

CITY OF SALEM IL
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2023/2024 BUDGET
April 17, 2023 – 6:00 PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Adjournment

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY2324 BUDGET
APRIL 17, 2023

I. Call to Order

The Public Hearing for the proposed FY24 Budget was convened in Salem City Hall. Mayor Nicolas Farley called the hearing to order at 6:00 pm.

Council members present:

Councilman Jim Koehler
Councilwoman Amy Zanton
Mayor Nicolas Farley

Council members absent:

Councilman Craig Morton
Councilman Royce Bringwald

Others present:

City Manager Rex Barbee
City Attorney Mike Jones
Chief of Police Kyle Ambuehl
Finance Director Keli Roth
Deputy Chief of Police Susan Miller
Members of the Media and Public

City Clerk Bev Quinn
Public Works Director Annette Sola
Asst. Public Works Director Courtney Mitchell
Economic Development Director Tabitha Meador
Economic Development Member Leah Dellacarpini

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Public Hearing Adjournment

The public hearing for the proposed FY24 budget was adjourned at 6:02 pm.

CITY OF SALEM IL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 17, 2023 –6:00 pm
Immediately Following Public Hearing

- 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 from April 3, 2023 Council meeting.
- 2. Ordinance - Review and approval of 2024 budget for City of Salem.
- 3. Authorization for repairs to the feeder lines at the Aquatic Center.
- 4. Discussion and possible action on Enterprise Fleet Services agreement
- 5. Review of Accounts Payable from March 20 thru April 14, 2024

- 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 –

We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon - Franklin D. Roosevelt

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 17, 2023

I. Call to Order

The regular April 3, 2023 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 6:03 pm

Council members present:

Councilman Jim Koehler
Councilwoman Amy Zanton
Mayor Nicolas Farley

Council members absent:

Councilman Craig Morton
Councilman Royce Bringwald

Others present:

City Manager Rex Barbee
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IV. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

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

V. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments – None.

VI. Mayor's Report and Presentations

Mayor Farley thanked the Public Works Department, Police Department, Department of Emergency Management and all who have helped with the tornado cleanup. Farley added that he is very proud of this team.

Mayor Farley indicated the County Clerk's office still has 32 uncounted ballots that were mailed in. The County hopes to have a preliminary count by tomorrow, April 18th, with a final count by April 24th.

Mayor Farley indicated there are plans to have a vendor fair in conjunction with the Bicentennial Celebration on July 1st and the Salem Community Theatre Board is hosting its trivia night fundraiser this Saturday, April 22nd.

Mayor Farley indicated that on May 1, a new council member will be seated. Farley expressed his appreciation to Councilwoman Zanton for her service, and indicated he appreciated her hard work. Councilwoman Zanton responded that it was her pleasure. Mayor Farley also congratulated Councilwoman Zanton on her recent marriage.

VII. City Council Action

1. Consent Agenda

a) Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2023

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Zanton to approve the minutes of April 3, 2023, as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilwoman Zanton, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. Ordinance – Review and Approval of the 2024 budget for the City of Salem

Motion was made by Councilwoman Zanton and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve Ordinance 2023-07 Adopting the FY24 City of Salem Budget. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Zanton, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

3. Authorization for repair to the feeder lines at the Aquatic Center

City Manager Barbee indicated repair of the feeder lines at the aquatic center is an emergency repair. On Tuesday, Westport Pools service was at the Aquatics Center to set the pool up for filling for this season. Upon putting the lines under pressure with water, it was discovered that some of the valves had been left in a closed position and as a result, the copper lines had some water in them and the lines were damaged due to freezing weather. Public Works contacted a commercial contractor, Wente Plumbing and Heating, Inc., to get estimates on the repair of the lines. Wente provided a cost for replacement with copper lines at a cost not to exceed \$12,500.00 and a replacement option with PVC piping at a cost not to exceed \$15,500.00. Because the copper fittings require a plumber to make repairs moving forward and our staff can deal with any PVC piping repairs in the future, we are recommending the approval of the

PVC option over the copper installation. Time is of the essence in getting repairs done to allow time for filling the pool and staying on target with the scheduled opening of the pool.

