

**CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 15, 2021 – 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) Approval of Minutes – Council meeting of November 1, 2021.
 - 2. Discussion and possible action on adjusting the hours of operation of Salem City Hall.
 - 3. Consideration for allowing Steel Cargo Shipping Containers in commercial settings.
 - 4. Review of Accounts Payable for the period of 10/18/21 through 11/12/21

- 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;

***I have one yardstick by which I test every major problem – and that yardstick is:
Is it good for America.***

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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1. The minutes for the November 1, 2021 City Council Meeting have been provided to Council members in their packet. Request for approval of minutes from the prior City Council Meeting of November 1, 2021.
2. The City Hall traffic after 4:00 has dropped over recent months and the hourly staff have requested office hours from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm be changed to 7:30 am – 4:30 pm. An earlier start time would allow residents to contact City Hall prior to their work day, be closer to the start time of public works crews and allow for work orders for public works crews on water, gas, and shut off notices. The City Hall staff no longer deal with Julie locates (811) as those are being handled by the appropriate public works crews. We do not issue work orders to public works after 3:30 for residential service work such as hook-ups, shut-offs, inspections. Attached is a list of other community hours for municipal entities in our area.
3. We currently use the International Building Code (IBC) as the basis for allowing the kinds of structures to be erected/placed on properties in Salem.

The owners of the 6:10 Coffee Company (Dan and Carma Miller) are wanting to put a steel cargo shipping container behind their business building for storage of their product needs, and may appear before Council to address the matter. The IBC does not allow for Steel Shipping Containers as an approved type of structure. Dan Miller from the Coffee company has provided photos of similar storage buildings behind Bandy's Pharmacy and has pointed out that shipping containers are also used at Walmart and Salem Township Hospital. These containers have been put in place without any type of zoning variance or permission from the City.

The steel containers are built to a higher standard than the wooden and metal sheds that are covered in the IBC, however they have more of an industrial appearance over the allowed type of sheds.

While there may be some level of acceptance for this type of storage in the commercial venue, I personally do not think that they should be allowed in a residential setting. We have been asked about these containers in the past and have told the inquiring party that they are not allowed.

4. Review and approval of accounts payable for the period of October 18, 2021 through November 12, 2021. Requesting approval of these items.