

**CITY OF SALEM IL  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
December 5, 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 – November 21st, 2022
  - 2. Authorization to move forward with July 4<sup>th</sup> and Bicentennial Celebration plans.
  - 3. Discussion on the topic of changes on requirements to establish residential occupancy above downtown commercial buildings.
  - 4. Public Works has a non-budgeted repair request for replacing the roofing at the bathroom facility in Bryan Memorial Park near the stage.
  
- 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 –*

“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.”

- H Jackson Brown Jr.

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1. Consent agenda – Approval of minutes of the November 21st, 2022 Salem City Council meeting. **Recommend approval of the minutes as presented from November 21st, 2022.**
2. Seeking authorization to commence with the planning of the 2023 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. 2023 activities will also include the celebration of the Bicentennial, with events in Bryan Memorial Park. Requesting the date be decided: whether continuing with the events on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, a Tuesday in 2023, or move to Saturday, July 1. Also requesting authorization to make arrangements with Bill Poss to hire the stage entertainment, for solicitation of food trucks, and to authorize the expenditure for the fireworks. **Recommending selection of a date to host the music and fireworks as well as the Bi-centennial festivities for Saturday, July 1, 2023 and to authorize proceeding with plans for all of those events as well as authorizing the expenditure for the fireworks display.**
3. For open discussion – A few downtown businesses have expressed frustration over the zoning in the downtown business district that requires a special use permit to allow for residency above their store fronts. The current code requires that the special use permit be obtained for the current owner and that plans be provided that bear an architect’s seal of approval. Once the special use permit is in place the permit would pass to the next owner.
4. Public works has noticed an issue with water seeping in near the skylights in the roof of the public bathrooms near the stage in Bryan Park. Several attempts have been made to caulk and seal the area without success. Public Works is recommending that the skylights be removed and filled in with plywood and the roof be re-shingled to make it weather tight. Several contractors were contacted but only one (McCoy Construction and Roofing) replied with a bid of \$4,400.00 to remove the shingles, and skylights, fill the space and re-roof. The cost of this repair was unanticipated and therefore not budgeted, but is recommended to avoid damage to the interior. **Recommending approval of the expenditure of \$4,400.00 to McCoy Construction & Roofing to repair the roof to the bathroom near the park stage.**