

**AGENDA  
CITY OF SALEM  
6:00 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
December 2, 2019**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments**
- IV. Mayor’s Report and Presentations**
  - 1. Proclamation – Sleep in Heavenly Peace**
  
- V. City Council Action**
  - 1. Consent Agenda
    - a. City Council Minutes – 11/18/2019
  - 2. Mission Salem Presentation
  - 3. Request for Approval – Electric Contract for City Facilities - AGE
  - 4. Request for Approval - Ordinance Limiting Public Comments at Council Meetings
  - 5. Request for Approval – Bids on Upcoming Sewer Bids on Upcoming Sewer Improvements to Illinois St and Town Creek Area
  - 6. Discussion on Opting In or Out of Marijuana Dispensary Sales, Zoning and Sales Tax
  
- VI. City Manager Report**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. Finance Director Report**
- IX. City Council Report**
  
- X. Executive Session**
  - 1. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) – Discussion Regarding Appointment to Fill Open City Council Position
  
- X. Adjournment**

Rex A. Barbee, City Manager

Quote of the Day –

“You were born an original. Don’t die a copy”. – John Mason

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2. A representative from the Greater Salem Area Foundation/Mission Salem will be at the meeting to provide an update on the organization's activities for the last year.
3. Rob Wielt from AGE has provided some current rate proposals for electric services for City facilities to be considered. The rates provided in the packet will be updated at the time of the meeting. Current contract rates are above the proposed rates and the contract is due to expire on April 1, 2020. Rates shown are for City owned electric usage and also street lighting. Ameren is the service provider but the energy is provided through other vendors. Our current contract rate is at 5.462/kwh and is contracted through Homefield Electric. Ameren currently upgrades the street lighting to LED as the fixtures need new bulbs or service at no additional cost to the City. Contract terms shown are for 12, 24, 36 and 48 month terms.
4. The proposed language for a new ordinance on restricting public comments at City Council Meetings to 5 minutes per person and no more than 45 minutes per meeting is offered to prevent any abuse of the public comment period. Some incidents in the past give evidence that such a policy is important to have in place to avoid undue burdens on any City Council meeting. City attorney, Mike Jones has prepared an ordinance to meet the City's needs.
5. Public Works has solicited bids for sanitary sewer work to be performed on a portion of Illinois Street and a continuation along Town Creek from East Clark St. to E. Main St. Bids were opened on Friday, November 22 with several bidders on the project. Bid figures are attached. Requesting approval of one of the bids for the project. The Public Works director will be present to answer questions on the proposed project.
6. The State of Illinois has legalized recreational use of cannabis for adults beginning Jan. 1, 2020. The City has the choice of opting in or out, of allowing any dispensary licenses within the City limits. If allowed, the City will need to address some zoning requirements for State Licensed craft growers, cultivation centers, dispensing organizations, infusers, processing and transporting organizations as those businesses develop and possibly seek to be part of our community. If approved, the City also has the opportunity to impose a Municipal Cannabis Retailers Occupation Tax of up to 3% that can be implemented in .25% increments. Requesting discussion and direction on where Council members want the City to go on the topic.