

**CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 15, 2021 – 6:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments**
- IV. Mayor Pro Tem's Report and Presentations**
 - 1. Swearing in of new police officer Mason McMeen**
 - 2. Proclamation for Salem Lions Club 85th Anniversary**

- V. City Council Action**
 - 1. Consent Agenda
 - a. City Council Minutes – request approval for 03-01-2021 minutes
 - 2. Request approval to borrow low interest funds from State Illinois Finance Authority; Local Government Natural Gas Loan Purchase Program to cover the higher cost of gas in the short term.
 - 3. Presentation of proposal for FY22 General Fund budget
 - 4. Presentation of Accounts payable for Feb 12 – March 12, 2021

- VI. City Manager Report with Department Head Updates**
- VIII. City Attorney Report**
- IX. City Council Members Report**
- XI. Motion to Adjourn**

Rex A. Barbee
City Manager

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Quote of the Day – We know that man was created, not with and instinct for his own degradation, but imbued with the desire and the power for improvement to which, perchance, there may be no limit short of perfection even here in this life upon earth. - Andrew Carnegie

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1. Request to approve minutes from prior meeting of Feb 22, 2021. These minutes are for the rescheduled meeting that would have been held on Feb 16, 2021.
2. The City suffered from a severe winter storm on Monday Feb. 15th with a large amount of snow and a long cold spell. One of the casualties of the storm was the higher usage of natural gas by the City's customers and also the higher pricing on the open market to purchase larger than expected quantities of natural gas. The State's Illinois Financing Authority is accepting applications for a low interest loan at 1.0% for a loan term of 3 years. The City would like to borrow the cost of the gas incurred in February in the amount of \$680,000 and spread the payments out over a three-year period. Requesting authorization to participate in the low interest loan program.
3. Presentation of draft for FY22 General Fund Line-Item Budget. The second portion of the budget will be presented on April 5th and approval of the budget will be scheduled for April 19th. Each Department head has reviewed their revenue sources and corresponding expenses and prepared a budget for their department. Keli has combined those numbers into the General Budget figures.
4. Presentation of accounts payable for time period of Feb. 12 through March 12, 2021. Requesting approval.