

CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 5, 2021 – 6:00 PM

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

- V. City Council Action**
 - 1. Consent Agenda
 - a. City Council Minutes – request approval for 03-15-2021 minutes
 - 2. Action on recommendation of Planning Commission on three petitions for Special Use Permits.
 - 3. Request to increase the number of Class A liquor licenses by one for a new business in the former Family Video building.
 - 4. Review and award bid for chemicals for water treatment plant for soda ash and chlorine.
 - 5. Review and award bid on purchase of two new commercial mowers for the Parks dept.
 - 6. Review and award bid for Waste Water Treatment Pump purchase.
 - 7. Request for approval of purchase of used rubber tire roller for street department.
 - 8. Requesting authorization to expend funds from the inclusive playground grant on exercise equipment outlined in the original grant application for use near the walking trail.
 - 9. Request for approval of franchise agreement with Metro Communications Company to allow work on installing a fiber-optic line within the City of Salem.
 - 10. Presentation of proposal for the remaining FY22 Fund budgets

- VI. City Manager Report with Department Head Updates**
- VIII. City Attorney Report**
- IX. City Council Members Report**
- XI. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager

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Quote of the Day – Interest does not tie nations together, it sometimes separates them. But sympathy and understanding do unite them. – Woodrow Wilson

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1. Requesting approval of minutes from prior Council meeting of March 15, 2021 as presented.
2. The Salem Planning Commission met on Tuesday March 30 to review three petitions for Special Use Permits.

The first request is for a temporary use for Crescendo Properties, LLC, by Rebecca L. Timmerman at 217 W. Main to hold a farmer's Market on their parking lot on Saturdays from 8:00am to noon, May through September. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the request.

The second request was made by the Orchard Shopping Center, by Keith McNeil, to have a reissuance of a current permit that expires on June 30 to hold "Friday First" events on the parking lots. The Planning Commission recommends approval of this Special Temporary Use Permit.

The third request from Patricia Blair is to allow the placement of a modular double-wide home on a fixed foundation on a lot on the former Armory tract. The sale of this lot from the City was contingent on her receiving a Special Use Permit. Several neighbors to the property objected to allowing the placement of the modular home on the site due to concerns on negative impact on their property values. The Planning Commission unanimously recommend **DENIAL** of the Special Use Request.

3. Request from Falguni Patel to request a new Class A liquor license to open a business in the former Family Video Facility. She is hoping to open a business that serves alcohol and would then be requesting a gaming license from the state of IL to turn this into a gaming parlor. There are currently no Class A licenses available.
4. Public Works sought bids on the purchase of two chemicals for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. There were three bidders on Soda Ash in 50-pound bags with Water Solutions Unlimited providing the low bid of \$12.50 per bag. There were two bidders on Chlorine with prices being offered per ton of the chemical. Of the two bidders, DPC Enterprises bid includes their providing a crane to assist in the off-loading and placement of the containers. We are recommending the acceptance of their bid at a slightly higher price to cover the cost of the crane and avoiding the difficulties in off-loading the material from Hawkins, Inc. We recommend approval of these bids as noted.
5. Public Works has requested bids on two new riding mowers to several area dealers with the bids being opened on April 1. We received bids from 6 different vendors showing a total of 14 different models and options. Bid tab is attached. Low bid that meets the bid specifications comes from Molenhour's Outdoor Equipment of Salem (formerly Adams Power Equipment) in the amount of \$21,248.00. This item is part of the FY21 budget and is \$248 over budget. Recommending approval of Molenhour's bid.

6. The Waste Water Treatment Plant is looking to purchase a non-potable booster skid pump to refurbish some equipment that is showing signs of wear. The cost of the equipment from Municipal Equipment includes replacement of some parts and re-installing the pumps. The cost is below the FY21 budgeted amount by \$1,624.00.
7. Requesting authorization to purchase a used rubber tire roller for the Public Works department to compact the chips onto the oil and any new asphalt road surfacing projects. Bids were received from three vendors. Their FY21 budget had set aside \$32,100 in funds for the purchase of a new ¾ ton truck and the plan is to forestall the purchase of the truck to purchase the roller. We have rented a roller in the past and have had to schedule work based on the equipment's availability. The unit from CMW Equipment meets the specifications of the RFQ and is below the budgeted amount. We request approval of the purchase.
8. The state IDNR grant that we have received for the inclusive playground and other park amenities included some physical fitness equipment to be placed near the walking trail. Bids were sought from Hutchinson Recreation & Equipment. The grant process specifies that Council shows the approval of the items purchased. The cost from Hutchison Recreation came in at \$9,000 below the original cost estimate which will allow us to cover costs to improve other items included in the original proposal. We are requesting approval of the purchase from Hutchison Recreation in the amount of \$30,750.00
9. The City Attorney has prepared a franchise agreement with Metro Communications Company to grant the authority for them to provide labor and materials to install hook-ups to some fiber optic customers within the City limits of Salem. Recommend approval.
10. Previously, Council had been shown the first portion of the budget covering the general budget items. The remaining budget items relating to specific departments and revenue/expense funds is being provided for review and questions. The total budget is scheduled to be ratified at the April 19 Council meeting.