

**CITY OF SALEM IL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 19, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

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- IV. Mayor’s Report and Presentations**

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 - 2. Approval for repair work to generator at the Salem Water Plant.
 - 3. Review and approval of recommendation from Salem Planning Commission on a Special Use Permit for an event for ATV’s and More at their West Main location.
 - 4. Andrew Strong has additional information to present to Council on the possible approval of a drone program for the City of Salem Emergency Management Department.
 - 5. Review and approval of accounts payable list from August 15 through Sept. 16, 2022

- VI. City Manager and Dept Head Reports**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. City Council Member Report**
- IX. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager
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Quote of the day –

When you affirm big, believe big and pray big, big things happen.

Norman Vincent Peale

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular September 19, 2022, meeting of the Salem City Council was convened in the Council Chambers of Salem City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nic Farley at 6:00 pm.

Council members present:
Councilman Jim Koehler
Councilman Royce Bringwald
Councilwoman Amy Troutt
Councilman Craig Morton
Mayor Nicolas Farley

Council members absent: None.

Others present:

City Manager Rex Barbee	Public Works Director Annette Sola
Chief of Police Kyle Ambuehl	Deputy Chief of Police Susan Miller
DOEM Dir. Terry Mulvany	Economic Development Dir Tabitha Meador
City Clerk Bev Quinn	Code Enforcement Officer Dave Lusch
City Attorney Mike Jones	DOEM Asst. Dir. Andrew Strong
ATV’s & More Rep Tony Antonocci	ATV’s & More, LLC Marketing Dir. Curtis Denzik
Members of the Media and Public	

II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Koehler offered the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Farley indicated he, City Manager Barbee, and Economic Development Dir. Meador attended the Illinois Municipal League (IML) annual conference, and they attended some very good sessions. There were some communities that are implementing residential development incentives, and he would like to look into this further.

Mayor Farley indicated the Greater Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Applefest was very well attended on Saturday, and the SCHS band did well at competition.

V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Minutes – September 6, 2022

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to approve the minutes of September 6, 2022 as written. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Troutt, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Councilman Morton abstained, as he was not at the meeting. Motion carried.

2. Approval for repair work to generator at the Salem Water Plant

City Manager Barbee Indicated the radiator on one of the generators at the Salem Water Plant is leaking. Upon closer inspection, it has been determined that the radiator is not repairable, and will need to be replaced. The generator plays a vital role in the daily operations of the Water Plant, and the replacement radiator has a lead time of 60-75 days and needs to be ordered soon. The repairs are complicated by walls being built around the generator when it was installed years ago, without an access door big enough for large parts. Cost for the remanufactured radiator and installation through Fabick Tractor is \$11,681.42. Public Works Dir. Sola added that the entire generator does not need to be replaced, just the radiator. Sola added that it will be very difficult to get the parts out, as walls will have to be moved, and a crane utilized to make the transfer.

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Troutt to approve the purchase and installation of a refurbished radiator from Fabick Tractor in the amount of \$11,681.42. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Troutt, Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

3. Review and approval of recommendation from Salem Planning Commission on a Special Use Permit for an event for ATV's and More at their West Main location

City Manager Barbee indicated the Planning Commission met on September 13th to review a petition from ATV's and more for a Special Use – Temporary Use Permit for their Customer Appreciation event at their location on West Main St. on October 22, 2022. They intend to have several vendors and contests, and have a good plan for parking and traffic management. The Planning Commission is recommending approval. ***Motion was made by Councilman Bringwald and seconded by Councilwoman Troutt to approve the Special Use Permit requested by ATVs & More for their Customer Appreciation Event on October 22, 2022. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Troutt, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

4. Andrew Strong has additional information to present to Council on the possible approval of a drone program for the City of Salem Emergency Management Department

Mr. Strong provided handouts outlining the project and proposed plans and procedures. Councilman Bringwald indicated he had met with Mr. Strong to discuss his questions, and he feels this is a project well worth looking into. Bringwald added that he would like to see the City get operators trained and move forward. Mayor Farley indicated drones are good tools, although the Police Department would still need a search warrant to use one. City Manager Barbee asked Mr. Strong to outline when this process allows a little more leeway. Mr. Strong indicated that if, during an emergency search for a missing person or another emergency, the operator sees a crime taking place, the operator is required by law to report the crime to the police. Strong added that they would not just be flying around looking for trouble – drone usage would be reserved for emergencies. Mayor Farley added that in the event of large emergency situations, the drones could be utilized to see what the damage is.

