

CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 16, 2024 – 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
 - City Council Minutes – request approval for 1-2-2024 meeting minutes.
 - 2. Request by the Salem Fire Protection District to use Bryan Memorial Park on September 7, 2024 for a 9/11 Remembrance Day.
 - 3. Request for approval to move forward with the land-lease option agreement the City Landfill Solar Project.
 - 4. Request for approval of the purchase of a new pump located near the underpass on Route 50 East of Salem. Bids have been sought from vendors that we have used in the past at this location and this is a budgeted expense.
 - 5. Review and approval of a quote from Municipal Equipment for a replacement pump at the Water Plant as a backwash pump as part of the eastside filtration system. This replacement was budgeted for completion in this FY however the quote is slightly higher.
 - 6. Approval of resolution for road maintenance under the Motor Fuel Tax funds in the amount of \$215,000.
 - 7. Mayor Farley is requesting changes to the current liquor license parameters. The proposed changes include an accurate reflection of approved liquor licenses.
 - 8. Review and approval of the Accounts Payable list for the City for the period of December 15, 2023 through January 12, 2024.
- VI. City Manager Report with Department Head Updates**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. City Council Members Report**
- IX. Executive Session**
 - a. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Personnel
 - b. 5 ILCS120/2 (c) (21) semi-annual review of closed session minutes.
- X. Council action after Executive Session**
 - a. Action on semi-annual review of closed session minutes for the following meeting dates:
7/17/2023, 8/7/2023, 8/21/2023, 10/16/2023, 11/20/2023, 12/18/2023
 - b. Approval of Resolution 2024-02 Semi Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes
- IX. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager
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Quote of the Day –
“My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive” – Maya Angelou

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 16, 2024 – 6:00 PM

- I. Call to Order**

The regular January 16, 2024 meeting of the Salem City Council was convened in the Council Chambers of Salem City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nicolas Farley at 6:00 PM.

Council members present: Councilman Royce Bringwald Councilwoman Tracy Crouch Councilman Jim Koehler Councilman Craig Morton Mayor Nicolas Farley	Council members absent: None.
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Others present:

City Manager Rex Barbee	Police Chief Kyle Ambuehl
City Clerk Tabitha Meador	Deputy Police Chief Susan Miller
City Attorney Mike Jones	Economic Development Director Leah Dellicarpini
Public Works Director Annette Sola	Assistant Public Works Director Courtney Mitchell
Finance Director Keli Roth	DOEM Director Andrew Strong
Code Enforcement Officer Dave Lusch	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

- indicated he had attended the Southern Illinois Mayor’s Association lunch and spoke with Governor Pritzker, who was advocating for municipalities to do solar projects on landfills;
- thanked the Public Works crews and Police Department for their efforts during the severe cold weather.

V. City Council Action

1. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes – January 2, 2024

Motion was made by Councilwoman Crouch and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to approve the minutes of January 2, 2024 meeting, as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Morton, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. ABSTENTIONS: Councilman Koehler. Motion carried.

2. Request by the Salem Fire Protection District to use Bryan Memorial Park on September 2, 2024 for a 9/11 Remembrance Day.

Mayor Farley indicated the Salem Fire Protection District is requesting the use of Bryan Memorial Park on Saturday, September 7, 2024 for a 9/11 Remembrance Day. Sarah Dice and Jesse DeForest from the Salem Fire Protection District were in attendance, and indicated they would like to expand the event, which now includes a memorial ceremony, walk to remember, kids games, food trucks, and firefighter games. ***Motion made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Crouch to approve the use of Bryan Memorial Park on Saturday, September 7, 2024 by the Salem Fire Protection District for a 9/11 Remembrance Day. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilman Morton, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Crouch, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

3. Request for approval to move forward with the land-lease option agreement for the City Landfill Solar Project.

Mayor Farley indicated the bid opening for the solar project on the closed Salem Municipal Landfill were due on January 8. Two bids were received, and it is the recommendation to move forward with the land-lease option provided by AC Power, as the first step in the long process. ***Motion made by Councilman Bringwald and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve moving forward with the land-lease option agreement at the City Landfill with AC Power. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

4. Request for approval of the purchase of a new pump located near the underpass on Route 50 east of Salem.

Mayor Farley indicated this is a budget expense for a replacement pump for the removal of water from the underpass on Route 50 East during heavy rains. ***Motion made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to accept the bid from Hydro Kinetics in the amount of \$15,000 for the pump replacement. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Morton, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

5. Review and approval of a quote from Municipal Equipment for a replacement pump at the Water Plant as a backwash pump as part of the eastside filtration system. This replacement was budgeted for completion in this FY however the quote is slightly higher.

