

CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 17, 2023 – 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. City Council Minutes – request approval for 07-03-2023 minutes
 - 2. Request for resolution to show support of Broadband internet for all residents and areas of Marion County IL.
 - 3. Request for approval of the purchase of a replacement gas meter for the Gas Plant line serving Radiac Abrasives.
 - 4. Review and approval of accounts payable lists for the period of June 19 through July 15, 2023.

- VIII. City Manager Report with Department Head Updates**
- IX. Executive Session**
 - a. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) Minutes
- X. Council Action After Executive Session (continued)**
 - 5. Action on the minutes from prior Executive Session for 6/19/2023
 - 6. Approval of Resolution 2023-05 Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes
- XI. City Attorney Report**
- XII. City Council Members Report**
- XIII. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager
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Quote of the Day –

Nothing is impossible. The word itself says “I’m possible”
Audrey Hepburn

MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 17, 2023 – 6:00 pm

- I. Call to Order**

The regular July 17, 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 6:00 pm

Council members present: Councilman Jim Koehler Councilman Royce Bringwald Councilwoman Tracy Crouch Mayor Nicolas Farley	Council members absent: Councilman Craig Morton
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Others present: City Manager Rex Barbee City Attorney Mike Jones Finance Director Keli Roth Public Works Director Annette Sola Assistant Public Works Director Courtney Mitchell Members of the Media and Public	City Clerk Tabitha Meador Police Chief Kyle Ambuehl Deputy Police Chief Susan Miller Economic Development Director Leah Dellicarpini
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- 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 attended a meeting in regards to the April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse in regards to the planning with emergency response agencies.

V. City Council Action

1. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes – July 3, 2023

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Crouch to approve the minutes of July 3, 2023 meeting, as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. Request for resolution to show support of broadband internet for all residents and areas of Marion County, Illinois.

City Manager Barbee indicated the resolution of support was requested by the Marion County Board. Mr. Chris Krupp, Chairman of the Marion County Board's Broadband Committee indicated the Marion County Board is looking to apply for a grant opportunity through the State for broadband expansion in underserved areas of Illinois. Mr. Krupp also indicated that the County Board has not yet passed their Resolution, but would be doing so at their next meeting. He will be collecting Resolutions from the cities and villages in the County to show unified support of the initiative. Mayor Farley and Councilman Bringwald both indicated this is a good idea and would encourage the passage of the Resolution. ***Motion by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Crouch to approve Resolution 2023-06, A Resolution in Support of Broadband Internet Access for All Residents and Areas of Marion County, Illinois. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

3. Request for approval of the purchase of a replacement gas meter for the Gas Plant line serving Radiac Abrasives.

City Manager Barbee indicated one of the commercial gas meters that is in place for service to Radiac Abrasives needs replacement. The existing meter was installed about four years ago and has a broken seal that is allowing the oil to pass into the gas line. There are two options: the same style of meter, a Dresser Roots Rotary Meter, with installation, would cost \$16,000.00. Lead time on the acquisition of the meter and installation would be about twenty (20) weeks. Moving to the upgraded Ultrasonic Meter which does not have the same moving parts and need for lubrication, with installation would have a cost of \$25,000.00. Lead time on acquisition of this style of Commercial meter is estimated at two (2) weeks. If the meter fully breaks, there is the potential of having no meter for the gas that Radiac uses, which is substantial. This is an unexpected replacement, and it not a budgeted item, but will be expended out of the gas fund. Councilman Koehler indicated that he believes the City does not have a choice; replacement needs to be done and time is of the essence. ***Motion by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to approve the Ultrasonic Meter at a cost of \$25,000.00. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

4. Review and approval of accounts payable list from June 19 through July 15, 2023.

Following review, ***motion was made by Councilwoman Crouch and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to approve the accounts payable list from June 19 through July 15, 2023. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilman Koehler, Councilwoman Crouch, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

VI. City Manager and Dept Head Reports

Finance Director Roth –

- Indicated the audit was last week and seemed to go very well. The auditors are hoping to present by the second council meeting in August.

Public Works Director Sola –

- indicated all three of the Water Plant valves have been replaced, and JK Trotter should be back downtown Wednesday. Copper is needed to complete the waterline replacement project, and is behind schedule approximately three weeks;
- indicated the curb and gutter replacement in Hawthorn Estates is this week, and Woodland Drive will be next week;
- indicated the Public Works crew is working diligently at the landfill.

Police Chief Ambuehl –

- indicated the person to seal the Police Department’s parking lot has retired; he will contact local contractors for bids for the project;
- indicated he attended the community forum at Kaskaskia College with other City representatives;
- indicated Eclipse planning and Little Egypt Festival planning is underway.

City Manager Barbee –

- indicated he had also attended the same meetings (Kaskaskia College community forum, Solar Eclipse planning, and Little Egypt Festival planning).

VII. Executive Session – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) Minutes

Motion was made at 6:16 PM by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Crouch to enter into Executive Session to review Closed Session Minutes. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Return to open session at 6:22 PM.

VIII. Council Action After Executive Session (continued)

5. **Action on the minutes from prior Executive Session for 6/19/2023**
Motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from 6/19/2023, and to keep them closed made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Bringwald. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
6. **Approval of Resolution 2023-05 Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes**
Motion made by Councilwoman Crouch and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve Resolution 2023-05 Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes and make available for review the minutes of 2/18/2014, 4/14/2014, 7/8/2014, 9/21/2015, 6/17/2019, 7/15/2019, 8/5/2019, and 9/3/2019. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Bringwald, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

IX. City Attorney Report – No report.

X. City Council Member Report

Councilman Koehler –

- indicated he has had positive feedback on the materials used for the road oilings;
- indicated the Greater Salem Area Foundation had a packed house for their annual Evening Swim;
- indicated he is working with Economic Development Director Dellicarpini on a T-Mobile Community Grant to possibly build a roof over the stage to improve the park amenities;
- indicated he would like to see a “Bryan Festival” develop, likely to be held in May.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilwoman Crouch and seconded by Councilman Koehler to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Crouch, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Tabitha Meador
City Clerk

Minutes approved: _____