Mr. Strong said they would still have to get their training program and operations plan approved by the FAA, and they have to have the drone before they can submit their application. Mayor Farley indicated he would recommend approval of proceeding on the project, pending FCC approval of the policies and procedures manual.

Councilman Morton asked how DOEM intends to purchase the next drone, when the first one needs to be replaced. Mr. Strong indicated they will be applying for grants.

EOEM Director Terry Mulvany indicated drones are an excellent tool, and many EMA organizations are using them. This will also be a good way to draw additional volunteers who are interested in operating the drone.

Chief of Police Ambuehl indicated he thinks a drone project will be a good tool, and he will work with the DOEM so that everything between the two departments matches up.

Councilman Koehler indicated this is part of today's technology, and we need to get onboard.

Becky Phillips of Air Evac, indicated their company no longer does search and rescue. They are only contacted after the victim is located, then they arrange for transport. Phillips added that they are very much in support of a drone project.

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to approve DOEM proceeding with development of the drone project, pending City and FCC approval of the Policies and Procedures manual. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Trout, Councilman Morton, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Farley thanked Mr. Strong for bringing this project to the City's attention.

5. Review and approval of accounts payable list from August 15 through Sept. 16, 2022

City Manager Barbee indicated he would like to add a bill from JK Trotter and Sons in the amount of \$120,805.80 to the list for approval, as it was received today. ***Motion was made by Councilman Bringwald and seconded by Councilwoman Troutt to approve the accounts payable as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Troutt, Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

VI. CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

City Manager Barbee –

- indicated the Recreation Department Fall Family Fun Night at the Salem Aquatic Center is Friday, September 23rd. The evening will include a hayride and weenie roast;
- indicated the City is implementing some additional security measures at city facilities;
- announced that city-wide cleanup is taking place this week, on resident's scheduled garbage day, with a list of acceptable items listed on the City website, and a limit of no more than a pickup truck full per household;
- announced that PKC is in town, and urged all to make them feel welcome;
- announced that SCHS has been selected to host the girls' golf sectional tournament in October, and Salem's hotels, motels, and rv park will benefit. Barbee added that this is quite an honor for SCHS;
- indicated there have been some inquiries regarding whether or not the City picks up construction or remodeling debris, and we DO NOT. This is not very clean in our code of ordinances, and he may be bringing an ordinance back to City Council to clarify this.

Public Works Director Sola –

- indicated the water line project on Kell St. is wrapping up;
- announced that the City received the other half of its ARPA funds;
- indicated they have postponed a portion of the city's street oiling, so they could oil Kell St. when the project is done;
- indicated the gas line replacement project on Circle and Lakeview is still ongoing;
- indicated the hydrant flushing is almost complete;
- announced that a new shelter has been installed in Bryan Park, and will be available to rent;
- indicated the Leaf Vac Program will begin in October.

Chief of Police Ambuehl –

- Indicated the Police Department does an outstanding job, and he appreciates all they have done to make his first month as Chief go smoothly;
- announced that Trick-or-Treat night in Salem will be Monday, October 31st.

City Clerk Quinn –

- Reminded those present of the Little Egypt Festival and Parade on October 1st, and indicated she’s ordered the candy for the Mayor and Council to give out.

VII. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT** – not present.

VIII. **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Koehler indicated he will be out of town for the Little Egypt Parade, but offered his truck, if someone wants to drive it. City Manager Barbee thanked him, but indicated they’d use a City truck.

Mayor Farley indicated he attended a good session with City Manager Barbee on the New Safety Act, and a new rider bill. It was very informational. IML recorded the session, and he will forward it to anyone who wants to watch it after it is posted. Farley added that it is 45-60 minutes long, and encourages municipalities to address this topic with their legislators.

IX.

IX. **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilman Koehler to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Troutt, Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved: _____