Public Works Director Sola indicated Buchanan Pump Service has provided a quote of \$31,288 for the replacement pump and installation at the Water Treatment Plant. \$25,000 was previously budgeted. The current pump has an air leak that makes the replacement pump necessary. ***Motion made by Councilwoman Crouch and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to accept the bid from Buchanan Pump Service in the amount of \$31,288 for the replacement and installation of a Water Treatment Plant pump. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman***

Koehler, Councilman Morton, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

6. Approval of resolution for road maintenance under the Motor Fuel Tax funds in the amount of \$215,000.

Mayor Farley indicated this is the annual money allocation from motor fuel tax for the City's oil and chip program. The amount, \$215,000, is slightly higher than last year's estimate to allow for the purchase of an additional tanker of oil. **Motion made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to approve Resolution 2024-01, allocating \$215,000 in Motor Fuel Tax Funds from the Illinois Department of Transportation to cover the cost of the 2024 oil and chip road surfacing program. Roll call vote: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Morton, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

7. Mayor Farley is requesting changes to the current liquor license parameters. The proposed changes include an accurate reflection of approved liquor licenses.

Mayor Farley indicated that upon a review of the number of available Liquor Licenses, it shows multiple classes have open licenses at this time, and needs to be amended. Recommended number of liquor licenses available: Class A - limit 6, Class B - limit 2, Class C - limit 8, Class D- limit 5, Class E - limit 3, Class G - limit 6, Class H – limit 1. **Motion by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Crouch to approve the recommended number of liquor licenses available: Class A - limit 6, Class B - limit 2, Class C - limit 8, Class D- limit 5, Class E - limit 3, Class G - limit 6, Class H – limit 1. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilman Morton, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Crouch, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

8. Review and approval of the Accounts Payable list for the City for the period of December 15, 2023 through January 12, 2024.

Following review, **motion made by Councilwoman Crouch and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to approve the Accounts Payable list for December 15, 2023 through January 12, 2024. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

VI. City Manager and Department Head Reports

City Manager Barbee -

- thanked the Public Works crews for their efforts during the extreme cold.

City Clerk Meador – No report.

Finance Director Roth –

- indicated she is working on paperwork for an audit on the tobacco grant;
- indicated City Department Heads are fully in budget season.

Economic Development Director Dellicarpini –

- indicated there are two potential TIF agreements in February.

Public Works Director Sola –

- indicated she has met with an engineer over the Airport Road project and the potential utilities;
- indicated she will be meeting with her departments in regards to the budget.

Police Chief Ambuehl –

- indicated the injured police officer is now back on duty and the sixth telecommunications officer is now on her own;
- reported the Department's 2023 statistics: Dispatch received 21,523 calls, of which 3921 were fire/EMS and police were 17,602. Investigations were called upon 1,139 times; officers conducted 982 traffic stops, and 1,788 citations were issued. 391 arrests were made: 372 adults and 19 juveniles.

DOEM Director Strong –

- indicated DOEM has been assisting police, fire, and public works with calls;
- indicated there are more IEMA meetings scheduled for planning purposed for the April 8, 2024 solar eclipse event.

VII. City Attorney Report – No report.

- Public Works Director Sola requested an update on the housing demolition grant update. City Attorney Jones indicated that he will be filing five more with the courts this week, and intends to file in groups of six. Public Works Director Sola indicated the process with the grant has a few more steps than anticipated for approval for demolition through IHDA.

VIII. City Council Member Reports

Councilman Koehler –

- indicated the Salem Community High School cheerleaders got 4th out of 18 teams at State;
- indicated that on Sunday, March 17, 2024, the William Jennings Bryan home will be open in honor of his birthday.

Councilwoman Crouch –

- indicated concerns were brought to her that the new apartments on Airport Road would house illegal immigrants. Mayor Farley assured her that was not the case.

IX. Executive Session

- a. 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (2) Personnel
- b. 5 ILCS120/2 (c) (21) semi-annual review of closed session minutes.

Motion made at 6:32 PM by Councilwoman Crouch and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to enter into Executive Session after a five-minute break to discuss personnel and the semi-annual review of closed session minutes. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilman Morton, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Crouch, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

X. Council action after Executive Session

Return to open session at 7:31 PM.

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- b. Approval of Resolution 2024-02 Semi Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Crouch to approve the closed session minutes of 7/17/2023, 8/7/2023, 8/21/2023, 10/16/2023, 11/20/2023, and 12/18/2023 and keep them closed, and approve Resolution 2024-02, the Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes. Roll call vote: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Morton, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilwoman Crouch and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Morton, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Tabitha Meador
City Clerk

Minutes approved: _____