

CITY OF SALEM IL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 4, 2022 – 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 – March 21 2022
 - 2. Review and approval of bid on bituminous patch mix for street resurfacing.
 - 3. First Reading – Request to change the ordinance pertaining to the fees charged for installing gas tap services to residential locations.
 - 4. Review and approval of proposed SRO agreement with SCHS and Salem Elementary 111.
 - 5. Proposed sale of tract in the Salem Industrial Park.
 - 6. FIRST READING – 2022/2023 Non-General Fund portion of budget.

- 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) (6) Sale of Real Estate
- X. Return from Executive session – any action on possible sale of real estate**

- XI. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager

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Quote of the Day –

The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it, and the glow from that fire can truly light the world.

John F. Kennedy

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1. Review and approval of the minutes from the prior meeting of March 21, 2022. Recommending approval.
2. Review and approval of bids for Bituminous Patch mix for street department. Six vendors were contacted about the bid process for 400 tons of bituminous patch mix and we received two bids that were opened Tuesday, March 29. The low bid was from General Contractors Inc of Junction City, IL at \$83.00 per ton for a total of \$33,200.00 plus \$14.00 per ton for pick-up of the material for a total of \$97.00 per ton for a grand total of \$38,800.00. The second bid was from Jax Asphalt Co of Mt. Vernon IL at a base cost of \$91.00 per ton and a pick-up surcharge of \$24.00 per ton for a total of \$115.00 per ton and a gross amount of \$46,000.00. Both bids met specifications on the bid. Recommend awarding the bid for 400 tons of bituminous patch mix to General Contractors at a base cost of \$83.00 per ton and with the pick-up surcharge a total of \$38,800.00.
3. Request for changes to Section 20-43 of the ordinance regarding the fees for providing gas tap services to residential customers. Currently the fee is a flat charge of \$900.00. With some newer homes having multiple furnaces and requesting multiple meters in addition to some longer runs for gas lines we have expended more on some installs than the \$900.00 covers. The proposed fee structure would be based on the length of the service line, the size of the meter requirement, the BTU's needed to adequately service the residential property's needs, and the installation method (boring or trenching). The Gas Department shall inspect the property and plans prior to installation to determine the cost of providing the service based on the following information; The fee for each gas tap will be determined under the following basis:
 - (1) Length of service line
 - (2) Meter size needed
 - (3) Amount of BTU's needed
 - (4) Installation type (trenching or boring)The minimum charge for any gas tap service will be \$900.00. The fee for a larger size tap or running greater distance than fifty (50) feet, or both, shall be based upon the actual labor and materials expended in the making of such tap. The city will maintain the responsibility of running the line from the main to the meter. These changes should prevent us from incurring more expenses on the installation than we are receiving tap fees.
Upon application the gas superintendent will inspect the project and the tap size will be determined.
When gas is removed by the city at the request of the property owner, the removal shall be \$450.00 or time and material; whichever is cheaper. After one year of removal a full tap fee will be charged.
The proposed revision to section 20-43 is attached and includes tap fee information for water, sewer and gas installations. For a change of the ordinance, we are providing this in a first and second reading format.

4. The proposed renewal of the SRO agreement with the Salem High School District and Salem Elementary Dist. 111 is attached. This agreement comes about through discussions with Dr. Detering and Dr. Foppe but has not been ratified by either school district at this time. The City was represented in those discussions by the City Manager, Police Chief Reynolds and Finance Director, Keli Barrow. The program has worked very well in both schools and they are encouraging a renewal of the agreement. The cost sharing of the proposed agreement is changed in favor of the City. Recommending approval of the SRO service agreement subject to ratification by each school board.
5. Hometown Heroes, LLC., is proposing to purchase about 14 acres of a tract of land along Carpenter Drive in the industrial park, across from Polar, Inc. We anticipate that they will provide an offer to purchase the tract in a sealed envelope to be opened at the Council meeting. The tract has been considered surplus in prior Council action.
6. First reading of the non-general portion of the City's proposed budget for FY 22-23. At the March 21 Council meeting, Council had been shown the first portion of the budget covering the general budget items. The remaining budget items relating to specific departments and revenue/expense funds is being provided for review and questions. The total budget is scheduled to be approved at the April 18 Council meeting.