

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013**  
**CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Connie George presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Council Members present:** Don Dillman, Greg Wilson, Joy Thompson and Joy Parker. Mayor Connie George, Interim City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Attorney Emily Bauman and City Clerk Beth Kar were also present. Chief of Police David Vincent was absent. Sergeant Josh Smith was present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall July 12, 2013. The meeting was audio recorded.

**Approval of Agenda** – Joy Thompson motioned to approve the agenda as posted. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Minutes – July 1, 2013** – Greg Wilson motioned to approve the minutes of July 1, 2013 as submitted. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Testimony**

Teresa Collins followed up on the nuisance building behind the Chinese restaurant. When is their timeline up to clean the property? Some of the items appear to have been removed. Collins reported there are broken chunks of cement and, tall weeds and there are building materials next to the fence. Wastewater Superintendent Jason Long mentioned Grossman had looked at the property but he was not aware of the outcome. The City will follow up with Grossman for an update.

**Bids: Asphalt Streets** -- The City received one bid to asphalt the four remaining streets on 2013 Budget– Herzog: \$68,850. City Administrator Bruce Lundy provided the bid figures along with Director of Public Works Kenny Lance. The estimates were \$88,899. Don Dillman motioned to approve Herzog’s bid for the four streets. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Bids: Water Plant Ground Storage Tank Clean Out & Inspection** – Two bids were received.

Inland Potable Services	\$3,595
Midco Diving	\$2,645

The process uses divers to clean out the tank. Water Superintendent Dale Watson recommended the low bid. Don Dillman motioned to approve Midco Diving’s bid for the ground storage tank clean out and inspection. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Bid Opening: Storm Sirens**

Three bids were received: Outdoor Warning; L & B Electronics; and Blue Valley. Each vendor provided multiple bids.

**Questions and Answers by Vendors Present** -- Representatives from all three vendors were present. Bids were read in the order received at City Hall. City Administrator Bruce Lundy

explained that, in fairness, it made sense to allow each vendor to speak about their product with the other two vendors out of the room. Each vendor spoke about their sirens bid.

**Outdoor Warning – Steve Cearlock** -- Joy Thompson asked for the difference between mechanical and electronic sirens. Mechanical are World War II style and produce a sound. Electronic sirens do not move and have the ability to produce multiple sounds including messages. Outdoor Warning does not sell mechanical sirens. Electronic siren can broadcast messages and actually tell people what's going on. Outdoor Warning is the authorized dealer for Whelen engineering in Missouri. They have the contract with Mo-DOT. The Cities of King City, Albany, Maryville, Stanberry all have these sirens. This system can do a monthly test with chimes or voice; citizens would only hear a siren if there is an actual warning. Ninety-eight percent of their sirens use solar power. Lundy asked which siren would best fit Savannah. Cearlock said the third siren type: Whelen WPS2906 128dbc, which is the same type that Maryville is using. He thought three sirens would cover the Savannah area, at \$20,549 for each siren. For Solar power, add \$1,834 per unit. Deduct \$3,000 each if the poles are donated and installed by a local electric company. The encoder voice system is included in the bid. Two tone sequential cannot do voice but DTMF does. The siren can be programmed from multiple sources: from the encoder system to a radio in a police car. **Total bid: approximately \$58,000** including the solar charge.

**L & B Electronics – Lloyd & Becky Wood** – They used a topographical map to plot coverage of sirens in Savannah. In order to cover the entire city, it would take 6 sirens of the 121db style. Wood recommends American Signal E Class 4 on page 3 of the bid handout. These are \$12,800 for each siren: total for six sirens is: \$76,800. Add \$800 for the encoder to activate the sirens. **Total Bid: \$77,600.** Wood explained that many companies draw a circle on a map to figure siren coverage. L & B Electronics spend more time examining the terrain to cover. Their sirens would be capable of being set off by multiple sources including a sheriff's dispatch or a standalone system. L & B is a two way radio company and would include programming the radios for no additional charge. Lundy asked if the two tone system was secure. Wood said that two tone is as safe as DTMF. L & B's sirens include pre-recorded messages plus can do messages on a PA system. The sirens are mounted on 55 foot class 3 poles. Normally the local electrical company installs the poles. L & B has the solar cells available, but do not recommend solar polar on sirens. Solar cells are made out of glass and can be damaged in hail and wind. Solar cells would add about \$1700 to cost per siren. Wood talked about the mounting of the sirens. L & B has bolts that go through the pole. They are electronic technicians and take care of any maintenance on the sirens. In 2010, they provided siren tests in Savannah. Becky Wood probably spent 16 hours working on the topography map and figuring the number of sirens to cover the City.

