

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2013  
7 P.M.  
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Connie George presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present: Don Dillman, Greg Wilson, John Parker, and Joy Thompson. Mayor Connie George, City Attorney Emily Bauman, Interim City Administrator Bruce Lundy, Chief of Police David Vincent and City Clerk Beth Kar were also present. The meeting was audio recorded. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall on June 28, 2013.

**Approve Agenda**

John Parker motioned to approve the agenda with the following changes: remove Bruce Fisher/Blue Valley who could not attend, add the second reading on the Asphalt ordinance so the project can be started while there is good weather. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Minutes – June 17, 2013; June 18, 2013**

Joy Thompson motioned to approve the minutes of June 17 and June 18, 2013 as submitted. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Testimony**

Marshall White, St. Joseph News Press reporter, asked for update on the City's state audit. The state auditor is finishing up. The City will be going over a checklist of remaining items tomorrow.

Teresa Collins was present to talk about the property next to her behind the Chinese restaurant off Highway 71 that she has previously mentioned. The building is down but there are items like foundations blocks, tall weed and items against the fence, remaining. She thought the property owner had gone past his timeline to clean up the property. The City will check with the Building Inspector Gene Grossman for an update.

**Bruce Fisher, Blue Valley Public Safety on Storm Sirens** – Fisher was unable to attend and has rescheduled to the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Melissa Lackey, US Bank, sirens financing** – She provided financing options for 5 and 7 years: 5 years at \$100,000 interest rate of 2.62% and 7 years rate at \$100,000 is a rate of 3.09%. It is a lease purchase as opposed to a loan like with USDA. The City would own the equipment at the end of the term. US Bank has provided financing equipment for cities such as: City of Republic, Rolla, Clinton, Trenton, and Kearney. There is a one-time fee of \$199.00. The seven year term is subject to an equipment valuation procedure before the final approval of a seven year term can

be granted. The rate proposal is good until July 19<sup>th</sup>. Rates have started to increase. The City would not have to do a no-for-profit organization if US Bank is used for the financing. Not-for-profit is not required for lease purchases. The siren companies will be at the next Council meeting to answer questions regarding their products.

**Police Chief's report --** Chief of Police David Vincent reported:

Security at City Hall – he contacted ADT security systems and had a contractor come out who met with City staff. The contractor reviewed options such as motion detectors; hold up alarms at the front and upstairs; and fire protection and heat sensors in the basement. He will draw up a cost summary. The City needs to sign up for the state purchasing program.

Police Vehicles – The Highway Patrol did not have 2009 models but did have a 2008 and 2010 which was actually cheaper than two 2009. The 2008 & 2010 were ordered and will probably be available for pickup in a week or so. The cars are at highway patrol headquarters south of Jefferson City.

Update Officer Gary Cook's salary – At the last Council meeting when Officer Dalsing was hired, it was thought the newest Officer Gary Cook's salary was higher when Dalsing's pay was set. Right now Dalsing's salary is right about what Cook's is and Cook has worked for the City for several years. John Parker motioned to make the adjustment to Cook's salary by increasing it by 5% (to \$28,348.32) due to his longevity with the department. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Reserves -- With former reserve officer Dalsing moved to full time, there is an open spot for a reserve officer. Vincent has someone in mind, but he needs to do further checking. He will not be at the next Council meeting and may ask Interim City Administrator/Lieutenant Bruce Lundy to bring the name for Council to approve.

Don Dillman motioned to approve the Police Chief's report and Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Bids:** Several items were bid. The bid notices were put in the newspaper as well as the City's Facebook and web site. Copies of all the bids are in the Council packets.

