.

What can we do differently?

I think we need to consider treating local business differently than out of town operations. My idea would be no change for out of towners and a cheaper annual or monthly fee for local businesses. This provides the same protection for what I would consider to be higher risk operations and reduces the burden for local business owners who rely on this type of marketing and contribute back to the community one way or another.

In conclusion, I am asking that we revisit the ordinance, especially for local business owners when it comes to the cost, and the way it is set up.

I moved here with my family last June and we plan to be in Salem for the long run. I want to be as accessible as possible and meet as many people as I can. I think some change to the current ordinance could help make that happen a little easier.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

Tony Etnier - COUNTRY Financial

City Manager Gruen asked City Attorney Jones if there would be any equal protection issues if the City offered a staggered rate, offering a different rate for salesmen from out of town, “brick and mortar” business owners and business people who work from their homes in town. Mr. Jones responded that he would like to see Mt. Vernon’s ordinance, and he suggested Council might just want to consider a lower annual fee. Councilman Farley asked if the permits would be tied to the business or to the individuals representing the business. Mayor Barbee thanked Mr. Etnier for bringing his concerns to Council’s attention, and he suggested Attorney Jones look at Mt. Vernon’s ordinance and come back to City Council with his findings. Councilman Koehler thanked Mr. Etnier for proposing solutions.

Rita Boudet, Keep Salem Beautiful, indicated KSB has been informed by Centralia Clean and Green that they will only be accepting plastics that labeled as Number 1 and 2, effective immediately. To address this, KSB volunteers handed out flyers Saturday at the recycling bins providing this information. See flyer below:

Keep Salem Beautiful has recently been notified that Centralia Clean and Green will only be accepting plastics that are labeled as Number 1 and 2, effective immediately. No more plastic bags will be accepted.

Plastic products are commonly marked with a number, 1-7, enclosed by the recycling symbol, found on the bottom of the product.

Examples of Plastic Number 1 are: water, juice, soft drinks, salad dressings, peanut butter, and mouth wash bottles.

Examples of Plastic Number 2 are: milk jugs, detergent bottles, and shampoo bottles.

Items not accepted at the KSB recycling trailer will be labeled as 3-7 inside the recycling symbol.

Among the unacceptable items labeled Number 3: shower curtains, cling wrap, pool toys, cooking oil bottles, windows, piping, inflatable structures, inflatable air mattresses, baby toys, pool toys, and bath toys.

Unacceptable items labeled Number 4 are: plastic shopping bags, bread bags, squeezable bottles, frozen food bags, some packaging materials.

Unacceptable items labeled Number 5 include: yogurt, margarine tubs, all fast food plastic cups, medicine bottles, baby bottles, kitchen ware, microwaveable plastic containers and lids.

Items that are examples of Number 6 are: any form of styrofoam, egg cartons, meat trays, disposable cutlery, foam cups, CD and DVD cases. These are not accepted.

Items that are examples of Number 7 are: non-petroleum based plastics, electrical wiring, baby bottles, 3- and 5-gallon reusable bottles, computer cases, sunglasses, I-pad cases.

Americans discard 33 million tons of plastics each year, but only 6 million can be recycled.

We appreciate your cooperation at the Recycling Bin. This is important in order to continue our recycling program.

For further information, contact Rita Boudet-F

618-339-8733

Ms. Boudet also provided facts regarding the types and quantities of recyclables collected at Centralia Clean and Green. Ms. Boudet indicated the site accepts collections from Hoffman, Irvington, Centralia, Salem and three communities in Washington County. Boudet indicated the vandalism at the collection site in Salem has stopped, and the camera has helped.

Councilman Morton indicated he visited the Centralia site, and they do a really good job of recycling. A large percentage of items taken to them are recycled, with the remainder being sent back with the group who brought it. Mayor Barbee thanked Ms. Boudet for all that KSB does, and for her presentation.