**Blue Valley Public Safety – Bruce Fisher** – Blue Valley represents Federal Signal Corporation. Earlier this year he provided siren testing with a model 2001-130 siren in Savannah at five different locations. His proposal is for a mixed system of four of the mechanical and one of the electronic sirens. **Total bid: \$78,555.56.** He would deduct \$800 for each siren if the local electric company provides the poles to mount the sirens. Fisher explained that electronic sirens can have pre-recorded messages and more functionality other than just a tornado siren. Mechanical sirens produce three tones. He would ask that Council review their customer list and he encouraged them to call their references. St. Joseph uses the 130 style sirens. Difference: Mechanical versus electronic – mechanical will last 30 to 40 years whereas it is estimated that electronic sirens last fifteen to twenty years. Amazonia has one of their old Thunderbolt sirens. Fillmore, Mound City, Buchanan County are some of their other customers. **Bid: \$14,842.50 for**

**each mechanical and \$19,185.56 for the electronic.** When asked, Fisher commented that the encoder was not included in the bid because he did not see anything about activating the sirens. The City can use two-tone or DTMF for an encoder. Estimate: \$1,000. Add \$1800 per siren if use solar.

After all three companies spoke, Council called for all the siren vendors still at the meeting to come back into Chambers. L & B was the only vendor still at the Clasbey Center. Council agreed to review the materials and check references on the sirens.

### **Fire Chief Tommy George– Moving Antennas, Shared Cost**

The current fire department antenna is on the tower at the United Electric Coop. The electric company is installing a new tower and the antenna will have to be removed from the old tower and placed somewhere else. The electric company will allow the antenna to be put on their new tower, however, they have informed the Rural Fire Board that they will have to pay for it to be there. Mo-Haug Communications is the local company that maintains the fire dept radios and they have submitted two quotes: Electric Co-op tower versus City water tower. If it is put on the Electric tower, it will cost the co-op's installer plus will be billed a monthly tower rent charge. Long term it would be cheaper to have the antenna on the City's tower. To be installed on the City tower, it is \$7,775.95 for the total cost; city's cost (1/2 total) would be \$3,887.98. The suggestion was made to look at solar panels for power. Joy Thompson motioned to approve moving the antenna to the City's water tower and pay ½ the cost. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Financing for Sirens** – The City had invited both USDA and US Bank to the meeting to answer questions about their financing options. Since last discussed, the City learned that USDA requires sirens purchased through a USDA loan to be put on city property and required the City to take the lowest bid. The grant application is the same as the loan application. So the City would not know if it received a grant until after the loan application was approved. The City has set up to become a not-for-profit organization as USDA requires but does not have to use it. Rates: USDA is 3.5% plus annual reserves. US Bank is 2.62% for 5 years; 3.09% for 7 years plus a one-time fee \$199. Missy Lackey, US Bank, was present at the meeting. Their current quote is good until July 19<sup>th</sup>. Lackey will watch rates and provide the new rates for the next meeting. John Parker motioned to proceed with a banking system as opposed to a USDA financing for sirens. Parker mentioned the restrictions of USDA with two reserves. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

### **Treasurer's report**

City Clerk Beth Kar provided a summary of the June finances. Sales tax continues to be less than last year. The City will have the 2014 budget work session on August 6, 7 p.m., City Hall. John Parker asked if there was a timer on the tennis courts' lights and why the City pays for them. The City has an agreement with the school. He asked if the high school and middle school put in meters for fields. Yes. There will be water charges with no sewer charges. Greg Wilson would like the City to investigate other phone carriers as opposed to Centurytel, consider bidding out phone service and look at voice over internet such as Suddenlink. Don Dillman motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

## **City Administrator's report**

City Administrator Bruce Lundy provided his report.

