

**AGENDA
CITY OF SALEM
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Presentation of Petitions/Public Comments**
- IV. Mayor's Report and Presentations**
 - Proclamation – National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month
- V. City Council Action**
 - 1. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of Minutes –
 - Regular Meeting –December 3, 2012
 - Public Hearing – December 3, 2012
 - 2. Bills Payable for Period Ending December 17, 2012
 - 3. Ordinance – Property Tax Levy for 2013 Collections
 - 4. Renewal of Mutual Medical Health Insurance plan for 2013
 - 5. Executive Session – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) Employee Compensation
 - 6. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of November 19, 2012
- 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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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Salem City Council met in regular session on December 17 2012, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Salem City Hall. Mayor John Raymer called the Meeting to order.

Council Members present upon roll call:

Councilman Royce Bringwald	Councilman Kip Meador
Councilman Steve Huddlestun	Mayor John Raymer
Councilman David E. Black	

Others Present:

City Manager Bill Gruen	Public Works Director John Pruden
City Attorney Michael R. Jones	Finance Director Ben Stratemeyer
City Clerk Jane Marshall	Assistant to the City Manager Bev West
Library Director Kim Keller	Chief of Police Ron Campo
Recreation Director Sherry Daniels	Code Enforcement Officer Brian Hunt
Sergeant Susan Miller	DOEM Director Terry Mulvany

Also present: Media: Salem Times Commoner, WJBD Radio, Centralia Sentential, Marion County Observer, and US Sonet; along with several members of the Public.

II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Opening prayer led by Councilman Black, followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

III. PRESENTATION OF PETITION/PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

- Mayor Raymer summarized a Proclamation, proclaiming December as – National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month
- He thanked Recreation Director Sherry Daniels for her work in coordinating all the activities for “Christmas in My Hometown”; including the rides with Santa around the square on the train, a CM model locomotive. He also recognized the business who participated in the events along with the Historical Commission for hosting an open house at the Bryan Museum for over one hundred who visited it.

V. CITY COUNCIL ACTION

1. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes –

Regular Meeting –December 3, 2012, Public Hearing – December 3, 2012

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting and the Public Hearing on December 3, 2012. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2. Bills Payable for Period Ending December 17, 2012

Bills payable listing for period ending December 17, 2012 for a total amount of \$741,427.56 was presented for review. Following brief review period,

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve the bills payable as listed. Roll call Vote. AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald and Mayor Raymer NAYS: None. Motion carried.

3. ORDINANCE-2012-19 – Ordinance - Property Tax Levy for 2013 Collections

An Ordinance was presented to replace Ordinance 2012-15 that was passed on December 17th. City Manager Gruen indicated that the PTELL, Local Library Act, and statutory deadlines for referenda to be placed on the ballot have been missed and has created complications as it relates to the .02% tax for the Library Building levy. He indicated that the proposed ordinance has removed the .02% Library Building amount from the Levy and placed it in the General with the intent to present a FY13/ 14 Budget to Council that would allocate this amount to the Library.

Councilman Huddlestun objected, commenting that the amount that the Library requested is the amount the City is to levy for and that the levy should be left as it was approved on 12/03; indicating that this does not solve the problem. Mayor Raymer indicated that he was in agreement with the proposed ordinance, commenting that the total levy amount does not change. Gruen expressed opinion that we would be more out of compliance if we levied for the Library Building without proper notice deadlines being met.

Councilman Huddlestun continued to explain that the City is the host of the Library; we do not calculate their levy.

City Attorney Jones indicated that this is the way to get the money for the Library and in the future, publication and notice deadlines must be met according to State Statutes that govern Local Elections and Libraries.

Mayor Raymer asked that the City Manager prepare a calendar for the January Council Meeting listing the dates of Council Agenda items that require Council action for the coming year.

Following lengthy discussion,

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to repeal Ordinance 2012-15, that was approved on December 3, 2012, Levying Taxes to be collected in 2013. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Councilmen Black, Bringwald, Meador, Bringwald, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: Councilman Huddlestun. Motion carried.

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 2012-15, an Ordinance Levying Taxes to replace Ordinance 2012-15.

Roll call vote. AYES: Councilmen Black, Bringwald, Meador, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: Councilman Huddlestun. Motion carried.

4. Renewal of Mutual Medical Health Insurance plan for 2013

City Manager Gruen reviewed the Mutual Medical Health Insurance plan for 2013 and recommended approval of Option B. He addressed Councilman Black's question from last meeting concerning insurance reserves.

Councilman Meador moved and Councilman Black seconded the motion to approve renewal of Mutual Medical Health Insurance plan for 2013 from Mutual Medical, Option B as presented and to budget for Maximum Plan Costs of \$1,399,148.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

5. Executive Session – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) Employee Compensation

At 6:46 P.M., **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Meador seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose to discuss Employee Compensation.**

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Return to Open Session at 7:12 P.M.

Upon return to open session, Mayor Raymer announced that no action can be taken on discussion held in Closed Session since it was not put on the agenda for action. This item is to be put on the January 7, 2013 Agenda for action.

6. Approval of Executive Session Minutes of November 19, 2012

Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to table approval of Executive Session Minutes of November 19, 2012 until next Regular Meeting. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Councilmen Bringwald, Meador, Huddlestun, Black, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

VI. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Gruen gave an update on the electric aggregation, reporting that notice has been received from Good Energy, L.P. following the bid opening held by Good Energy on December 11th, that we currently has the lowest rate in the entire state for electricity. Salem residents who receive electricity from Ameren will benefit from this.

VII. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

VIII. FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion at 7:17 P.M., **Councilman Black moved and Councilman Huddlestun seconded the motion to adjourn. Roll call vote: AYES: Councilmen Meador, Huddlestun, Black, Bringwald, and Mayor Raymer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

Jane Marshall, CMC
City Clerk

Approved by City Council on January 7, 2013.