

**CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 5, 2020 – 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 09-21-2020 minutes
 - 2. Discussion on possibility of offering WIFI in Bryan Park
 - 3. First Reading – Property Tax Levy proposal
 - 4. CASA request to hold Disc Golf Tourney in Bryan Park on Nov. 7, 2020

- VI. City Manager Report with Department head updates**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. City Council Members Report**
- IX. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager

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Quote of the day –

It doesn't matter how strong your opinions are. If you don't use your power for positive change, you are, indeed, part of the problem. - Coretta Scott King.

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2. We had a visit from a representative of Spectrum Communications who asked about any needs that the City may be needing at the present. Part of the discussion covered the possibility of having a City hotspot. We reached out to our local carrier, Wabash Communications about the possibility of offering WIFI in Bryan Memorial Park. Wabash has provided a similar service to the City of Flora and have provided a cost estimate that includes their sharing in a portion of the cost. The proposal offers two main locations, one at the Aquatics Center and a second near the stage and bathroom facility with repeaters to cover most of the shelters on the southern end and the parking areas adjacent to them. With the COVID pandemic requiring schools to go with some remote learning, some students in rural areas have issues with dependable internet service. Having the free WIFI locations in the park could allow students one more access to the internet and also offer service to many who use the park for their lunch and dinner breaks as well as family functions at the pavilions.

3. First reading – Each year the City of Salem provides a request for additional funding through the property tax levy. The City can ask for a maximum of 4.99% without the requirement of a public hearing. This year the City is reducing our request to a recommendation of 2.50%. A second reading of the request will be scheduled at the second October meeting.

4. The CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) group is wanting to host a disc golf tourney fundraiser in Bryan Memorial Park on Saturday Nov. 7th. They are hoping to have at least one food truck and are encouraging sponsors and participants from around the area. Information on their group and mission is pasted below. Requesting approval for them to utilize the park facility for their fundraiser.

Our Mission

The mission of CASA of Marion County is to provide court appointed volunteers to advocate for the best interest of children that have been abused and/or neglected who are involved in the Marion County Juvenile Court System.

Our Goal

The goal of CASA of Marion County is to serve 100% of the abused and neglected children in Marion County.

What is CASA?

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. These volunteers are appointed by a judge to advocate on behalf of children who have experienced abuse or neglect. They stay with each case until it is closed and the child is in a safe, permanent home. CASA serves children from birth to 18. Volunteers work with legal and child welfare professionals, educators, and service providers to ensure that the courts have all the information they need to make the best decision for the child.