

**CITY OF SALEM IL  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Jan. 3 – 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 20, 2021
  
  - 2. Consideration and action on ordinance pertaining to allowing Cargo shipping containers in some business and industrial districts.
  - 3. Review of impact of water rate changes.
  
- VI. City Manager and Dept Head reports**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. City Council member reports**
- IX. Executive Session –**
  - a. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) - Personnel
- IX. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee  
City Manager

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*Quote of the day;*

***Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation, for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company.***

*George Washington*

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1. Review of minutes from prior meeting held on December 20, 2021. Recommend approval.
  
2. The topic of allowing steel cargo containers in certain business and industrial zoned areas was discussed and approved at the prior meeting. The Planning Commission recommended allowing the shipping containers to be placed as a permitted use in B-3 Highway Business, B-4 Interchange Business, B-6 General Commercial, and I – Industrial zoning districts. The Commission also suggested the Containers be allowed with a Special Use Permit in B-2 Central Business and B-5 Central/Intermediate Business Districts subject to the necessary building permits and property set-back requirements. They suggested that the Containers NOT be allowed in the B-1 Neighborhood Business District, any residential district or as an accessory use to any residential use regardless of the zoning designation. City Attorney, Mike Jones, has prepared an ordinance to that affect and it is attached for your review. Mayor Farley indicated that he feels the Council will need to address whether a shipping container can be utilized as a stand-alone facility on a property, not serving a primary commercial building; can it be used as a retail/commercial facility and how the Council will want to address the existing shipping containers already in place within the community. Recommending approval of the Ordinance amending Chapter 23 of the Salem City Code regarding the Steel Cargo Containers.
  
3. The Council amended the water rate schedule in June of 2021 with the first billing cycle effected being the August 2021 cycle. Council had agreed to review the change in January of 2022. The increase in the water rate has helped to cover the ongoing cost of operating the Water Plant and providing water to the residents. We have recently seen some increases in the chemicals use to treat the water and Annette and others are working with Curry and Associates to see if any other chemical treatment process could be utilized at a lower cost. Our utility clerks indicate that the increase has not caused an increase in the delinquent account holders since the increase went into effect.