

CITY OF SALEM

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

October 28, 2019 at 6:00 PM

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Salem was called to order by Council President Karen Roots. The meeting took place at 17 New Market Street at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Gregory did the invocation **Present:** Councilpersons Ruth Carter, William Corbin, Earl Gage, Timothy Gregory, Vaughn Groce, Sharon Kellum, and Council President Karen Roots via phone. Also in attendance, Dave Crescenzi-CFO, Deputy Municipal Treasurer Kenia Nunez and City Administrator/Clerk Ben Angeli.

Mr. Angeli read the statement of advertisement as follows:

Notice of this meeting has been provided to the South Jersey Times and the Elmer Times and is posted on the City Hall Bulletin Board stating the time and the place of the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

CITY OF SALEM

RESOLUTION 2019-133

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO MAKE TRANSFERS OF 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Salem, County of Salem, State of New Jersey that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make the attached transfers of budget appropriations in the 2019 Municipal Budget.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SALEM

Ben Angeli, RMC

Karen Roots, Council President

COUNCIL	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
R. Carter		X	X			
W. Corbin			X			
E. Gage			X			
T. Gregory			X			
V. Groce			X			
S. Kellum	X		X			

J. Smith			X			
K. Roots			X			

I, Ben Angeli, Municipal Clerk of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Salem on October 28, 2019.

Date

Ben Angeli, RMC

October 28, 2019 Eff 11/01/2019

Description	Account Number	Transfer To	Transfer From
General Admin. SW	19-01-20-100-111		4,000.00
Human resources	19-01-20-105-200	11,200.00	
Mayor & Council OIE	19-01-20-110-200	20,000.00	
Municipal Clerk - OE	19-01-20-120-200	3,200.00	
Finance OE	19-01-20-130-200	500.00	
Tax Collection OE	19-01-20-145-200	14,000.00	
Legal OE	19-01-20-155-200	3,000.00	
Economic Development SW	19-01-20-170-111		6,000.00
Economic Development OE	19-01-20-170-200		1,000.00
Demolition of Substd. Bldgs	19-01-22-195-101		10,000.00
Police SW	19-01-25-240-111		27,000.00
Police OE	19-01-25-240-200		
Street Maintenance SW	19-01-26-290-111		25,500.00
Street Maintenance OE	19-01-26-290-200	9,000.00	
Street Cleaning SW	19-01-26-302-111	8,000.00	
Buildings and Grounds OE	19-01-26-310-200	5,000.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	19-01-26-315-200	5,000.00	
Garbage & Trash OE	19-01-26-778-101	22,600.00	
Electricity	19-01-31-430-101	1,000.00	
Street Lighting	19-01-31-435-101	10,000.00	
Natural Gas	19-01-31-446-022	2,000.00	
Heating Oil	19-01-31-447-101		20,000.00
Gasoline	19-01-31-460-200		12,000.00
Sanatary Landfill OE	19-01-32-465-200		11,000.00
Social Security	19-01-36-472-101		11,000.00
Municipal Court SW	19-01-43-490-111	8,000.00	
Municipal Court OE	19-01-43-490-200	5,000.00	
		127,500.00	127,500.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Committee reports

MAYORAL COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. John Liu gave his report on the Water and Sewer Utility department

The following points discussion were included in his report:

Review operating requirements as per licenses and regulations

Capital improvements needed – John provided his long and short term needs.

Talent and credentialing deficits

Well #9

The City Administrator gave a report on the Water and Sewer Utility Department.

The following points of discussion were included in his report:

The rate structure for the Utility

Review of current state of Utility including operating deficit and why.

Options to move forward move forward to make utility self-liquidating.

The options available to get new meters in the City (NANO program).

Water shut-off notices and actual shut-offs procedures were discussed.

The option of selling the Water and Sewer Utility was discussed.

The Solicitor gave a update on the Ardaugh property and a possible plan to pay off the tax liens.

Councilman Gage made a motion in support of pursuing the grant and loan opportunities to purchase new water meters for the city. Councilwoman Carter seconded the motion and all present voted in favor.

Councilman Gage made a motion in support of doing further investigation into the procedure and viability of selling the Water and Sewer utility. Councilman Smith seconded the motion and all present voted in favor.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open public portion made by Councilman Gage.

Seconded by Councilwoman Kellum.

All members present voted in favor.

Motion carried.

There were no questions or comments from the public

Motion to close public portion made by Councilman Earl Gage.

Seconded by Councilwoman Sharon Kellum.

All members voted in favor.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Gage motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Kellum seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Ben Angeli, RMC

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: NOVEMBER 18, 2019 – 6:30 PM