Public Works Dir. Sola indicated city employees did some of the pool closing and Westport did some of it, so it is difficult to assign blame. Sola added that in the future she will schedule Westport to do all of the closing, with a warranty, so that if anything goes wrong, they will cover repairs.

Councilman Koehler asked if the PVC pipe will freeze as easily as copper. Dir. Sola responded that it will, but staff would be able to make repairs. ***Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Zanton to approve having the aquatic center feeder lines replaced with PVC pipe by Wentz Plumbing and Heating, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$15,500. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilwoman Zanton, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

4. Discussion and possible action on Enterprise Fleet Services Agreement

Mayor Farley indicated approval of this agreement will approve a contractual agreement, but it will not include vehicles. Councilman Koehler indicated this will allow the City to have a newer fleet with fewer breakdowns.

City Manager Barbee indicated the City Attorney reviewed the agreements, and he liked the 60-day opt out for the maintenance agreement, which was not included in the lease agreement. Barbee indicated he reached out to Enterprise, and was told the City can opt out at any time, but will have to relinquish the vehicles upon cancellation. ***Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Zanton to approve the City entering into a lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Services. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Zanton, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

5. Review of Accounts Payable from March 20 through April 14, 2024

Following review, ***motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Zanton to approve the Accounts Payable of March 20 through April 24, 2024. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Zanton, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

VIII. City Manager and Dept Head Reports

City Clerk Quinn –

- indicated she is still waiting for approval from the State on the records disposal project.

Chief of Police Ambuehl –

- indicated Saturday is “Drug Take Back Day”, and the Police Department will accept prescription drugs from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm;
- indicated the department has taken 4,839 calls in 2023 through March, 912 of which were Fire and EMS calls and 3,927 were Police calls;
- indicated he has a meeting with Axon tomorrow via Zoom, regarding the body cams, which should be in by May.

Mayor Farley indicated he received a call from the Attorney General’s office, commending Canine Officer Grant Green.

Public Works Director Sola –

- reported that Guinzy Construction is a little ahead of schedule on the Whittaker Street project;
- indicated the water line replacement project is starting to take shape, and will move out along the highway today.
- reported there has been some vandalism in Bryan Park. Over the weekend, vandals broke two benches off of the new shelter that replaced the tee-pee and threw them into the creek, then threw boulders on them to make sure they were further damaged. Last night a third bench was destroyed. Sola added that they will be adding additional cameras and installing electricity for additional lighting;
- indicated the leaf vac is still running, although this is the last week;
- indicated the house that burned on S. Broadway is being demolished tomorrow.

Councilman Koehler asked Dir. Sola if she had heard anything from Mr. Grubaugh on the former Selmaville North school. She has not.

Councilman Koehler Indicated he would make a Facebook post and gather donations towards a reward for information on who did the vandalism.

Economic Development Director Meador –

- indicated she has spent the past couple of weeks getting Ms. Delicarpinni acclimated and introducing her to a number of people she will be working with, and added that she intends to move into the City Clerk’s office next week for some training.
- indicated she can answer anyone’s questions about the Theatre Trivia Night, and added that it will be a fun night.

City Manager Barbee –

- indicated he appreciated City Council’s action to approve repairs to the pool lines;
- indicated he has been contacted by an individual who is interested in submitting a bid for property on Pearl St. that was originally owned by the National Guard Armory. The property will need to be declared surplus, and advertisements published soliciting bids. Mayor Farley directed the Clerk to check and see if this property has already been declared surplus. This will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

IX. City Attorney Report – No report.

**X. City Council Member Report
Councilwoman Zanton -**

indicated she appreciated the opportunity to serve on the City Council, and she learned a lot. Zanton added that she now knows what goes into operating the City, and the Department Heads make it look easy.

XI. Motion to Adjourn
Motion was made by Councilwoman Zanton and seconded by Councilman Koehler to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilwoman Zanton, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Bev Quinn, CMC
City Clerk

Minutes approved: _____