



NEN Meeting Minutes  
11/15/22

Called to order **6:31 PM**

**Attendance:** Board members Delana Beaton, Cindy Kimball, Jenna Otto, Jacqueline Schindele, Joan Lloyd, Ken Similia, Leslie Polson, Lynn Takata, Ken Houghton. Erin Grimm, Lainy Kruger, Nick Cantonwine

Councilors Virginia Stapleton and Linda Nishioka in attendance

Total in attendance: 32 (including those via Zoom)

**ACTION:** Cindy Kimball made a motion to approve minutes from 10/11/22  
Ken Similia seconded motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

**City Councilor Virginia Stapleton's presentation and report:**

1. 11/2/22 city council meeting. Mayor-elect Chris Hoy appointed to vacant seat of Mayor for the remainder of the term vacated by Chuck Bennett. Councilor elect Julie Hoy was appointed to vacated seat in Ward 6. Virginia Stapleton appointed to Council President.
2. Voters passed Measure 24-474, the Capitol Improvement Bond.
3. Salem Housing Authority meeting noted that Salem needs 11,000 housing units to meet our current needs.
4. Salem was awarded a \$1. Million dollar grant from the Oregon Department of Energy to build the State's first community micro-grid, supplying emergency energy during power outages. It will be located near Mission Street and 24<sup>th</sup>.
5. November 26<sup>th</sup> will be Small Business Saturday and a Holiday Parade in downtown.
6. December 2 is the Annual Tree Lighting at Riverfront Park
7. Demolition of Union Gospel building will begin soon in the blocks between Commercial and Front and north of Chemeketa Street.
8. Councilors Linda Nishioka and Virginia Stapleton will be working together on a slide show presentation about the housing needs in Salem.

**Sargent Dawson's Salem PD :**

1. Since the daylight savings time change there have been more pedestrian/car incidences.
2. There has been an uptick in gun violence. They have already seized 150 guns this year.
3. There has been an uptick in overdoses and fentanyl use.

4. Police patrols are going to 12 hour shifts.
5. Police department needs 16-17 positions right now, probably more by the New Year.
6. An external staffing study was conducted and results were: Salem needs 200-250 police officers for a city of our size.

**Marion County Dog control presentation by Melissa Gable, Dog Services Director:**

1. There are only two “enforcement officers” who investigate problems
2. Salem city ordinances outranks county ordinances in regards to service  
Marion County Dog Services [www.mcdogs.net/](http://www.mcdogs.net/)  
505-588-5233, Complaints: 503-566-6988

**PAL-Prevent A Litter presentation by Debbie West:**

1. Promotes responsible dog guardianship through spay and neuter assistance.
2. Can give assistance to spay and neuter cats and dogs
3. They work with Church of the Park and Arches to spay and neuter pets that belong to homeless individuals

PALS (Spay Neuter assistance) [www.PALoregon@gmail.com](mailto:www.PALoregon@gmail.com)  
503-409-2543

Diane Young (dog rescue for special needs dogs)  
Salem Dogs  
503-391-2623

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Kimball  
Delana Beaton