

**CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 2, 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 10-19-2020 minutes
 - 2. Discussion of options for deer population control measures
 - 3. Review of quotes for replacement of heating system at Salem City Hall.
 - 4. Request to install first Responders Memorial at East Lawn Cemetery

- 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 –

*I expect one of the prices we pay for democracy is there are going to be differences.
We pay a price but we get something very important in return. - Robert F.
Kennedy.*

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2. We had residents who requested that the City take some action to reduce the size of the deer population within the City limits. Since discussing the topic at the last meeting there have been a large number of residents who have expressed their opposition to that type of action. Animal Control officer Dave Lusch was asked to get more details on the idea of having the state program brought into the picture. The cost to have the IDNR hunters come into town would cost \$5,000 per week plus the cost to harvest the meat for food banks and would likely take several weeks to have the desired impact. The available space on City owned ground is nominal and neighboring property owners want to retain control on who enters their property. It is felt that the impact of trying to have a controlled hunt at this time would not be effective enough to reduce the deer population within the City Limits. It has been pointed out that the property owners impacted by the deer have low cost options to spray repellents and erect barriers to their flowering plants. Recommend no action be taken at this time.

3. The heating system for City hall is currently a boiler system and it has had several issues within the last several years and needs to be replaced. Three local companies were contracted to provide quotes for replacement of the heating system. Colder weather is upon us and I am suggesting that we move forward with installation of the gas forced air system.

4. The Elks Lodge is requesting permission to install a memorial for fallen first responders East of the Eagle in East Lawn Cemetery. The memorial would stand 4' 6" above ground x 24" wide and 6" thick. The memorial is made of Southern Gray Granite. Recommend approval.