

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY, 20 2015
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. Approval of Minutes –June 6, 2015 Regular Meeting
 - 2. Bills Payable
 - 3. Approval of ABATE Freedom Riders Request to Use Men's Softball Field on August 8 for Fundraiser
 - 4. Request from Little Egypt Festival to hold "Sunday Fun Day" on Oct 4, 2015
 - 5. Open Bids for Sale of 1414 S Broadway
 - 6. Approval of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Bids
 - 7. Action on Recommendation from Planning Commission
 - 8. First Reading – Ordinance Making Amendments to City Liquor Code
 - 9. Authorization to Implement a Five-Year Gas Futures Purchase
 - 10. Approval of Bid for Retired City Leaf Vac

- VI. City Manager Report**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. Finance Director Report**
- IX. City Council Report**

- X. Adjournment**

Bill Gruen
City Manager

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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

V. City Council Action

3. **Approval of ABATE Freedom Riders Request to Use Men's Softball Field:** See the attached request to use the men's softball field for a softball tournament fundraiser for the purchase of Christmas gifts. The field is available for this tournament.
4. **Request from Little Egypt Festival to hold "Sunday Fun Day":** See the attached request from Jay Henke of the Little Egypt Festival for family activities at Bryan Park after the Saturday of Little Egypt Festival.
5. **Open Bids for Sale of 1414 S Broadway:** The deadline for proposals to purchase 1414 S Broadway is July 17, 2015. The Council can open the bids we receive Monday night and read them. I don't recommend that the Council take any action so that the bids can be reviewed prior to action.
6. **Approval of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Bids:** Rhutasel & Associates helped the City review MFT bids for street chipping projects scheduled for this year. Low bid for seal coat comes from Howell Paving, totaling \$81,630.16. Low bid for pea gravel comes from Quad County, totaling \$32,712.00. Recommend approval of the low bids.

John Pruden would like to push oil/chipping a little further this year, so additional quantities were bid and the cost of this year's project would be about \$14,300 over budget. We have MFT dollars on hand to do additional work, and a budget amendment may be proposed at the end of the fiscal year to account for the additional work.
7. **Action on Recommendation from Planning Commission:** A request was made to rezone property at South Marshall Street from R2 to R3 to allow for the placement of a mobile home. The Planning Commission met on July 14 and had recommended that the property not be rezoned. The reported reason for the denial is a trend to move away from mobile homes in this neighborhood. The City Council can either confirm the Planning Commission's recommendation or overrule it. See Section 23-7 in the City's Code of Ordinance for background on this process.
8. **First Reading – Ordinance Making Amendments to City Liquor Code:** Enclosed are draft changes to the City's Liquor Ordinance to accomplish a reorganization of liquor license holders and which would permit all sales on Sundays. The draft changes very closely reflect those discussed at a prior Council meeting. I have a few notes:

- a) A review of the Liquor Ordinance revealed that the provision for the Class H license for the Community Center may not reflect some of its longtime practices. Language is stricken to account for these practices (the prohibition for alcohol at athletic events should probably be retained).
- b) I've tried to group all license holders whose primary commercial activity involves amusements, including video gaming, into Class G. Some of these license holders are currently Class D license holders, which means their fees would decrease from \$1,500 to \$600 unless a change was made to increase the fee for Class G licenses. Making such a change would also cause the fee for at least one other license holder to increase from \$400 to \$1,500. If an increase in the fee is desired, the City could give a couple-year reprieve from the fee increase.
- c) There's a sentence in the Class E license pertaining to open hours that reads incorrect and also needs to change.

9. **Authorization to Implement a Five-Year Gas Futures Purchase:** Ron Ragan of Utility Gas Management (UGM) purchases market gas on behalf of the City. Ron has been discussing with me, along with some of the City's largest gas customers, the possibility that we would strike a five-year gas futures purchase. This is not a typical winter strip hedge which I have implemented under the general authority of the city manager. Essentially, we are approaching a period of time when the cost of gas for five years into the future may reach a 14-year low. If this low is reached, Ron recommends the City buys a portion of future gas demand for five years. We can discuss this possibility Monday night and hold it over for the first meeting in August.

10. **Approval of Bid for Retired City Leaf Vac:** Earlier this year, the City published a request for bids to purchase the City's retired leaf vac, a 1998 Tarco Windy. No bids were received at the deadline, but a bid has now been submitted by Brian's Tree Service of Granger, IN in the amount of \$4,200. I recommend the City accept this bid for the sale of the leaf vac.