

CITY OF SALEM
COMMON COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 17, 2023
6:30PM

Opening: 6:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Council President Earl Gage

INVOCATION: Council President Earl Gage

Statement of Advertisement:

The City Clerk read the following: 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.

Roll Call:

Present: Cline, Gregory, Kellum, Smith, Gage

Also present: Mayor Veler, Solicitor Rhea, CFO Nunez, Admin/Clerk Angeli, Deputy Clerk Renner.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote.

Approval of Minutes:

1-3-2023 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in a voice vote

1-10-2023 Special Meeting

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in a voice vote

4-18-22 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in a voice vote

4-18-23 Executive Session

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in a voice vote

Certain Rules of Council Meetings were read by Ben Angeli, Municipal Clerk

Public Portion for Agenda Items only:

Motion to open public portion on agenda items only:

Motion: Kellum and Second: Smith

Janice Roots, Salem questioned if she could review the bid packets regarding the water sale. Solicitor Rhea responded that they would be at the City office for review.

Marge Sperry stated that she is against the water sale.

Motion to close public portion on agenda items only: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Communications/Applications/reports:

Approval of an Entertainment License for New Life Destiny Fellowship on August 5, 2023 from 3-5pm at MLK Park.

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in a voice vote

Approval of an Entertainment License for Beautiful Vessels Housing and Family Development on August 12, 2023 from 12-2:30pm at MLK Park.

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith.

All Council Members present voted in a voice vote

Approval of an Entertainment License for House of Prayer Church on August 12, 2023 from 3-8pm at MLK Park.

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith.

All Council Members present voted in a voice vote

Approval of an Entertainment License for Salem Junior Rams on July 24, 2024-November 30, 2023 at Rayfield Tull Field and Walnut St. Field.

Motion to approve: Kellum and Second: Smith.

All Council Members present voted in a voice vote

Second Reading of and Hearings for Ordinances:

Ord. 23-09 An Ordinance amending Chapter 225, Section 37 handicapped parking zone, authorizing a handicapped parking sign to be placed at 110 7th Street

Motion to open public hearing on Ord. 23-09: Kellum and Second Smith.

No public comments

Motion to Close public hearing on Ord. 23-09: Kellum and Second Smith.

Motion to adopt Ord. 23-09: Kellum and Second Smith.

Roll Call Vote: Cline-yes, Gregory-yes, Kellum-yes, Smith-yes, Gage-yes.

Ord. 23-10 Ordinance of the City of Salem, in the County of Salem, New Jersey, approving an agreement of sale between the City of Salem and New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. for the sale of the City of Salem Water and Wastewater systems and authorizing a proposal to be printed on the ballot for consideration by the voters within the city at the general election on November 7, 2023 providing for the sale of the City's Water and Wastewater systems to New Jersey American Water Company, Inc.

Motion to open public hearing on Ord. 23-10: Kellum and Second Smith.

Janice Roots questioned the ballot. Ben Angeli explained the process.

Motion to Close public hearing on Ord. 23-10: Kellum and Second Smith.

Motion to adopt Ord. 23-10: Kellum and Second Smith.

Roll Call Vote: Cline-yes, Gregory-yes, Kellum-yes, Smith-yes, Gage-yes.

Introduction of Ordinances for First Reading:

This is the first reading and introduction. The public hearing for ordinance 23-11 will be on August 21, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Ord. 23-11 An Ordinance of the City of Salem authoring the purchase of 9 Chestnut Street, Block 59, Lot 10 in the City of Salem.

Motion to Introduce: Kellum and Second: Smith

Roll Call Vote: Cline-yes, Gregory-yes, Kellum-yes, Smith-yes, Gage-yes.

This is the first reading and introduction. The public hearing for ordinance 23-12 will be on August 21, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Ord. 23-12 An Ordinance of the City of Salem amending section 2 of Chapter 43 of the Municipal Code of the City of Salem fixing the titles, salaries and compensation ranges of officers and employees of the City of Salem.

Motion to Introduce: Kellum and Second: Smith

Roll Call Vote: Cline-yes, Gregory-yes, Kellum-yes, Smith-yes, Gage-yes.

This is the first reading and introduction. The public hearing for ordinance 23-13 will be on August 21, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Ord. 23-13 An Ordinance of the City of Salem amending section 12 of chapter 3 of the Municipal Code of the City of Salem to provide for the position of Analyst (Grant Applications) program monitor.

Motion to Introduce: Kellum and Second: Smith

Roll Call Vote: Cline-yes, Gregory-yes, Kellum-yes, Smith-yes, Gage-yes.

Introduction of Resolutions for Consideration:

Res. 2023-204 A Resolution authorizing payment regarding emergency medical services coverage

Motion: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Res. 2023-205 A Resolution to approve appraisal services.

Motion: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote. Gage-Abstain

Res. 2023-206 A Resolution requesting the County of Salem to address drainage issue for area located at Keasby Creek drainage ditch as it borders Keasby Street.

Motion: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Res. 2023-207 Resolution authorizing signing agreement with Real Auction.com LLC for processing of bid information related to tax lien certificate auction in 2023

Motion: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Res. 2023-208 A Resolution authorizing the City of Salem to pay planning services related to The Hud Choice Neighborhood Grant site visit

Motion: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Res. 2023-209 Resolution authorizing the issuance of a duplicate tax sale certificate pursuant to N.J.S.A 54:5-52.1

Motion: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Res. 2023-210 Resolution authorizing the issuance of a duplicate tax sale certificate pursuant to N.J.S.A 54:5-52.1

Motion: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Res. 2023-211 Resolution authorizing the tax collector to add back tax deductions for certain properties

Motion: Kellum and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Mayoral Comments: Mayor Veler discussed the need of a Grant writer for the City of Salem.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: No new business.

Public Portion:

Motion to open the public portion of the meeting: Groce and Second: Smith

All Council Members present voted in favor in a voice vote

Josh Vanatta, expressed concerns regarding the cleaning of the ditch on Keasby Street.

Joyce Johnson, discussed the water Charter.

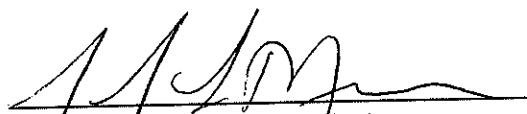
Janice Roots, questioned the water accounts.

Shannon Turned, expressed concern regarding gun violence.

Lyon Daniels, questioned what the back up plan is for the sale of the water.

The next council meeting will be August 21, 2023 at 6:30pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Mandy Renner, Deputy Clerk