V. MAYOR’S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS – None.

VI. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consent Agenda

a. City Council Minutes – 04/01/2019

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Farley to approve the minutes of 4/01/2019 as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman

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

2. Approval of FY19 Budget Amendments

City Manager Gruen provided the following fund amendments:

01: General		
1. City Hall Renovation (City Hall façade work)	\$120,000	
2. Traffic Control Maintenance (signal @ Hotze and Rt. 50)	\$40,000	\$160,000
02: Emergency Management		
1. Building Maintenance (New Furnace at DOEM Building)	\$4,000	\$4,000
03: Garbage		
1. Departmental Equipment (Trackhoe Add-ons)	\$5,000	
2. Garbage Collection Contract (New Contract)	\$24,000	
3. Equipment Maintenance Material (Reseal Track Adjuster and New Pump and Hoist Chains at Landfill)	\$8,400	
4. Keep Salem Beautiful (Left off Budget last year)	\$12,800	\$50,200
04: Park		
1. Park Improvements (Disc Golf \$4300, Playground \$1150, Rip/ Rap \$1288, Shelter \$10725, Bridge \$1085)	\$20,000	
2. Building Maintenance (Paint Interior and Exterior)	\$7,400	\$27,400
08: Recreation		
1. Part-Time Employees	\$1,600	\$1,600
10: Police Pension		
1. Misc. (\$2800 IPPFA, Orsey \$7200, Annual Fee \$1000)	\$2,850	\$2,850
14: Veteran's		
1. Avenue of Flags	\$9,000	\$9,000
16: Water		
1. Departmental Equipment (Flygt Submersible Pumps)	\$32,000	\$32,000
17: Gas		
1. Wholesale Product (Bought more gas)	\$105,000	
2. Tax (Tax on gas purchased)	\$30,000	\$135,000
22: UDAG		
1. Demolition	\$9,000	
2. Special Projects (Greater Salem Area Foundation)	\$10,000	\$19,000
29: Business District		
1. Denny's Agreement (80% Tax paid in Returned to Denny's)	\$5,600	\$5,600

Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Koehle to approve Ordinance 2019-05 amending the FY19 budget. Roll call votes: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

3. Approval of FY20 City of Salem Budget

City Manager Gruen asked that the following projects be included in the FY20 budget, based on conversations held during previous budget reviews:

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Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve the FY20 Budget, Ordinance 2019-06, as presented with the previously noted additions. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Disbursement to Daffy Dill Garden Club – Presentation by Sharon Blair

City Manager Gruen indicated Council budgets \$25,000 each year for Community Appearance. \$14,500 of that has been granted to the Daffy Dill Garden Club for the work they do throughout the community.

Daffy Dill Garden Club Representative Sharon Blair indicated the club has a couple of major concerns. The first is that the sidewalk behind the statue has some raised areas. The club has agreed to allocate \$5,000 of their funds to be set aside to assist with the sidewalk repair. Some of their FY20 budget funds will be included in that amount.

The Club's second concern is lighting in the area. The area has experienced some vandalism, and it is very dark on the north side of the area. The Club has included funds in their FY20 budget for lighting to be installed on the north side and along the walkway.

In addition to these two concerns, and regular expenditures, the Club would like to add another piece of art, in the form of a sculpture, to the site and has budgeted for that, as well. The total Daffy Dill Garden Club Budget request is shown below:

Ms. Blair added that on behalf of the members of the Daffy Dill Garden Club, she wants the City to know how much they appreciate the City's financial assistance in helping the Club make Salem a beautiful place to live, work and visit. Ms. Blair added that on Saturday, June 22, 2019, the Club will be hosting its 14th annual Garden Tour. The tour will include five (5) homes from within Salem, and the vendor market will be in operation between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. Tickets for the tours will be sold between 8:30 am and 2:30 pm.

Councilwoman Morgan indicated she appreciates all the Garden Club does to make our community beautiful. Mayor Barbee added that he is impressed with the number of dedicated volunteers the group has. Ms. Blair responded that the average age of the group is 65-70, and they could sure use all of the help they can get. Blair added that John Pruden and Annette Brushwitz and the public works employees are always quick to help them, and she greatly appreciates them.

Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve the Daffy Dill Garden Club's budget request in the amount of \$14,500. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

5. Approval for Group "Amazing Grace" to Sell Concessions

City Manager Gruen indicated it is mandatory that groups conducting financial activities in City parks receive approval by Council. Bonnie Carroll, Susan Pickett and Chris Wadkins were present representing their "Amazing Grace" group (*not affiliated with any other group using that name in Salem*) regarding their desire to operate concession stands at the men's softball games in Bryan Park.

