

CITY OF SALEM IL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 1, 2022 – 6:00 PM

- 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) Approval of Minutes – July 18, 2022
 - 2. Ordinance approval to surplus a number of unclaimed bicycles recovered by the Police Department to allow for the bikes to be given away in the near future.
 - 3. Request to utilize the Centennial Park and to close off a half block of East McMackin for a Christmas event sponsored by the City on December 3rd from noon to 7pm.

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

- IX. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager
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Quote of the day –

Truth resides in every human heart, and one has to search for it there and to be guided by truth as one sees it. But no one has a right to coerce others to act according to his own view of truth.

Mahatma Gandhi

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular August 1, 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	City Attorney Mike Jones
Public Works Director Annette Sola	Asst. to the Public Works Director Courtney Mitchell
Chief of Police Sean Reynolds	Finance Director Keli Roth
City Clerk Bev Quinn	Economic Development Director Tabitha Meador
Sgt. Kyle Ambuehl	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 reported that the Salem Fire Protection District will be holding a 911 memorial on Saturday, September 10th in Bryan Park.

V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consent Agenda

a) Approval of Minutes – July 18, 2022

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to approve the minutes of July 18, 2022, as written. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Councilwoman Troutt and Councilman Morton abstained. Motion carried.

2. Ordinance Approval to Surplus a Number of Unclaimed Bicycles Recovered by the Police Department to Allow for the Bikes to be Given Away in the Near Future.

Chief Reynolds indicated the department will place notices on the website and social media giving people the opportunity to claim their bikes, if they have the registration number, prior to the give-away event. All of the bikes will be registered with the Police Department as they are given away. Donations will be accepted, and will be used for the Shop-with-a-Cop program.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Troutt and seconded by Councilman Morton to approve Ordinance 2022-13 Declaring approximately 40 bicycles as surplus, so they can be given away. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Troutt, Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

3. Request to use Centennial Park and to close off a half block of East McMackin for a Christmas Event sponsored by the City on December 3rd from noon to 7:00 pm.

Economic Development Director Meador indicated she and YMCA/Rec Dir Jed Casburn want to expand on last year’s event and have the “free” event and present give-away on Friday night, and have the Saturday event be more of a money-maker for the downtown merchants and have a “fair atmosphere” with food trucks and sales. Mayor Farley mentioned that there may be a buyer for the Centennial Plaza before that time, and Dir. Meador responded that Encore Consignment and Jason Green have offered their parking lots for the event, if Centennial Plaza should sell. Mayor Farley added that there will be a community concert at the Theatre after the event. ***Motion was made by Councilwoman Troutt and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve the use of Centennial Plaza and the closing of a half-block of East McMackin for the Christmas Event. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Troutt, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

VI. CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

City Manager Barbee-

- indicated the Public Works employees have been busy, and offered a “hats off” to Annette Sola and Courtney Mitchell for keeping the aquatic center operating. Barbee added that the Animal Control fund raiser was well attended.
- indicated he appreciated Councilman Koehler filling in as a museum docent when none of the Historical Commission members were available. Councilman Koehler indicated he offered the tour to a young man who was a Junior at Xavier University and his mother, and there were very interested and appreciative. Koehler added that they spent about an hour at the Bryan Home and 45 minutes in the museum.
- indicated the Mission Salem golf tournament had about 35 teams participate, and most of the winners donated their winnings to the organization.

Finance Director Barrow –

- indicated she expects the FY22 Audit to be on the next meeting agenda, and revenue reports will be sent out this week.

Director Sola –

- reported that the water line project on Kell St. is about three-fourths of the way done, and the gas line replacement project on Circle Drive. In the Lakewood subdivision will begin August 8, 2022.
- indicated the Dog Park fence went up during the past few weeks. Sola added that her plan is to separate the park into two areas, one for small dogs and one for large dogs. This project will be budgeted in the FY24 budget.

VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – no report.

VIII. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Koehler –

- indicated the Greater Salem Area Historical Museum has grown a lot, and the building next door is now empty. Koehler indicated it would be nice to expand into the adjacent building as the building appears to be in good shape. City Manager Barbee indicated he would touch base with Brendon Bullard, who owns the building, and see what his plans are.
- indicated the downtown appears to be needing some aesthetic improvements, such as paint, signage, etc. Mayor Farley asked Directors Barrow and Meador to check in to the Downtown TIF Fund Balance and send out an email as to what is available. Dir. Meador indicated she plans to discuss this type of project with other communities to see how they are funding improvements.
- discussion ensued regarding the Sweney Mural needing some touch ups.

Councilman Morton –

- indicated there appear to be a lot of old trees, both standing and fallen, around the reservoir that need to be thinned out, and asked about allowing people to take them. Dir. Sola indicated she would check it out with the City’s liability insurance representatives.
- asked, again, for a “dog swim” at the pool. Dir. Sola indicated there is too much risk to the pool, and she will not be offering a “dog swim” at the Aquatic Center.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilwoman Troutt and seconded by Councilman Morton to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Troutt, Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved: _____