

# City Council Meeting MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 2018, 7:30 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall, 114 North Broad Street, Salem, Virginia 24153

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## 1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Salem, Virginia, was called to order at 7:30 p.m., there being present the following members to wit: Byron Randolph Foley, Mayor, William D. Jones, Vice-Mayor, Council members: Jane W. Johnson (absent), James A. Martin, and James L. Chisom; along with Kevin S. Boggess, City Manager; James E. Taliaferro, II, Assistant City Manager and Clerk of Council; Rosemarie B. Jordan, Director of Finance; Melinda J. Payne, Director of Economic Development; Charles E. VanAllman, Jr., Director of Community Development; Mike Stevens, Communications Director; and Stephen M. Yost, City Attorney.

Mayor Foley recognized new City Treasurer, Danielle Crawford, who was in attendance.

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance

## 3. Bid Openings, Awards, Recognitions

## 4. Consent Agenda

### A. Minutes

Consider acceptance of minutes from the December 11, 2017, work session and regular meeting.

Accepted as presented

### B. Financial Report

Consider the acceptance of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the four months ending October 31, 2017.

Received

## 5. Old Business

### A. Vacation of Right of Way

Consider ordinance on second reading permanently vacating an approximate 0.14 acres of unopened right of way of Chamberlain Lane for Salem Wesleyan Church. (Approved on first reading at the December 11, 2017, meeting.)

William Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance on second reading permanently vacating an approximate 0.14 acres of unopened right of way of Chamberlain Lane for Salem Wesleyan Church. James Chisom seconded the motion.

Ayes: Chisom, Foley, Jones, Martin

Absent: Johnson

## **6. New Business**

### **A. Indiana Street, LLC**

Consider the approval of a \$1,000,000.00 grant to the City of Salem Economic Development Authority to loan said sum to Indiana Street, LLC in accordance with the loan agreement.

Mayor Foley noted that Item 6A and 6C are related. He noted that he thought Council could discuss them together and then vote separately on each item. It was noted that this was correct.

Mr. Boggess noted that Indiana Street LLC (Ed Walker and Brent Cochran) has requested the City of Salem Economic Development Authority (EDA) to provide funding for essentially the demolition of the interior of the building located at 710 Eighth Street in order to prepare the building for future tenants. The property owners have worked with the EDA, and the terms of the loan have been reached. He further discussed the conditions of the loan agreement for the \$1,000,000 grant and noted that Steve Yost was available if there were any specific questions.

In addition, Item 6C is the appropriation to move the money so that it can be paid to the EDA. Mr. Chisom asked if this was the Valleydale Foods building, and Mr. Boggess noted that this was correct. Mayor Foley noted that Mr. Walker and Mr. Cochran were in the audience if they wished to speak.

James Martin motioned to approve a \$1,000,000 grant to the City of Salem Economic Development Authority to loan said sum to Indiana Street, LLC in accordance with the loan agreement. James Chisom seconded the motion.

Ayes: Chisom, Foley, Jones, Martin

Absent: Johnson

### **B. Boards and Commissions**

Consider various appointments on boards and commissions.

William Jones motioned to appoint Helen Ferguson to the Blue Ridge Behavioral

Healthcare as an at-large member to replace Bruce N. Thomasson for a three-year term ending on December 31, 2020; to reappoint Kevin Boggess as full member and James E. Taliaferro, II, as alternate to the Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority for four-year terms ending February 4, 2022; and to reappoint Daniel L. Hart to the Real Estate Tax Relief Review Board for a three-year term ending February 14, 2021. James Martin seconded the motion.

Ayes: Chisom, Foley, Jones, Martin

Absent: Johnson

**C. Appropriation of Funds**

Consider request for the appropriation of funds per the loan agreement with Indiana Street LLC.

**Supplemental Item**

James Chisom motioned to approve the appropriation of funds to the Economic Development Authority of the City of Salem per the loan agreement with Indiana Street LLC. William Jones seconded the motion.

Ayes: Chisom, Foley, Jones, Martin

Absent: Johnson

**7. Closed Session**

**8. Adjournment**

Mayor Foley noted he would like to express his condolences to the Thomasson family in the passing of Bruce recently. He noted that Bruce served on the Planning Commission for a number of years.

Vice Mayor Jones congratulated the Salem High School Football Team for winning the State Championship. Mr. Martin noted Happy New Year and 50th anniversary to the City on January 1st and last year was 50 years for the Salem Civic Center -- big milestones for the City.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.