

CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 3, 2020 – 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. City Council Minutes – request approval for 07-20-2020 minutes
 - 2. Request to adopt a name for the historical museum
 - 3. Request approval for payment to J.K. Trotter & Sons for repairs to sewer lines
 - 4. Request authorization to replace/repair electrical transformer at the Salem Water Plant.
 - 5. Request to purchase and upgrade drive-by and handheld radio meter reading equipment for the gas and water departments
 - 6. Ratification of contracts for Engineers & Operators Union and the Fraternal Order of Police on a three-year contract term.

- VI. City Manager Report**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. City Council Members Report**

- XIII. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager
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Quote of the day –

Failure is only the opportunity to begin again more intelligently
- Henry Ford

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2. The Salem Historical Commission is making progress on the museum to display local historical items of interest. Chairman Luke Purcell plans to be present to request that the museum be named the Salem Area Historical Museum. Recommend Council approval.
3. The City recently had some Sewer line breaks that required some additional equipment for digging deep enough and providing a safety cage. J.K. Trotter & Sons, Inc. had the necessary equipment nearby and was called to assist City Crews. Blockages were at the corner of Shelby and Oglesby and in the intersection of Bennett and Hamilton Streets. Additional work was needed on the Sanitary Sewer Line piping near East Main St. Costs for the collapsed sewer lines was \$3,675.00 each and the work on the line near Main Street was \$4,420.00. Total Cost is \$11,770.00. These were not planned or budgeted repairs. Recommend approval for work already completed.
4. During the weekend of July 19th Salem experienced an electrical storm that damaged a transformer on the Ameren line and created a power surge at both the Salem Aquatics Center and the Salem Waste Water Treatment plant. The electrical surge damaged some relays and fuses that had to be replaced at the Aquatics Center and caused damage to a harmonic filter transformer at the Waste Water Treatment plant. Both the fuses and the filter took the brunt of the surge and protected more costly equipment beyond them. Repair cost for the Aquatics Center are not known at this time but could be nominal. The Waste Water Treatment plant damage was to a harmonic filter transformer which will need to be repaired or replaced. Replacement with a new device was estimated at \$9,850.00 by Livesay Electric and repair cost for the device was estimated at \$8,000.00. Our out of pocket deductible is \$10,000.00. Requesting authorization to replace the Harmonic Filter with a new unit.
5. Request to purchase new drive-by and handheld meter reading equipment from United Systems. This is a budgeted purchase. The purchase includes new software and tablet and two handheld reading devices along with installation and training on the new software. See attached for additional information. Software cost with 7" tablet is \$14,995, installation cost with training cost is \$4,475.00, two handheld devices at \$1,995.00 each for a total of \$23,460. There are optional items for a larger tablet and warranty items. Lead Time on the order is running at 3 months.
6. Contract negotiations for the Operators and Engineers and the Fraternal Order of Police have reached an agreement for each union. Council members have received details of the contract changes. The union members have agreed to the contract and so have our department heads. Requesting ratification of the three-year contract by the City Council.