

**CITY OF SALEM**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 6, 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
    - City Council Minutes – request approval for 10-16-2023 meeting minutes.
  - 2. Discussion and possible action on changes to the procedures to obtain a special event liquor license.
  - 3. Request from Chris Ice to waive lien on property he is looking to purchase at 335 W. Porter St. in Salem.
  - 4. Review of TIF request for façade improvements at 113 E. Main St., Salem
  - 5. Request to approve a housing study for the City of Salem to be completed by the end of the fiscal year.
  - 6. Review of bids for a new contract for residential garbage collection in Salem.
  
- VI. City Manager Report with Department Head Updates**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. City Council Members Report**
- IX. Executive Session – potential sale of real estate**
  - 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (6) Sale of Real Estate
- X. Return to Open Session**
- IX. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee  
City Manager  
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*Quote of the Day –*

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."  
-Robert Louis Stevenson

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1. Consent Agenda – Council members have been provided with a copy of the minutes from the prior Council meeting held on October 16, 2023. **Recommending approval of the minutes of October 16, 2023 as presented.**
2. Discussion on changes to the procedure to obtain a special event liquor license. Recent experience with a few groups wanting to have a special event liquor license have occurred with short notice and some rejections due to a lack of time or documentation. Mayor Farley would like to discuss making some changes including that the request must be made at least 10 days prior to the event and be accompanied with a local licensed liquor establishment. **For discussion.**
3. Presentation from Chris Ice who is looking to purchase a property at 335 W. Porter Street in Salem as a potential residential home site. The former residence on the property had been allowed to deteriorate to the point that the City stepped in and demolished the home. The costs of the demolition and the removal of the debris was applied as a lien on the property. The lien amount is \$7,305.32. The current owner, Melanie Johnson, had contacted City staff members about waiving the lien and the request was denied. She is now selling the property to Chris and has indicated that the City might waive the lien amount if he was to build a home on the site.  
**Recommending the city not waive the lien on the property.**
4. An application for TIF financing has been presented for consideration. Stanford Enterprises, LLC and Josh Dice are requesting TIF funds to replace the façade on the business address at 113 E. Main Street. The estimated cost of the TIF-eligible improvements mounts to \$1,895.00 with a request for assistance in the amount of 50% of the project or \$947.50 or less if the project cost is less. This improvement would align itself with the strategic plan item to improve the appearance of the down town area. **Recommending approval of Ordinance 2023-17 -- TIF agreement for Stanford Enterprises LLC and Josh Dice out of TIF 3 funds in the amount of 50% of the estimated project cost.**
5. Request to enter into an agreement with a firm to conduct a housing study within the City Limits and target completion prior to the end of the current fiscal year. Economic Development Director Dellicarpini has researched similar companies and is providing information on the scope and cost to have a study completed by Tracy Cross and Associates, Inc. They have provided a list of the scope of their research and potential cost of \$15,750.00 in the attached document.  
**Recommending discussion and approval of the housing study.**
6. A bid opening was held at City Hall for those interested in bidding on a new garbage collection contract. Bid packets were sent to 15 trash services. There were four (4) companies represented at the opening and there were five (5) bids received and reviewed. The bid requested that the contractors provide a quote based on the use of a tote with the trash truck utilizing a mechanical arm to grab and dump the trash from the tote. A summary of the bid pricing and conditions is included in the Council packet. The companies bidding on the proposed contract include: DBS Disposal, AAA Disposal, LRS f/k/a Doty Sanitation, Republic Services, and Sunrise Sanitation.  
**Recommending discussion of the new contract for residential garbage collection in Salem.**