

**CITY OF SALEM IL  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
December 20, 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 – December 6, 2021
  
  - 2. Request to Close out the Addy & Friends Donation Account for Audit purposes.
  - 3. Request to authorize placement of reserved parking spot on E. Schwartz Street for the County’s prisoner transport vehicle.
  - 4. Authorization to commence with the planning of the 2022, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration activities.
  - 5. Authorization to purchase of water meters prior to planned price increase.
  - 6. Authorization to purchase Water Hydrant prior to planned price increase.
  - 7. Approval of recommendation from Planning Commission on placement of cargo storage containers in business and industrial zones.
  - 8. Discussion on increasing the fees per Gaming machine in the next calendar year.
  - 9. Authorization of Accounts payables from Nov. 15 to December 17, 2021.
  
- VI. City Manager and Dept 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;*

***Every problem has in it the seeds of its own solution. If you don’t have any problems, you don’t get any seeds.***

*Norman Vincent Peale*

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1. The minutes of the December 6, 2021 Council meeting are included in Council meeting packets. Requesting approval of minutes from December 6, 2021 Council meeting.
2. The monies deposited with the City from the Addy & Friends donations have been used for the purchases with the playground and the auditors would like for us to officially recognize the close-out of the account. Requesting a motion to approve the close out of the account. Recommend approval.
3. Marion County Court Services would like to designate a parking space on the northeast corner of the Courthouse on Schwartz Street as reserved parking for the prisoner transport vehicle. The space meets with the approval of the Police Department and Public Works. Requesting authorization to set up the reserved space. Recommend approval.
4. It is time to start planning for the July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 celebration. In the past two years Tabitha has worked with Bill Poss from Effingham to hire bands for the event and has arranged for various food trucks to serve the general public. The budget for the past years has been about \$10,000.00 and we have typically spent about \$15,000.00 on fireworks. We were able to provide a buffer time between the events last year so that the music and fireworks events did not overlap. Requesting authorization to make arrangements with Bill Poss to hire the entertainment, and arrange for the food trucks and authorize the expenditure for the fireworks. Recommend approval.
5. Just prior to the last Council meeting, we received a cost estimates on the purchase of the water meters with the ability to transmit data to our public works crews. The price of the units is expected to increase by \$10.00 per meter on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> and we had planned to purchase the meters in bulk in the spring of 2022. This is a budgeted item and we would need to purchase the units by the end of the year to meet the budget line. Requesting approval.
6. The attached price quote from Utility Pipe Sales reflects pricing on water hydrants through the end of this year also. A price increase of over \$200 per unit is expected to occur after Jan. 1 and we would like to place the order prior to the increase to save ourselves the mark-up on the products. Recommending the approval of the purchase.
7. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the 14<sup>th</sup> to seek input on the topic of allowing Steel Cargo shipping containers to be a permitted in industrial and B3, B4 and B6 zoning districts and as a special use in zones B2 and B5. The commission recommends approval of the changes to allow the units in these zones but not allow them in residential areas. Placement would need to adhere to current setbacks on the proposed property. The Council will need to address if the units can be rented out to non-owners as storage space and a size limitation could be put in place. Recommending approval of the zoning changes to allow for the restricted use as an allowable auxiliary structure.

8. The State of Illinois has pending legislation on video gaming fees for non-home-rule communities that would allow the municipalities to increase their fees within limits. The City of Centralia recently discussed a change in the City code on the fee structure on video gaming machines pending approval by the Governor. The proposed legislation has already passed the house of representatives and senate houses. Centralia is proposing increasing the fee from \$20 per unit to \$250 per unit for for-profit businesses and \$150 per unit for non-profit businesses. We currently have 78 machines in for-profit businesses and 14 machines in not-for-profit businesses. If we followed the same structure as Centralia the increase in revenue per year would be \$19,620.00. No action to be taken at this time while the Bill is still pending approval.
9. The accounts payables for the last month are provided in the attachment. Council will have an opportunity for review and to ask questions. Recommending approval.