

CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Sept 20, 2021 – 6:00 PM

DUE TO THE RECENT UPSURGE IN POSITIVE COVID CASES THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD REMOTELY. PLEASE SEE THE ZOOM INFORMATION BELOW TO JOIN IN.

- 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 – Council meeting of Sept. 7, 2021.
 - 2. Request for temporary street closure on West North Alley on October 2, 2021.
 - 3. Request to install dock from private property onto City Reservoir.
 - 4. Request for approval of professional services from Gonzalez Companies.
 - 5. Recommendation from Planning Commission on rezoning property on Airport road.
 - 6. Request to open new bank account for ARPA Grant funds.
 - 7. Review and acceptance of bids for refinance of general obligation bonds and adoption of ordinance
 - 8. Review of accounts payable for August 16th through Sept 17th, 2021

- VI. City Manager and Department Head Reports**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. Executive Session**
 - a. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) – Personnel
 - b. Review of Closed Session Minutes – 7/06/2021

- IX. City Council Action (following Executive Session)**
 - a. Drug Task Force contract renewal
 - b. Approval of Closed Session Minutes – 7/06/2021

- X. City Council Members Report**
- XI. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager

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Quote of the day;

We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way. The third is freedom of want... the fourth is freedom from fear.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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1. Minutes from the previous meeting of Sept. 7 have been provided for review and corrections prior to approval. Recommend approval.
2. The Salem Elks Club is requesting a temporary road closing for the Saturday of Little Egypt Festival. They have been asked to host some live music after the parade and want to close the road between the Elks parking lot and the Medicine Shoppe to accommodate a larger crowd. Requesting approval.
3. A local realtor has asked if the City would allow property owners on lots adjacent to the City Reservoir to construct docks out onto the water from their property. In recent years the requests have been denied by Public Works since it involves crossing City property around the reservoir for access. We do not allow swimming in the lake. The City Attorney has indicated that the City of Centralia has had several problems arise from docks falling into disrepair and other issues. Recommend that permission be denied.
4. Gonzalez Companies had provided an agreement for professional services for monitoring the Salem Landfill wells and boundaries. This was mentioned at the last meeting but was not delivered in time to be listed as an agenda item. Cost is based on time and materials. Gonzalez has also provided an estimate for services for civil and site work at the proposed soccer complex. A field survey to determine boundaries and a topographic survey is estimated to cost \$5,500.00. A site design work for site development plans is included with a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00. Requesting approval.
5. The Planning Commission met on Sept 14, to review a petition to amend the zoning of a 5.15-acre tract on Airport Road from RS-5 Residential to B-6 Commercial to allow for the construction of large storage units. The Commission recommends that there be no change to the zoning of the property and that the petition for zoning amendment be denied.
6. We are anticipating the receipt of funds from the ARPA grant and would like to put them in a new account to keep them separate from general fund balances. The audit report suggested that the Finance Director receive approval from Council or the City Manager to open or close accounts with banks. Requesting approval to open a separate bank account for the ARPA funds.
7. We have received the results from the bid process for the refinancing of two general obligation bonds. Piper Sandler solicited bids from 45 investors with 9 investors responding with either full or partial funding proposals. The low bidder is Key Government Finance with a rate offering of 0.925% with an APR after fee inclusions of 1.17%. The current rate on the obligation bonds is at 2.5% or higher on a variable rate structure. Local banks were included in the solicitation but their rate offering was higher or only wanted to include a portion of the bond amount. We recommend the selection of the low bid from Key Government Finance. Piper Sandler has provided an ordinance that is available for approval.
8. Review of accounts payable items from the date of the second Council meeting in August. Recommend approval.