

**CITY OF SALEM IL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Sept. 6, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

A short meet and greet for our new Chief of Police Kyle Ambuehl at 5:30 pm, prior to the start of the Council meeting.

- 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 – Aug. 15, 2022
 - 2. Swearing in of newly appointed Chief of Police Kyle Ambuehl and Sergeant Tyler Rose
 - 3. Resolution 2022-06 – A resolution agreeing to levy an additional 0.02% for maintenance, repair, and alterations of Bryan-Bennett Library buildings and equipment, as provided for in Illinois State Statutes 75ILCS 5/3-4
 - 4. Ordinance 2022- 14 - approving the “sale or give-away” of the commemorative marker at Bicentennial Plaza (*sale of land pending*)
 - 5. Ordinance 2022-15 – review and possible action on revised Cemetery Ordinance
 - 6. Discussion on the upcoming renewal of a contract with AGE for continued electrical service discounts
 - 7. Presentation of the results of the annual audit by Fick, Eggemeyer & Williamson Certified Public Accountants, LLC

- VI. City Manager and Dept Head reports**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. City Council member report**

- IX. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager

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Quote of the day –

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

Helen Keller

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1. Consent agenda – Approval of minutes of the August 1, 2022 Salem City Council meeting. **Recommend approval of the minutes from August 15th, 2022.**
2. Swearing in of newly appointed Salem Police Chief, Kyle Ambuehl and newly promoted Sergeant Tyler Rose.
3. Adoption of resolution 2022-06 agreeing to levy 0.02% on the property tax levy in the coming year for Bryan Bennett Library for the purpose of building maintenance and equipment as provided under Illinois State Statutes 75ILCS 5/3-4. **Recommend approval of the resolution to levy funds for Bryan Bennett Library building and equipment needs.**
4. The commemorative marker dedicating the Bi-Centennial Plaza from 1976 will need to be removed due to the sale of the property. The two daughters of former Mayor John R. Jones have indicated an interest in getting the marker. **Recommend approval of the surplus and subsequent sale of the marker.**
5. An ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 7 of the Salem Code of Ordinances titled - "Cemetery" has been prepared to replace the current one for the East Lawn Cemetery operations. The ordinance **covers** the issues previously considered and discussed by Council and sets new cost parameters for services and lots in the East Lawn Cemetery. **Recommend approval of the new Ordinance 2022-15 to repeal and replace the existing ordinance covering operations of the East Lawn Cemetery.**
6. The City of Salem has a working agreement with Affordable Gas and Electric (AGE) for the purpose of contracting our electric service cost for City properties and street lights. Currently electricity rates are on the rise and our contract is scheduled to expire in March of 2023. Renewal of the agreement with AGE will allow them to seek bids for the electric services and get a more competitive price than the open market currently holds. **Recommend approval of the renewal of the agreement with Affordable Gas and Electric for electric services to City facilities and street lighting.**
7. The CPA firm of Fick, Eggemeyer and Williamson will be on hand to present the audit findings of their review of the City's financial records for FY 2021-2022. **Recommend approval of the audit report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.**