

CITY OF SALEM IL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 6, 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 – May 16, 2022
 - 2. Boards and Commissions – Approval of Mayoral appointments.
 - 3. Authorize bid approval for gas line replacement project in Lakewood Estates area.
 - 4. Second review of DBS Disposal service for surcharge.
 - 5. First reading on changes to ordinance under Ch 7 for East Lawn Cemetery fees and rules.
 - 6. Enactment of Ordinance on terminal fee structure for video gaming machines for 2023.
 - 7. Authorization for Disc Golf Tourney by Salem Disc Golf in Bryan Memorial Park
 - 8. Authorization of transfer of business district developmental incentive agreement from MPH Hotels to Diya Salem Hotels, LLC. for the remainder of the original agreement.
 - 9. Request for subrogation of lien instrument on Salem American Legion property

- VI. City Manager and Dept Head Reports**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. City Council Member Reports**

- IX. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager

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This date in history –

On June 6, 1944, Allied forces invaded Europe. The Normandy landings, the largest amphibious invasion ever undertaken, took years to plan, involved the invention of new technologies and proved that Hitler's 'Fortress Europe' was made of sand.

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1. Consent agenda – Approval of minutes of the May 16th, 2022 Salem City Council minutes. **Recommend approval.**
2. Mayoral appointments – The Mayor requests appointments of the following residents to local boards and commissions: Planning Commission – Greg Jones, Library Board – Jennifer Dice, Zoning Board of Appeals – Jason Smith. **Recommend Approval of the appointments.**
3. Public Works Dept. has solicited bids for a gas line replacement project for Winners Circle and a portion of Lakewood Estates. Bids were requested for the 2022 Gas Line Improvement Project which includes the area around Circle Dr. and Lakeview Dr. Only one bid was received, Utility Safety & Design bid \$208,600.00 for the installation portion of the job. Materials were previously ordered when price increases and availability were discussed. The job complete will be right at our budgeted amount of \$295,000.00. **Recommend the approval of the bid from Utility Safety & Design for installation at a total cost of \$208,600.00.**
4. DBS Disposal Service has requested a surcharge of \$1.00 per household to offset rising costs in his fuel, lubricants transfer fees and miscellaneous expenses for picking up trash in Salem. The Council had previously countered with \$0.50 per household but that did not cover his rising cost and he was considering opting out of his contract. He indicates that when fuel costs for Diesel goes back down below \$4.75 per gallon, he would remove the surcharge. A detailed list of his increased cost figures has been provided to Council members in a separate communication. **Recommend approval of the \$1.00 per household per month to DBS Disposal retroactive to the March billing cycle.**
5. First Reading – The attached document shows the proposed changes to the current Chapter 7 language of City Ordinances concerning operation of the East Lawn Cemetery. Changes are to the cost of grave lot sales, openings, disinterment and weekend rate differentials. Also included are changes to the rules regarding placement of additional ornamentation other than specific dates for Memorial Day, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, etc. The addition of ornamentation around a grave site throughout the year creates additional work for mowing crews. Also included are internment rates for cremains and the cost to open and reopen the proposed Columbarium for cremated remains. Pictures will be provided to show the extent of some grave ornamentations currently being experienced at East Lawn Cemetery. **Council can pass the changes to the ordinance at this meeting, or take action after a second reading.**
6. In a prior Council meeting the Council had agreed to begin instituting a terminal fee for video gaming machines operated by local businesses other than Not-for-profit organizations. The Ordinance has been prepared and is ready for approval. **Recommending approval of the Ordinance 22-___ for video gaming terminal fee structure to begin in 2023.**
7. A Disc Golf tourney at the course set up in Bryan Park as a fundraiser has been proposed and requires approval for the event by Council. Salem Disc Golf is proposing a tournament on Saturday, June 18, 2022 with an entry fee of \$25.00 per player. Proceeds of the tournament will cover the cost of a cash prize for first place and other prizes for other places and is being designed to raise funds to replace some of the chains on the existing baskets that have begun to rust. This tournament will help to bring awareness to the Salem Course and provide ancillary income at local restaurants, etc.

8. The City of Salem authorized a business incentive agreement with MPH Hotels as part of their agreement to build and operate the Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Salem. The agreement provides a rebate of 90% of the local motel tax and is due to expire in 2023. MPH is selling the hotel to another buyer and is asking that the incentive agreement be transferred to their name for the remainder of the agreement. The new owners will take possession as Diya Salem Hotels, LLC. **Recommending approval of the transfer of the business incentive agreement for the remainder of the original term to Diya Salem Hotels, LLC.**
9. The City of Salem had previously utilized the Revolving Loan Fund to provide financial assistance to the Salem American Legion and placed a second mortgage on file behind a mortgage of Marion County Savings Bank. The Legion is requesting additional loan funds and the City does not have the RLF fund available at this time. Marion County Savings Bank is willing to loan the additional monies to the Legion but will need to file a new mortgage on the property and is requesting that the City be willing to subrogate our mortgage to a second position to their new mortgage instrument. Our current loan balance is about \$36,000. **Recommending approval of the subrogation agreement with Marion County Savings Bank on the Salem American Legion property.**