

**CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 20, 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 11-6-2023 meeting minutes.
 - 2. Second reading of the proposed levy breakdown for the Marion County Property Tax. And Ordinance to establish the Levy.
 - 3. Resolution to abate taxes for General Obligation Series 2021 Bond
 - 4. Review of proposal for renewal of the City’s Property and Casualty and auto coverage along with workman’s compensation benefits from ICRMT with a presentation from Kane Insurance with possible approval.
 - 5. Review and approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Salem Fire Protection District with the use of TIF 2 funds.
 - 6. Review of bids for a new contract for residential garbage collection in Salem.
 - 7. Review and approval of Accounts Payable for period of October 16th thru November 16, 2023.

- 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 –

“Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose.”
-Lyndon B. Johnson

**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 20, 2023 – 6:00 pm**

- I. Call to Order**

The regular November 20, 2023 meeting of the Salem City Council was convened in the Council Chambers of Salem City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nicolas Farley at 6:00 PM.

Council members present:
Councilman Royce Bringwald
Councilwoman Tracy Crouch
Councilman Jim Koehler
Councilman Craig Morton
Mayor Nicolas Farley

Council members absent:
None

Others present:
City Manager Rex Barbee
City Clerk Tabitha Meador
City Attorney Mike Jones
Public Works Director Annette Sola
Code Enforcement Officer Dave Lusch
Members of the Media and Public

Police Chief Kyle Ambuehl
Economic Development Director Leah Dellicarpini
Finance Director Keli Roth
Assistant Public Works Director Courtney Mitchell
Director of Emergency Management Andrew Strong

- II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilman Koehler offered the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments – none.

IV. Mayor's Report and Presentations

- indicated there may be changes to the Liquor Code brought forth, after further review;
- indicated changes to the personnel policy may be coming forth to be compliant with the state Paid Time Off for All law that goes into effect January 1, 2024;
- indicated the Salem Community High School drama club put on a fantastic play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*;
- congratulated Bruce Kropp for becoming the owner of WJBD Radio;
- wished everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving".

V. City Council Action

1. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes – November 6, 2023

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Crouch to approve the minutes of November 6, 2023 meeting, as presented. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. Second reading of the proposed levy breakdown for the Marion County Property Tax, and ordinance to establish the levy.

City Manager Barbee indicated this is the second reading of the City's proposed tax levy and ordinance Levy for submission to Marion County Clerk Steve Fox. The revised levy includes a revision in the Social Security portion for the Bryan Bennett Library staff. ***Motion made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to approve Ordinance 2023-19, an Ordinance Levying Taxes for the Corporate Purposed for the Current Fiscal Year – May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Crouch, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

3. Resolution to abate taxes for General Obligation Series 2021 Bond.

City Manager Barbee indicated this abatement will reduce the City's tax levy by the amount to be collected for the General Obligation Bonds from 2021 as identified at the bottom of the tax levy explanation. ***Motion made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Crouch to approve Resolution 2023-10, Abating Taxes for the General Obligation Bonds Series 2021. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

4. Review of proposal for renewal of the City's Property and Casualty and auto coverage along with workman's compensation benefits from ICRMT with a presentation from Kane Insurance with possible approval.

Mayor Farley indicated that he, along with Department Heads, had met with Bob Kane and Tom Kane to review the policy through Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT). Mr. Bob Kane then provided a review of the policy. The coverage includes, but is not limited to general liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Auto liability and physical damage, public official's liability, excess liability, cyber liability, property coverage, sales tax interruption, crime and worker's compensation. The new premium represents an increase of 10% in cost over the prior amount. ***Motion was made by Councilwoman Crouch and seconded by Councilman Koehler to approve the renewal package for insurance through Kane Insurance and ICRMT as presented with necessary adjustments made by the City Manager or Finance Director. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

5. Review and approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Salem Fire Protection District with the use of TIF 2 funds.

Mayor Farley indicated this is an intergovernmental agreement with the Salem Fire Protection District for an expenditure of \$125,000 from TIF 2 for a new-to-the-department aerial firetruck. The agreement is contingent on the City being able to secure an extension of the TIF 2 district for an additional twelve years, and the SFPD's support thereof. The aerial truck has an overall cost of +\$400,000 and will not be available until the end of next year. ***Motion by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to Ordinance 2023-20, an intergovernmental agreement approving the use of \$125,000 of TIF 2 Funds to the Salem Fire Protection District, contingent upon support of the TIF 2 extension. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Morton,***

Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Crouch, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

6. Review of bids for a new contract for residential garbage collection in Salem.

Public Works Director Sola indicated that regardless of the contract awardee, we are going to be forced to increase rates. The references provided by each garbage collector were contacted, and checked out. Following discussion, ***motion by Councilwoman Crouch and seconded by Councilman Koehler to award the five-year residential garbage collection contract to Sunrise Sanitation. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Koehler, Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Morton. NAYS: Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. Motion carried.***

7. Review and approval of Accounts Payable lists from October 16 through November 16, 2023.

Following review, ***motion made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilman Bringwald to approve the Accounts Payable lists from October 16 through November 16, 2023. Roll call votes: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.***

VI. City Manager and Department Head Reports

City Manager Barbee

- apologized for being absent at the last Council meeting due to illness;
- indicated the Recreation Department-YMCA is hosting a Christmas game night on December 1 at 6 PM at the Salem Community Activities Center and the Downtown Christmas on December 2;
- indicated the Kaskaskia College Foundation is hosting their annual Gala on December 9.

City Clerk Meador – No report.

Public Works Director Sola –

- indicated she has been contacted by a company that installs solar panels on municipal landfills, and representatives would like to attend the next Council meeting;
- Indicated IDOT has nothing in their plans through FY28 to repave Route 50 in front of Walmart.

Finance Director Roth –

- indicated she needs to open a bank account for the Demolition grant, which is standard for grant administration.

Economic Development Director Dellicarpini –

- indicated there is a Strategic Plan Update lunch meeting scheduled for December 4.

Police Chief Ambuehl – No report.

Director of Emergency Management Strong –

- indicated he attended the IEMA Region 9 planning meeting for the upcoming April 8, 2024 Eclipse;
- indicated IEMA will be moving Region 9 Headquarters to Salem.

VII. City Attorney Report – No report.

VIII. City Council Member Reports –

Councilman Koehler –

- indicated the high school drama team put on an amazing, funny play;
- indicated that he was upset due to the flags not being hung in honor of Veterans Day;
- indicated he would like gutters cleaned at the Bryan Home and the graffiti cleaned from the sidewalk near the statue garden.

Councilman Bringwald –

- indicated dirt work has begun at the soccer field.

IX. Executive Session – potential sale of real estate: 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (6) Sale of Real Estate

Motion made at 7:15 PM by Councilman Bringwald and seconded by Councilwoman Crouch to enter into Executive Session after a five-minute break to discuss the potential sale of real estate. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

X. Return to Open Session

Return to open session at 7:34 PM.

Motion made by Councilman Bringwald and seconded by Councilman Koehler to reject the bids received. Roll call vote: Councilman Morton, Councilman Koehler, Councilman Bringwald, Councilwoman Crouch, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Councilman Koehler and seconded by Councilwoman Crouch to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilman Bringwald, Councilman Koehler, Councilwoman Crouch, Councilman Morton, Mayor Farley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Tabitha Meador
City Clerk

Minutes approved: _____