

CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 6, 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 – November15, 2021

 - 2. Request to renew liability and workers compensation insurance coverage with ICRMT through Kane Insurance.
 - 3. Approval of Mayor’s appointment to the Salem Tourism Commission – Joy Conner
 - 4. Renewal/extension of Listing agreement on City owned property with Somer Real Estate.
 - 5. Approval of Resolution to increase the number of Class A liquor licenses by one for 777 Liquor and Gaming, LLC, contingent upon the receipt of full application and fees and subsequent adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 3 – Alcoholic Liquor of the City Code.
 - 6. Request for approval of purchase of bulk chemicals for Salem Water Plant.
 - 7. Discussion and action to impose residency requirements on new hires for City of Salem
 - 8. Approval actions related to Property Tax Levy collection proposal for 2022 –
 - a. Approve Levy ordinance for additional 1.4% over 2021 Levy
 - b. Approval of Abatement Resolution for series 2021 General Obligation Bonds for Aquatic Center and Waste Water Treatment plant.

- 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;

We must be courageous but also reasonable. The world admires us for walking a tightrope without falling off. It asks us to keep our balance.
Lech Walesa

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1. The minutes of the November 15, 2021 Council meeting are included in Council meeting packets. Requesting approval of minutes from November 15, 2021 Council meeting.
2. The liability insurance coverage provided by Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust through Kane Insurance expires in December of 2021. Kane Insurance agents have provided the City with the proposal for renewal after the prior Council meeting. The ICRMT coverage has been excellent in the past and they have taken a pro-active approach on methods to remain in compliance and reduce risk. Representatives from Kane will be on hand to answer any questions. They have instituted a separate coverage for cyber security and are asking that the City make some small procedural changes to reduce our exposure and risk. The premium for the proposed coverage is about \$2,800 over last year. Requesting approval of the renewal.
3. Mayor Farley has a name to fill the open seat on the Salem Tourism Commission and will ask for approval of Joy Conner to the Commission. The vacancy came about with the relocation of the manager of the Holiday Inn Express Suites, Robin Lindberg. Requesting approval of Joy Connor to the Commission.
4. The listing agreement for the City owned tracts near Kinney Boulevard through Somer Real Estate is up for renewal. Somer's is requesting an extension of six months on the listing agreement. Requesting approval.
5. Approval of a Resolution for the owner/operators of El Rancherito Mexican Restaurant, Rosa Roma and Luis Roma under the name of 777 Liquor and Gaming LLC. They appeared before the Council requesting a package liquor license at the November 1, 2021 Council meeting. They are looking to open a high-end package liquor facility in the former Pizza Hut building under the name of 777 Liquor and Gaming and are requesting the number of Class A licenses be increased by one to accommodate their use of the property for that purpose. Utilizing the resolution will clear the way for the issuance of a license reserved for their operation without having an open license in the event that issues arise with the 777 Liquor and Gaming, and they choose not to move forward with the business. Requesting approval of the resolution.
6. Requesting approval for bulk purchase of chemicals for the Salem Water Plant in the amount of \$16,160.12. Purchasing the chemical in tanker quantity provides a savings over purchasing in smaller quantities multiple times in the year. The amount of the chemical purchase is part of the line-item account 16-5120-315-00 budget for the Water Plant. Requesting approval.
7. Discussion and possible action to require new employee hires to adhere to a residency requirement. The suggested action would require new hires to live within a certain radius of Salem and be willing to relocate to be in compliance within 6 months of the hire.
8. Review of proposed tax levy amounts and adoption of Ordinance to increase the levy by 1.40% over the prior year and to abate the bond payments for the General Obligation Bonds used for the Aquatic Center and Waste Water Treatment plant. Requesting approval of the ordinance.