**Approve Cemetery Mower --** There were 6 bids received on the Cemetery mower. The City budgeted \$6,500. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance and City Administrator Bruce Lundy looked at the mowers that were bid. Local vendor, Derr Equipment, bid a Cub Cadet and Kubota. The Cub Cadet was the cheapest but is light weight and would not be durable for mowing at the Cemetery. The John Deere that is being traded in has a good trade-in value. All the models bid are 48 inch cut so they can get around the cemetery stones. In Lance's opinion the Kubota has better line-of-sight. Joy Thompson motioned to approve Derr Equipment's bid for the Kubota mower. It is not the cheapest bid but the vendor is local. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes

**Approve Cemetery Roof --** Only one bid was received: Crane Construction. Budgeted: \$4,500. The bid includes suggested add-ons and is \$3986 if they do everything on the list. Don Dillman motioned and John Parker seconded to approve the Crane Construction bid with all of the items. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Joy Thompson asked if the City needed to get a building permit to repair the Cemetery roof. On the pool project, the contractor needed to get a permit but the City waived the cost. Joy Thompson motioned for Crane Construction to get a building permit to repair the roof but that the City to waive the fee. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Asphalt Barkley** -- Two bids were received: Herzog and Keller. Herzog had the lower bid. There will be an ordinance later in the agenda to approve a contract with Herzog to asphalt Barkley. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance explained the add-on option to put down a petromat paving fabric. Concrete has not been holding up well and Lance wanted to try the fabric which could increase the durability. Herzog had a potential increase if they need to do extra work on milling the keyway; this would add another \$3,995. Herzog's bid is still lower including that cost. Keller's total bid was \$60,500 compared to \$42,305 for Herzog. Herzog is already doing Ironwood so the total cost could be lower by saving on equipment. Joy Thompson motioned to approve Herzog's bid to asphalt Barkley with the additional petromat paving fabric and include additional cost for the milling keyway if needed. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Skidloader** -- 5 bids were received for the skidloader. Jorge with Foley was present at the meeting. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance described that all models with bids met the specifications. The Derr Equipment model has heavier tires. The City has always had Case, which is what the local vendor, Derr bid. The lowest model bid, L225, is a New Holland \$13,275 from St. Joseph Tractor. There was \$19,000 budgeted. Don Dillman motioned to approve the second lowest bid, Derr Equipment, for Case SR250 for \$15,000. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

### **City Administrator's report**

City Administrator Bruce Lundy provided his report.

1. CAP Agreement w/ Conservation -- He communicated with the Tory Mason, Department of Conservation, about the CAP Agreement for the City Lake. He has collected all the documents they requested to renew that agreement and forwarded it to them. Part of that process was finding the deed. He was told that they will complete the form and send it back to the City for Council's final approval. Through this process he learned that the City lake property was acquired in 1927. This will be on the next agenda.
2. East Main Project -- He has called and introduced himself to Mr. Hoggatt, the contractor doing the East Main Street project. At that time they were forming up the floor of the project between the tube and the box they have installed. Since then they have poured the concrete and are making some progress, however, slow due to the rain. He spoke with Bob Burnett.
3. Zoning meetings -- He attended the Zoning Board meeting. They are working on a Zoning Map that is nearly finalized and will be bringing it to Council in the not too distant future for your consideration. He also attended the Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting on Tuesday in reference to the 807 East Price property that is a commercial building on a lot that was zoned residential. The property recently sold and the discrepancy was found. The Board of Adjustments found that this is a commercial building that cannot be used for anything other than commercial interests and recommended it be rezoned to M-1. They say M-1 because the property to the east was a city lagoon years ago and is zoned that way. This subject will likely be brought to Council in August. The building has been there at least 30 years and has always been a garage.
4. Storm Sirens -- He located an additional company that deals in Storm Sirens. Outdoor Warning Consultants of Jefferson City MO has provided sirens to several municipalities here in

Northwest Missouri. Their representative has agreed to come and speak to Council at the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

5. MIRMA Inspection -- Jeff Arp the City's MIRMA Insurance Representative, was in town last week to inspect the pool. He was pleased, but did find that the City needs to cover a steel door on the pool deck that covers the pump for the mushroom. He explained that the metal gets very hot in the sun and other municipalities have paid claims for kids that have gotten burnt walking on it. Lundy spoke with Park staff Jason and Donnie and they said the metal door has been there since this pool was built and it has never been a problem. Jason found a mat and has gotten it ordered.

6. Fire Chief Tommy George brought to attention that the fire department will need to have the antenna moved because the electric company had to put up a new tower. The Rural Fire department would like the City to share the costs. George will be at the next meeting and provide more information on the costs. The antenna could be put on the City's water tower but the cost would probably be more. The antenna has to be off the old tower by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

John Parker was thankful to see the old ordinance attached to the new ordinances tonight so he could see what is proposed to be changed.

