

**CITY OF SALEM  
MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
OF OCTOBER 3, 2016**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order President Karen Roots. The meeting took place at the 1 New Market Street at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Councilpersons, Ruthann Carter, Earl Gage, Vaughn Groce, Charlie Hassler, Horace Johnson, Sharon Kellum, and Lydia Thompson. Also in attendance were Mayor Charles Washington, Solicitor David Puma, CFO David Crescenzi, and City Clerk Tierra M. Jennings.

**INVOCATION** Deaconess Sally Maurer-St. John's Church

**STATEMENT OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET SEQ., THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT", HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT OF A SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION ON JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2016 SETTING FORTH THE TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF ALL THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Johnson to adopt the minutes of SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 Open and Closed Session Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried 8-0.

**COMMUNICATION/APPLICATION/REPORTS**

Councilman Hassler motioned to approve an Entertainment Application for Pastor Danny Thomas to have a "BLESSING OF ANIMALS" service on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 12:00PM-2:00PM. Councilman Jonson seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Motion carried 8-0.

**INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORDINANCE 1610**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 225, SECTION 37 HANDICAPPED  
PARKING ZONE, FOR A HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN TO BE PLACED AT 140  
CARPENTER STREET**

**BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED**, by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 225, Section 37, Schedule "11" be amended as follows: A Handicapped Parking Sign be placed at 140 Carpenter Street, the residence of Irene Slaughter.

**Introduced: September 19, 2016  
Published: September 23, 2016  
Public Hearing: October 3, 2016  
Final Adoption: October 3, 2016  
Final Publication: October 7, 2016**

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Johnson for Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance 1610. All in favor. Motion carried 8-0.

**ORDINANCE 1611  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 225, SECTION 37 HANDICAPPED  
PARKING ZONE, FOR A HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN TO BE PLACED AT 211  
JOHNSON STREET**

**BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED**, by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 225, Section 37, Schedule “11” be amended as follows:

A Handicapped Parking Sign be placed at 211 Johnson Street, the residence of Joyce Saunders.

**Introduced: September 19, 2016**

**Published: September 23, 2016**

**Public Hearing: October 3, 2016**

**Final Adoption: October 3, 2016**

**Final Publication: October 7, 2016**

Motion made by Councilman Gage and seconded by Councilman Johnson for Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance 1611. All in favor. Motion carried 8-0.

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2016-144**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING  
A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON 158 WEST BROADWAY  
(BLOCK 13, LOT 53)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salem, pursuant to City Code Section 230-22, 56 and other legal authority, was forced to perform an emergency repair of the water service to the property known as 158 West Broadway, Block 13, Lot 53 due to a water leak.

**WHEREAS**, numerous directives were issued to the owner requiring him to address of the matter, without success, leaving the City to take the necessary steps to repair the leak in order to safeguard the public from potential structural dangers in the roadway and the building, and to prevent waste of our precious water resource; and

**WHEREAS**, the City performed the repair at a total cost of \$7,050.00 as itemized in a statement of particulars attached hereto which the Council has examined and finds to be correct;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem and State of New Jersey, that a municipal lien in the amount of \$7,050.00 is hereby approved for the property known as 158 West Broadway and also known as Block 13, Lot 53; and the City CFO and all City Officials are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, to take any and all actions as may be necessary or desirable to fully implement the same.

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Councilman Johnson to adopt Resolution 2016-144. All in favor. Motion carried 8-0.

**CITY OF SALEM  
RESOLUTION 2016-145**

**A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BID PROPOSALS FOR THE PROVISION OF THE OAK STREET PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council previously authorized the solicitation of Bid Proposals for the Provisions of the Oak Street Pedestrian Safety and Roadway Improvements Project; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were received by the City Clerk on the date, place and time specified in the bid package; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has carefully reviewed all Bid Responses and is recommending to have the bids rejected and to authorize the proceeding of a re-bid at a later date.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM** that the rejection of all bids and re-bidding the project as described above are in the best interest of the CITY and that the CITY formally rejects all bids on the Oak Street Pedestrian and Safety Improvement Project and authorizes re-bid to the project at a later date.

Motion made by Councilman Hassler and seconded by Council Jonson to adopt Resolution 2016-145. All in favor. Motion carries 8-0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration: (Roots, Hassler, Johnson, Carter)** Did not meet. Next meeting will be on October 11, 2016.

**Public Safety: (Gage, Roots, Hassler, Carter)** Did not meet but did stress on a recent shooting in the City

**Public Works: (Groce, Roots, Hassler, Gage)** Jared Perry will soon be retiring from the Public Works Dept and would need to have a transition plan moving forward.

**Human Services: (Hassler, Gage, Groce, Thompson)** The City is continuing their work with Future Systems. The next expansion plan for the program will be in place in the near future.

**Neighborhood Initiatives/ Community Service: (Thompson, Johnson, Roots, Carter)** Working on Community Clean Up Day which is due to be held November 26, 2016. Also the Street Sweeper is up and running which has been a great help with cleaning up the streets. The City also would like to thank Salem City workers (Public Works) for a great job with the transition of the middle school. The City will honor them with a luncheon.

**City Property/Capital: (Carter, Hassler, Thompson, Roots)** No report

**Redevelopment: (Groce, Johnson, Gage):** Had a meeting on 10/3/16 and discussed the Chamber of Commerce Dept. Will hold another meeting on 10/17/16.

### **MAYORAL COMMENTS**

The Mayor introduced Anthony Chadwell, Salem City's new engineer for Remington and Vernick. Mr. Chadwell stated that he will do his best to provide funding for projects and would like to thank the City for all of their support.

### **NEW BUSINESS** None

**OLD BUSINESS** There are 3 pumps that need to be serviced at the Fire Dept. The cost to replace the pumps will be roughly \$30,000 per pump.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

**Ty Neal 102 Anderson Drive-** Mr. Neal is a member of the Salem City EMT squad. He would like to know how to get it back up and running. He stated that they cannot get an EMT to come to Salem City. He also stated that they cannot go to their captains or higher personnel for any assistance. Earl Gage will have a meeting setup to discuss.

**William Corbin 16 Davis Ave.-** He stated that he is pleased that the street sweeper is up and running. He also stated that the police are doing a great job with protecting the City.

### **RESOLUTION 2016-143**

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b permits a public body to go into a closed session during a public meeting to discuss certain matters;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is necessary to go into a closed session to discuss certain matters relating to the items as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Salem that the Council will go into closed session to discuss the following, in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, after which it will reconvene in the public:

**a. PERSONNEL**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the minutes of the closed session will be made available to the public when the need for privacy no longer exists.

With a Motion by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Groce, and all in favor, Council came out of Closed Session at 8:25pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before Council, Councilman Hassler motioned to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The council meeting ended at 8:30pm.