Mr. Wadkins indicated that they started this group about two years ago as a way to give back to the community. They have served two Thanksgiving Dinners to the public, feeding 400 on site the first year and delivering 200 more meals, last year they fed over 900 people, and this year they hope to top 1,000. The group is made up primarily of employees of Country Creek Treasures and Odd Fellows members. Ms. Pickett indicated a lot of people have pitched in to help with those events. Pickett added they are currently working on obtaining their 501c3 designation. Pickett added that Country Creek Treasures has a desire to help people, and is stocking a pantry on site so that if someone is needing food, they can get what they need.

Mr. Wadkins indicated that their current request is to sell concessions at the men's softball games in Bryan Park, with a portion of the proceeds going to the men's softball program and the rest staying with Amazing Grace. Mr. Wadkins indicated they would honor the same percentage breakdown as last year, when the Odd Fellows were running concessions.

Councilman Farley indicated some concern as the group is not a 501c3, and asked who would be collecting the money at the games. Mr. Wadkins indicated the volunteers would. Councilman Koehler indicated this is very admirable work, and suggested they contact the churches for donations.

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve "Amazing Grace" operating concessions for the men's softball games in Bryan Park. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Use of Nature Trail/Park by BnC Bikes for Programming in Park

Brad Dickneite of BnC Bikes, now Salem Bike Shop, is asking to use the Bryan Park/Nature Trail on Saturday, May 4th for a mountain bike youth event. Mr. Dickneite indicated they did this last year, and they brought in two pro riders who offered one clinic for kids and one clinic for adults. The professionals bring their own obstacles and teach people how to ride properly. They also teach trail use and trail etiquette. These clinics are offered by Wheels Up Mountain Bike Clinics. Mr. Dickneite

indicated they limit the clinics to 20 participants, so they can give the participants adequate attention and safety.

Mayor Barbee indicated he appreciates what Mr. Dickneite and his friends have done to build the trail, and that they are bringing people to town to use the trail. Mayor Barbee added that he would like to see the City do another night bike ride.

Mr. Dickneite indicated they will be charging \$40.00 per person for the clinic, and the professional riders are waiving their travel fees. There will also be a tip jar. Mayor Barbee suggested that if this becomes an annual event, they might want to approach the Tourism Board for funds.

Mr. Dickneite indicated there are a couple of places on the trail that will need a little dirt and rock before the event. ***Motion was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve Salem Bike Shop's use of the trails in Bryan Park on May 4, 2019, and that this be a standing approval for Mr. Dickneite to use the bike trail for one year. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

7. Approval of Purchase of Rock & Sand Materials

Public Works Director John Pruden is recommending approval of the low bid for CA6 rock from Brink Brothers at \$11.25 per ton and FA1 sand from Beelman for \$11.54/ton. *(See omnibus motion after item 9.)*

8. Approval of Bids for Water Plant Chemicals

Public Works Director John Pruden is recommending approval of the low bid for soda ash from Hawkins at \$14.00 per 50 lb bag and chlorine from DPC Enterprises LP at \$484/ton. *(See omnibus motion after item 9.)*

9. Approval of MFT Oil & Chip Materials

Public Works Director John Pruden is recommending approval of the low bid from Marathon Oil for seal coat at \$400.71 per ton and approval of the low bid from Beelman for pea gravel at \$13.99 per ton.

Motion was made by Councilman Farley and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to make an omnibus motion to accept the low bids for Rock and Sand materials, Water Plant Chemicals, and MFT Oil and Chip materials as outlined in agenda items VI. 7, 8 and 9. Roll call vote. AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

10. Approval of Agreement with Tech Advisors for PD Computer Work

City Manager Gruen requested approval of the agreement with 20/20 Technical Advisors totaling \$42,474 for services, equipment and labor for a revised computer system for the Salem PD.

