

CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 1, 2021 – 6:00 PM

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments**
- IV. Mayor Pro Tem's Report and Presentations**

- V. City Council Action**
 - 1. Consent Agenda
 - a. City Council Minutes – request approval for 2-22-2021 minutes
 - 2. Request approval of a two-year agreement with Metro-Ag Inc. for removal of sludge from the Salem Waste Water Treatment Plant.
 - 3. Request authorization to purchase six (6) flushing stations for Salem Water Department to assist in IEPA water sampling.
 - 4. Review of information on recent municipal bid request for oil and chip materials for City streets.
 - 5. Request to surplus equipment from Public Works.
 - 6. Real Estate purchase contract opening. Somer Real Estate Agent is to provide a sealed offer for a residential tract of land at the former Salem Armory site.
 - 7. Change order request to the Inclusive Playground area for adjustments in the equipment being placed in the playground area and a request to forego bid process on additional park equipment for fitness stations, batting cages, and other additions made to the grant process for improving our odds at approval to allow the additional items to be purchased through Hutchinson and local vendors.

- VI. Executive Session**
 - 1. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(3) – Selection of a Person to Fill Vacancy in Public Office
(Acting Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem)
 - 2. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(21) – Review of Closed Session Minutes

- VII. City Council Action Following Executive Session**
 - 1. Appointment of Acting Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem
 - 2. Approval of Closed Session minutes of 1/18/2021

- VIII. City Manager Report with Department Head Updates**

- IX. City Attorney Report**
- X. City Council Members Report**
- XI. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager

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Quote of the Day – Wise men speak because they have something to say; fools because they have to say something. - Plato.

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1. Request approval of minutes from the prior Council meeting of 2-22-2021.
2. Metro-Ag Inc. of Breese, IL, has been our contractor for hauling off the residual materials from the Salem Waste Water Plant for several years. The current contract is expiring and they are proposing a new two-year contract to haul off the sludge materials at a cost of \$0.051 per dry gallon is proposed. This represents an increase of .008/gal from the prior contract. Requesting approval.
3. The Salem Water Department is requesting the purchase of 6 flushing stations to be placed at the end of existing water line trunks to allow for more economical sampling of water for IEPA requirements. The sampling stations allow the water crews to access the water for sampling at the end of the trunk without opening a hydrant and allows the water to be flushed to remove any build-up of chemicals created when the water pools at the end of the lines, thus creating a more indicative sample. Cost of the six flushing stations with sampling station and accessories totals \$14,846.00. This is a budgeted item for FY 20-21 and is below budget. Suggesting approval.
4. Gonzalez Companies LLC has provided a summary of the bids received on the FY 2021 City Street Maintenance proposal from Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021. The bids requested cover separately, seal coat materials and pea gravel top-coat materials. The low bidder on the seal coat materials was Mike A Maedge Trucking Inc of Highland who bid \$528.00 per ton on 195 tons for a total of \$102,960.00. The seal coat aggregate low bid was provided by Beelman Logistics, LLC of East St. Louis, IL in the amount of \$12.24/ ton on an amount of 2300 ton for a total of \$28,152.00. The combined amounts for the low bids total \$131,112.00 along with \$5,078.00 for engineering is \$3,810.00 below the 2021 budgeted amount of \$140,000.00. Recommending approval of both low bidders.
5. Public Works is requesting to surplus a 2014 Vermeer trencher that is no longer in use by the gas department. The mini-excavator purchased recently is more versatile and has an attachment that allows our crews to dig trenches for gas lines. We feel that there is a market for the used trencher.
6. Somer Real Estate is to provide a sealed offer on a residential tract at the former Salem Armory site. The bid is to be opened during the regular meeting and discussed. Council can opt to table the offer, accept or reject the offer in open session.
7. There is a change order request to the Inclusive Playground area for adjustments in the equipment being placed in the playground area that changes the contract price from \$330,000.00 to \$362,000.00. Payment for the additional cost will come out of the grant funding and the funds raised through the Salem Lions Club and Addy and Friends Fundraising. The committee is also making a request to forego the bid-letting process on additional park equipment for fitness stations, batting cages, and other additions made to the grant application for improving our odds at approval to allow the additional items to be purchased through the selected vendor Hutchinson Design and Recreation and local vendor PW Athletics (Americana) to allow for efficiency in purchasing power and lead time on the equipment. Requesting approval.