John Parker motioned to approve the City Administrator's report. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Bill 2013-20 Asphaltting Barkley Street was read for the first reading and second readings.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2607**

This ordinance pertains to approving the contract with Herzog to asphalt Barkley Street. Joy Thompson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2607. John Parker seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2013-21 Dance Inspirations Center's annual renewal for Clasbey Center lease was read for the first reading. Council discussed the lease. John Parker mentioned that Council had previously mentioned about bidding out the space and/or opening up the lease for a multiple year contract. Joy Thompson reminded everyone that Council decided later not to bid the space out. Dance Inspirations Center owner Mary Ingersoll was present. Ingersoll described that her studio Dance Inspiration Rooms has leased the Clasbey Center for the last five years. This will be her sixth consecutive year of lease. There are no changes from last year's contract. She rents the other two rooms (Kitchen and Multipurpose) at a reduced rate since she cleans them after use. Last year she paid approximately \$1,940/month for the Clasbey. The rooms used for the studio are approximately 2400 square feet total. Parker asked why it was only a year lease. The previous leases were also for a year. The facility meets her needs but it is a growing business and needs additional storage space plus there are only two bathrooms. She could use a larger space. Mayor Connie George applauded Ingersoll for her work with children with special needs. Mary Ingersoll asked for a point-of-order to change the wording on the agenda to Dance Inspirations instead of Mary Ingersoll. The ordinance does list Dance Inspirations.

**Bill 2013-22 Re-adopting Procedures to Disclose Conflicts of Interest** was read for the first reading.

**Bill 2013-23 Amend City Code Chapter City Administrator** was read for the first reading.

**Bill 2013-24 Amend City Code Chapter Chapters 21 & 29** was read for the first reading.

### **Second Public Testimony**

Mary Ingersoll mentioned that Barnes & Heating had replaced the filters on the air conditioner at the Clasbey. There is no phone line in the rooms she leases and she has been using her internet card. She would like to bring in wireless internet at her expense and would use Haug Communications but need Council's approval for him to proceed installing it. Don Dillman motioned and John Parker seconded to allow access for Haug Communications. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS**

**Mayor's report** -- Mayor Connie George attended the meetings for Zoning and Adjustments. She said she was not for the City's codification until she sat in on a meeting with Sullivan Publications and found it much easier to find information.

**Mayor's Appointments: Public Utility Advisory Board (PUAB)** --Mayor George has appointments for the PUAB: Ralph Stanton, David Mead, Kenneth Gabriel, Janice Hatcher, and Ron Steele. Advisor: Water Superintendent Dale Watson. John Parker motioned to approve the appointments. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. The City will send out a letter of thanks to the previous members.

**Council Discussion** -- Joy Thompson had a complaint about bathroom floors at the pool being slick. City Administrator Bruce Lundy talked to Parks staff Jason Smith. Smith contacted the pool construction company who said what they used was the norm used and did not see why the floor would be slick. Brooner quoted \$5200 to fix the floor.

John Parker had a complaint on a water meter; he checked and the situation had been taken care of. He would like some way that the software can show where there are possible leaks. The City can go to the software company and obtain a quote on additional options. He received a concern on the pool with the slippery floor. He also received concern about lifeguards blowing the whistle frequently at the pool. The lifeguards may have been anxious over the MIRMA inspection.

Greg Wilson didn't have anything to report.

Don Dillman thanked Officer Josh Smith for assisting someone whose keys were locked in the car.

Joy Thompson motioned to go into Executive Session to discussion Personnel 610.021(3). John Parker seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried. St. Joseph News Press reporter Marshall White went on record to object to the closed session.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION 610.021(3) PERSONNEL**

No motions were made in Closed Session. Greg Wilson motioned to go back into Open Session. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 ayes.

John Parker asked about the thank you letter to Edward Jones. City Attorney Emily Bauman has the draft and will send out to Council to review. The letter thanks Edward Jones for their time for the presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned 9:22 p.m. on a motion by Joy Thompson and seconded by Greg Wilson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Kar, City Clerk