

CITY OF SALEM IL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 16, 2023 – 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 – January 3, 2023
 - 2. Presentation of new K-9 officer to the City Council.
 - 3. Ceremonial Swearing in of Daniel Bosomworth as sergeant for the Salem Police Department.
 - 4. Resolution supporting Tax Increment Financing in Illinois.
 - 5. Request to approve a contract extension with Metro-Ag, Inc. for transportation and disposal of residuals from the wastewater and water treatment plants.
 - 6. Review and discussion on water rates and the need to increase to cover current expenses.
 - 7. Review and discussion on residential garbage surcharge from DBS Disposal
 - 8. Review of account payables list for the period of Dec. 19 2022 through Jan 13, 2023.

- 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
 - b. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) Minutes

- X. Council Action After Executive Session (cont.)**
 - 9. Action on the minutes from prior executive sessions for the following dates; 7/18/22, 8/15/22, 12/19/22 and 1/3/23.
 - 10. Approval of Resolution 2023-02 Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes
 - 11. Possible Action on Personnel

- XI. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager

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Quote of the day –

“Success is not final. Failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” – Winston Churchill

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1. Consent agenda – Approval of minutes of the January 3, 2023 Salem City Council meeting. **Recommend approval of the minutes as presented from January 3rd, 2023.**
2. Presentation of the new K-9 officer to the City Council. K-9 Officer Grant Green and K-9 Civka will be in attendance to introduce the new K-9 duo to the Council and answer any questions from Council and staff.
3. Presentation and ceremonial swearing in of Daniel Bosomworth as a newly appointed Sergeant for the Salem Police Department.
4. We are presenting a resolution supporting the Tax Increment Financing tool in Illinois. The resolution identifies the TIF option as a critical mechanism to spur economic growth and addresses areas of blight and underperforming areas for the municipality. The resolution will be forwarded to the Illinois Municipal League for their efforts to urge the Governor and General Assembly to maintain TIF in its current form. **Recommending approval of Resolution 2023-01 supporting Tax Increment Financing.**
5. Request to approve a renewal contract with Metro-Ag, Inc. for the removal and transportation with agricultural land utilization of the residual sludge from the water and waste water treatment plants. The existing contract has been at \$0.051 cents per gallon and the renewal has increased to \$0.06 per gallon of sludge for a two-year contract. Metro-Ag has provided this service for the city for several years and has performed very satisfactory service. The average expenditures for the sludge removal over the last three years has been \$76,213 per year. This is a budgeted expense. **Recommend approval to renew the contract with Metro-Ag Inc. for two years at \$0.06 per gallon.**
6. Council has asked to review water rates in January of 2023. The last rate increase has helped to limit the loss from operations. Rate increases for usages from 1,000 gallons (minimum billing amount) to 6,000 gallons will be provided as examples. Operating costs continue to rise with the necessary chemical costs increasing. We continue to see the need to update or replace equipment at the water plant and the raising of the rate would help to offset that expense.
7. Review of the garbage surcharges of \$1.00 per residence per month and the decision to maintain city financial support or to pass the cost on to the customer. The surcharge was requested due to increased fuel costs and fees associated with the transfer stations. While fuel prices have come down some in recent months, they are forecasted to increase again before the summer months arrive. Even with the surcharge, the contract rate with DBS Disposal is less than other area trash services.
8. Review of the account payables for the City of Salem for the period of December 19, 2022 through Jan. 13, 2023. Council members will have an opportunity to review expenses. **Recommend approval of the account payables for the period of December 19 through January 13, 2023.**
9. Action on Closed Session minutes of 7/18/22, 8/15/22, 12/19/22, 1/.03/23
10. The City Clerk has updated the lists of closed session minutes. **Recommend approval of Resolution 2023-02 Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes.**
11. Possible action on Personnel.