

**TOWN OF SALEM
TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
March 12, 2012
6:00PM**

Opening: The regular monthly council meeting of the Town Of Salem was called to order at 6:05 pm on March 12, 2012 in Council Chambers by the Honorable Mayor Diane Head.

Present: Mayor Diane Head, Council Kevin Talley, Lorenia Lee, Tony Grogan Tony Moore, Town Attorney Brad Norton, Marti Jennings Office Manager, Town Clerk/Tres. Kim Alexander, Police Chief David Poulson, Fire Chief Kevin Wilbanks, Water Department Rick Jones , Ryan Hardin. See attached sign in sheet for public attendance.

Invocation: The Invocation was given by Councilman Tony Moore.

A. Public Comment

Crystal Talley made a presentation to Town Council regarding a community garden. This garden would be a volunteer project from Town and Community Residents along with Teachers and Staff from Tamasee-Salem Middle high School and the service learning classes. Raised Beds would be used to plants the seasonal vegetables. Council is looking to do this project on Earth Day the beds will be done prior so planting will take place on that Saturday.

Proclamation for the War of 1812, Tamasee Dar School held an essay writing contest for the War of 1812. Mayor Diane Head read the Proclamation, Signed and presented it to The DAR Ladies from Tamasee DAR School.

GED Update- the School district is donating computers to the GED program there is a need for some where to place them and store them. We will work on a place for this between the DAR and the Town.

B. Minutes

Approval of minutes from the February 7, 2012 meeting. Motion made by Kevin Talley, Second by Tony Grogan, All in favor.

C. Police Report

Police Chief David Poulson presented the police report to the town council. Chief Poulson stated the one year anniversary of his being sworn in as Chief was this month. There have been many changes in the Police Department, and the Department is continuing to work with the residents. Mayor asked if there were any questions. There were no questions at this time for Chief Poulson.

D. Utilities Report Mr. Ryan Hardin presented his report to town council. He reported that Travis Towe had passed his Level D treatment Exam. No questions for Ryan at this time from council.

E. Fire Report

Kevin Wilbanks – Fire Chief presented the monthly fire report to council.
No questions at this time for Fire Chief Wilbanks.

F. Recreation Report

Brad Norton – Presented the Recreation Department report to council. Baseball and Softball season has begun. No questions at this time for Recreation Department.

H. Clerk/ Treasurer – Report

Bills paid sheet in council packs by Kim Alexander, Clerk/Treasurer.

We have a request to purchase new Christmas decorations prices have been compared and the lowest price is in council packs what is the pleasure of council? Council moved to purchase the new decorations. Motion made by Kevin Talley seconded by Tony Moore, motion carried all in favor.

Reid Electrical is in the process of replacing the lights in the community center. Will let council know when the project is complete.

I. Executive Session -

A motion was made by Kevin Talley to go into executive session for personnel issue related to the water department and to receive legal advice from the town attorney on contractual issue, second by Lorenia Lee all in favor.

Tony Grogan made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Lorenia Lee all in favor.

Attorney Brad Norton stated to Town Council that the Issaquena Point Contract has not been signed. They are paying according to the terms that council had, Attorney Norton present to their legal counsel detailed in the new unsigned contract. At this time they have brought the account to current with the new terms. We will continue with this term.

Tony Grogan made a motion to increase Travis Towe pay \$1.00 per hour with the passing of the Level D Treatment License, second by Lorenia Lee all in favor.

No further business at this time, motion to adjourn by Kevin Talley second by Tony Grogan. Meeting Adjourned 7:47pm by Mayor Diane Head.

Respectfully submitted:

Kim Alexander Town Clerk/Tres.