

**CITY OF SALEM IL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 17, 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 – January 3, 2022
 - 2. Request from Local Girl Scout Troop to Use City Property for Fundraiser
 - 3. Agreement with Mission Salem to Utilize the Save A Lot Building for Construction of Ramps, Etc.
 - 4. Authorization to Proceed with Water Line Installation on West Kell St.
 - 5. Authorization to Proceed with Repairs and Pavement Overlay at Kell & Rt 37 S Intersection
 - 6. Update on Water Rate Balances and Costs
 - 7. Accounts Payable Review for Period of Dec. 16, 2021 through Jan. 13, 2022

- VI. City Manager and Dept Head reports**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. City Council member reports**
- IX. Executive Session –**
 - 1. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) – Personnel
 - 2. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) – Semi Annual Review of Executive Session Minutes

- X. City Council Action (cont.)**
 - 1. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of 9/30/2021 and 1/03/2022
 - 2. Approval of Resolution 2022-01 Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes

- XI. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager

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Quote of the day;

You’ve got to think about the big things while you’re doing the small things so that all the small things go in the right direction. –

Alvin Toffler

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1. Review of minutes from Jan 3, 2022 meeting for approval. Recommend approval.
2. A local Girl Scout Troop has requested permission to have a drive through cookie sale on the parking lot of the former Save A Lot store. They intend to take orders and sell the cookies from 10am to 2pm. Requesting permission to allow them to fundraise on City property.
3. Mission Salem is looking for a new space to hold meetings and construct their handicap ramps and prepare other items to assist local residents. It is suggested that we allow them to use the Save A Lot building until the City is in a position to re-issue a bond issue to cover the cost of converting the building into an updated Police Station. In exchange for access and use of the building they are willing to assist in removing some of the surplus mini-walls, clean up the flooring and convert the rear double door entrance into a roll-up 12' x 12' doorway. Recommending approval.
4. Public works has included the cost to install a new water line on West Kell St. from South College to Rt 37 in this years budget. This would create a full loop on the water line on the south end of town and provide better water pressure to customers in the area. The project had originally been planned and then a possible grant was going to be used but the grant has not been issued. We will need to get new pricing on the project before going out for bid but feel that the project is needed now and could help commercial and residential customers alike. Recommending approval to move forward with the project.
5. Public works has budgeted funds to repair and resurface the east end of West Kell St to improve the access ramp and road surface on West Kell to coincide with the installation of a new water line. The money has been budget in the last few years but the project has not been started because we were waiting to see if grant funds would be forthcoming. The grant funds appear to not be appropriated yet and the project needs to move forward. Recommending approval to proceed with bid letting on the work.
6. The water rate implemented in August of 2021 has produced an increase in revenue to help minimize the shortfall in the water department budget. Additional cost savings can be attributed to the revision in procedures and cost management by our water department staff. The time frame for the collection of additional revenues from September through December do not adequately reflect the entire year's usage and it is premature to determine what the fund balances will be like after a year of usage. It is recommended that the current rates remain the same until we can obtain a full year of revenue figures.
7. Accounts payable figures for the time frame from Dec. 16, 2021 to January 13th, 2022 are tabulated and in the council members packet for review. Questions are encouraged and approval of the accounts payable are recommended.