

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2018
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. City Council Minutes - 10/15/18
 - 2. Presentation by Bob Jameson about Avenue of Flags
 - 3. Approval of Participation in Natural Gas Discount Program & Approval of Extension of UGM Agreement
 - 4. Approval of Property Tax Levy Ordinance for 2019 Collections
 - 5. Approval of Resolutions Abating Property Taxes – 2018-08 and 2018-09
 - 6. Approval of City Hall Façade Color
- VI. City Manager Report**
- VII. City Attorney Report**
- VIII. Finance Director Report**
- IX. City Council Report**
- X. Executive Session**
 - 1. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6) – Setting Price for Real Estate
 - 2. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) and (14) – Employee Appointment, Criminal Investigations
 - 3. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) – Executive Session Minutes
- XI. Adjournment**

Bill Gruen
City Manager



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MANAGER'S COMMENTS

V. City Council Action

2. **Presentation by Bob Jameson about Avenue of Flags:** Bob Jameson would like to return to the City Council to report on status of the project. Public Works crews have worked this week (week of October 29th) to get brackets on poles and flags installed.
3. **Approval of Participation in Natural Gas Discount Program:** Included in your agenda packet is a memo which is my best effort to provide details for a discount program which our gas buyer, Ron Ragan of UGM, recommends we participate in. This is ready for action if the Council is inclined.

To go along with the gas discount program, UGM asks for an extension of their agreement to serve as Salem's purchaser of natural gas. The new term would coincide at least with the term of Salem's participation in the discount program. If the Council approves participating in the discount program, the agreement extension will also have to be approved.

4. **Approval of Property Tax Levy Ordinance for 2019 Collections:** The property tax levy ordinance is ready for final Council action. The tax levy **after abatements** will total the same \$1,255,344.27 we have presented at our previous two meetings. Keli Barrow and I have worked to move some dollars around from the Garbage, IMRF, and Audit levies to Liability Insurance, to ensure we don't have a property tax levy which exceeds what we anticipate expenses to be. Request approval.
5. **Approval of Resolutions Abating Property Taxes:** Resolutions 2018-08 and 09 should be adopted to pull out a total of \$595,703 from the property tax levy associated with bonds being retired with half-cent sales taxes. This is an annual action we take to substitute the property tax for sales taxes. Recommend approval.
6. **Approval of City Hall Façade Color:** Members of City Council and staff at City Hall voted on colors they preferred for the façade replacement project. The large number of votes below is a result of being asked to vote for two colors to increase chances an agreement might be found. We need to make a color selection for the façade, which will be trimmed in black.

<u>Color</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Dove Grey	6
Slate Grey	8
Mission Red	5
Slate Blue	3
Champaign	1
Sierra Tan	1