Councilman Morton asked about obtaining a second proposal, and asked how soon all of this needs to be done. Chief Reynolds indicated some of it needs to be done sooner than later, but all of it needs to be done within the next year. Reynolds added that obtaining a second proposal would be very time consuming, as the firm would need to be CJS compliant and they have to be fingerprinted and background checked, all of which can take six months or more. Reynolds added that 20/20 Tech Advisors has already been working on this for months, based on a breach found in the Sheriff's Department's system. The rep has texted, called and emailed him to make him aware of updates that needed to be made. Chief Reynolds added that he wants to emphasize how confidential their data is, and how trustworthy Tech Advisors is. Reynolds indicated this company may have already saved the Police Department thousands of dollars in liability. Councilman Koehler indicated this company is already familiar with the department and has been helping us. Councilwoman Morgan added that he is already a trusted source. Chief Reynolds concurred with both, and asked that Council trust his and Deputy Chief Miller's judgement on this. Councilman Farley added that 20/20 Tech Advisors has done a good job of writing the information needed for a RFP, and you will never get two tech proposals that are apples to apples. Farley added that he doesn't see anything out of line on the proposal, and asked how the Police department will be billed on labor. DC Miller responded that the labor is an estimate, and it may come in lower than the proposal. ***Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to approve the agreement with 20/20 Tech Advisors to replace the Police Department computer system, not to exceed \$42,474.00. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: Councilman Morton, Councilman Farley. Motion carried.*** Councilman Farley added that he voted "no" because he would have liked to see two quotes.

11. Approval of Resolution Accepting Recommendation of Planning Commission to Amend Comprehensive Plan

City Manager Gruen indicated the Planning Commission conducted a hearing on amending the Comprehensive Plan to include development of an Inclusive Playground, and has recommended that the Plan be amended. Mr. Gruen indicated he is recommending approval of the resolution amending

the Comprehensive Plan t. Gruen added that this action will put the City in a position to apply for an OSLAD grant for the inclusive Playground project sought by community members. ***Motion was made by Councilwoman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve Resolution 2019-02 authorizing revisions to Chapter Three of the City's 2002 Comprehensive Plan Update. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Mayor Barbee NAYS: None. Motion carried..***

12. Approval of Bills Payable

Councilwoman Morgan questioned the payment to St. Theresa Church to be used for a Bocce Ball course. City Manager Gruen indicated this is a Tourism Grant, as the church intends to hold tournaments as part of their fund raising efforts, and they expect to bring visitors to the community. Councilwoman Morgan expressed some concern about funds going to a church. ***Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Farley to approve the bills payable from 3/18/19 to 4/12/19, as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

VII. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Gruen thanked Council for approving the FY20 budget, and added that the proposals submitted by Department Heads were always in line, which made his job as City Manager easier. Gruen added that they are great about making sure the City runs well throughout the year.

VIII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – No report.

IX. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT – No report.

X. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Koehler indicated he appreciated Councilman Morton and Councilman Farley voting “no” on an agenda item, as it shows the City Council is a board who is not afraid to disagree.

Councilman Farley indicated Kaskaskia College will be making a Distinguished Service award to Jeanne Gustafson for her work on the Critical Skills Gap issue at its awards banquet on May 2nd, and he appreciates her efforts.

Councilman Morton indicated how much he appreciated his visit to the recycling center, and how surprised he was by the quantity of waste that is recycled. Morton added that he feels that a lot of the waste is coming from out of town. City Manager Gruen indicated it does bring neighboring communities’ citizens to town, where they spend their money. Ms. Boudet added that many people who live outside of Salem, but work in Salem, bring their recyclable items, too.

Councilman Morton asked what the SROs are doing this week. Chief Reynolds responded that they are not working, as the schools are closed for spring break. Morton responded that he thought they were supposed to return to Police Department duty when the schools were closed. Chief Reynolds responded that they are not really able to take vacation during the school year, and he didn’t want them to have to use their vacation days when the schools is closed, so they are following the school schedule. Reynolds added that they will be placed back in the PD schedule for the summer. Councilwoman Morgan and Councilman Farley both added that they, too, thought the SROs would be working for the department when school was not in session. Councilman Koehler commented that this must be a grey area.

Mayor Barbee congratulated all of the incumbents who were reelected. Councilman Koehler added that he was glad to see Thaddeus Freed in the audience. Councilman Farley echoed Councilman Koehler, and added that it is good to see people involved in what the City does. Farley added that he feels we need to approach Wabash about live-streaming the meetings like US Sonet did.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, ***motion was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilwoman Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Farley, Councilman Morton, Councilwoman Morgan, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Barbee. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

