

**CITY OF SALEM**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 16, 2021 – 6:00 PM**

**DUE TO THE RECENT UPSURGE IN POSITIVE COVID CASES THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD REMOTELY. PLEASE SEE THE ZOOM INFORMATION BELOW TO JOIN IN.**

- 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) Approval of Minutes – Council meeting of Aug. 2, 2021.
  - 2. Discussion on request for action to reduce deer population within City limits.
  - 3. Action on extension of Tri-County Electric Co-op franchise agreement renewal.
  - 4. Reduction in the number of Class G Liquor licenses by one.
  - 5. Review of accounts payable from July 20, 2021 through August 13, 2021
  
- VI. City Manager and department head reports**
- 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;*

*A hundred times a day I remind myself that my life depends on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give, in the measure as I have received and am still receiving.*  
*Albert Einstein*

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1. Requesting approval of minutes from prior Council meeting of July 19, 2021.
2. We have received and forwarded to Council members a packet including a signed petition requesting the City take a proactive approach to reducing the wild deer population within the City limits. The packet includes letters from a retired wildlife conservation officer and other residents and examples of traffic reports from Salem Police Department related to vehicle damage from impacts with deer. This topic was discussed about a year ago by Council members. Two possible methods to cull the size of the herd would include a contract with a Conservation sharpshooter to come in and harvest some of the does at a cost of \$5,000 per week plus the cost to process the meat for local food pantries (*three weeks of services as the minimum, provided by the sharpshooters and the meat processing are estimated to cost \$20,000*), or the possibility of allowing bow hunting within certain areas of the city during normal bow season. Open season would require the normal deer permit and permission from the landowner to hunt on their property. Some issues could arise from injured deer running onto adjacent properties and distressing other property owners. An ordinance would need to be adopted to allow the bow hunting within the city limits.
3. We have a request from Tri-County Electric Co-op to extend the existing franchise agreement for a 20- year term. The current agreement was put into place in 2002 and expires on January 1, 2022. Request approval.
4. In recent months, Council authorized the issuance of one additional Class G Liquor license for a business that planned to open in the former Family Video. Their attempt to lease the property fell through and they have not approached the City about a different location. The reduction in the number of open licenses will cover the existing businesses and require council action in the future if anyone else shows an interest. Request approval to reduce the number of Class G liquor licenses by one.
5. Accounts payables for the period of July 20 through August 13, 2021 is presented for review. Requesting approval.