

CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (via Zoom)
January 4, 2020

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Rex A. Barbee
City Manager

Quote of the Day – Adversity is the state in which man most easily becomes acquainted with himself, being especially free of admirers then. – John Wooden

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MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (via Zoom)
Monday, January 4, 2021

- I. Call to Order**

The regular January 4, 2021 meeting of the Salem City Council was convened at 6:00 pm via Zoom meeting software and called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Nicolas Farley.

Council members present (via Zoom):

Councilman Jim Koehler
Councilman Nicolas Farley
Councilman Craig Morton
Councilman Jacob Hockett

Council members absent: Mayor Sue Morgan (*due to illness*)

Others present (via Zoom):

City Manager Rex Barbee	City Attorney Mike Jones
City Clerk Bev Quinn	Public Works Director John Pruden
Chief of Police Sean Reynolds	Code Enforcement Officer Dave Lusch
Finance Director Keli Barrow	Economic Development Director Tabitha Meador
Deputy Chief of Police Susan Miller	Members of the Public and Media

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

Brock Waggoner reiterated the concerns he raised at the last Council meeting regarding the City Council's selection of the 23 acres of land on the west side of Salem as the new location for a Soccer Complex. Waggoner indicated he had been looking at past Council minutes, and there were a number of public meetings before the pool was approved. Waggoner indicated he does not feel there has been enough planning done or public input received to proceed with this location. Waggoner indicated he is requesting that Council hold a special meeting to receive input.

Mayor Pro Tem Farley indicated this has been discussed, whether the minutes report those discussions word for word or not, and Council members have not expressed a desire to readdress this topic.

Mr. Waggoner reiterated his safety concerns, including the location of XPO and a busy highway, and added that there are 15 acres available at the Little League Complex, which would make it easier for parents who have children in both programs. Waggoner added that the City met once with the Little League Association, and never followed up. Mayor Pro Tem Farley responded that the Little League location was not a viable location. City Manager Barbee added that the Little League Association was not receptive to what the City proposed. Waggoner responded that that was not what the head of the Little League Association told him. Waggoner added there should be multiple meetings regarding this topic, including cost estimates. Mr. Waggoner was also critical of the City Council for selling a lot in the Industrial Park that contained two soccer fields. Councilman Koehler responded that those were not regulation fields, and were only used for practice.

Councilman Morton indicated he has received nothing but positive feedback regarding the Council's decision. Mr. Waggoner reiterated his objections. Councilman Morton directed Mr. Waggoner to have anyone who has a concern about the location contact him or another member of Council. Waggoner responded that he does not think the public feels the Council is responsive to their concerns, based on the way he has been "brushed off" in the past.

Councilman Koehler asked if Mr. Waggoner is representing a group, and indicated he has received only positive comments regarding the location selected for the soccer complex. Mr. Waggoner indicated he is not representing a formal group, but he can, if necessary.

Mayor Pro Tem Farley indicated he will not be asking Council to hold a special meeting to review this decision, and thanked Mr. Waggoner for his input.

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem announced that Mayor Morgan is still ill, and that he will continue to fill in for her during her illness.

IV. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consent Agenda

a. City Council Minutes - request approval of December 21, 2020 minutes

City Clerk Quinn noted that Deputy Chief Miller had brought to her attention that she was listed as attending, and she had not called in that night. ***Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Hockett to approve the minutes as amended. Roll call vote: AYES Councilman Morton, Councilman Hockett, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Pro Tem Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

2. Second reading on revision of code pertaining to Food Trucks

City Manager Barbee indicated this amendment is being proposed to clear up some definitions and clarify process. Councilman Morton asked if everyone has been complying. City Clerk Quinn (*who serves as the Zoning Administrator*) indicated the ordinance is just now being acted on, but those mobile vendors who have been serving have been following the regulations that were in place.

Motion was made by Councilman Morton and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve Ordinance 2021-01 Amending Chapter 11 of the City Code pertaining to Food Trucks/Mobile Food Vendors. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Hockett, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Morton, Mayor Pro Tem Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

3. Resolution of Motor Fuel Tax highway maintenance expenditures for 2021

City Manager Barbee indicated this is an annual expense, and the cost estimate being proposed is \$140,000. Public Works Director Pruden added that this is all for materials, with the exception of approximately \$5,000 for engineering, and is within budget. ***Motion was made by Councilman Hockett and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve Resolution 2021-01 Approving \$140,000 in***

MFT expenditures for this year. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilman Morton, Councilman Hockett, Councilman Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT WITH DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

City Manager Barbee indicated the City has largely been “business as usual” since the last meeting, and invited Department Heads to provide anything they wanted to share.

Chief of Police Reynolds indicated 2020 has been a busy year for the Police department, and Deputy Chief Miller has put together the stats. The report has been provided to the media, and will be coming out soon.

VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – No report.

VIII. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilman Morton asked if the City still has someone working on grants, and if a new tornado siren is still on the list. Finance Director Barrow responded that city staff are always looking at grant opportunities, and the tornado siren grant opportunities have not opened up yet. The grant was last announced in the fall of 2019. Morton asked if this is still on the city’s “to do” list. City Manager Barbee and Finance Dir. Barrow both responded that it is.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, ***motion was made by Councilman Hockett and seconded by Councilman Morton to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilman Hockett, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Pro Tem Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

Approved: _____