**CAP Agreement w/ Conservation** -- He communicated with the Department of Conservation about the CAP Agreement for the City Lake. Tory Mason, Dept of Conservation, called and confirmed that Jefferson City has approved the agreement and will be mailing it to the City to sign. He originally had it on this week's agenda but the meeting was full so it has been added to August 5.

**East Main Project** – He has been monitoring the East Main project. The construction crew has poured the concrete footings for the wing walls and has moved a lot of dirt. John Wright is supposed to be pouring the wing walls soon. Public Works employees Clint Messner and Mike Clark both worked a day or two helping move and compact the dirt. This is tracked as an in-kind contribution for the grant.

**Golf Committee** -- Greg Wilson and he attended the Golf Committee meeting last Monday night. The Board is very pleased with Manager Mark Christopher and how he has been operating the course. Financial statements show the course is doing well and the Board recommended Mark Christopher a 5% raise. Don Dillman motioned to approve the 5% increase as recommended by Golf Committee. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Swimming Pool** -- The floors in the locker / bathrooms are very slick and some people have fallen. Activities Director Jason Smith contacted Brooner Construction about the problem. Brooner states that the floor was installed at specifications and the current texture on the floor is as coarse as it can be while maintaining comfort to foot. The texture level can be increase but it will be rougher on the feet and harder to clean. Brooner bid \$5189.00 to strip the floor and re-do it and the pool would have to close a few days. Lundy spoke to Harold Morgan, School District, who also has experience with floors. A floor buffer with an abrasive pad can be rented and scuff the floors enough to prevent falling. This can be done by City staff without closing the pool and would be considerably less than \$5189.00. Lundy spoke to Jason Smith and he agreed it is worth a try. Ron Auxier, Ellison-Auxier, the pool's engineering company, is coming to town Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. to look things over and discuss a list that needs to be fixed. The City will not do anything to the floor until Auxier has a chance to look at it. The pool would have to be closed for about 4 days to have that done. Rodney Ware reported a buffer would cost \$30 for four hours and Morgan recommended \$9 dollars for the black pad or they can go to a coarse pad. Meanwhile the City temporarily has put down mats to provide traction. Greg Wilson asked if buffing the floors would hurt the warranty. Joy Thompson suggested the rubber items they paint on floors used for the elderly to help with traction. Saturday night Lundy's church had a pool party there. People were slipping on the bathroom floors at the pool. He went to his house and took carpet back to the pool and made carpet trails. Council recommended trying the buffer.

**Jason Long** -- Jason Long from the sewer plant came in and spoke to Lundy about the HRA Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan. Money is set aside in the plan and can only be used when the employee is the patient. Jason's daughter had an issue and he is paying medical bills now and would like to access the money in this account. Lundy would like Council to consider changing this plan to include the employee plus any of his dependents covered under the employee's policy. John Parker motioned to make the changes necessary to for the City's health reimbursement policy to apply to a dependent that is covered under the City employee's health insurance. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Jason Long would also like to ask the council to raise Wastewater Operator Dellie Dunn's salary. He says she is a good hard worker that is able to work at nearly all city departments: sewer, water, street, and cemetery. She was just short of getting her certification, but she is planning to attend a free math class on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Then she is going to retake the certification test. She is currently making \$11.06 an hour. Normally raises are not given until certification is achieved or at budget time.

**Yard waste recycling center** -- The yard waste center is full. Jason Long contacted the company that does the grinding. It turns out they were working in St Joseph and agreed to come here next. However, the grinder broke down Friday morning and it will not be fixed until Monday. Lundy spoke with Long and will make an effort to keep up with the brush and push it up more regularly. The cost for the grinding and the dozer to push the brush to the grinder was estimated to be about \$5000.00. The grinder had not been fixed today; hopefully they will get it started tomorrow. The dozer is in there.

Don Dillman motioned to approve City Administrator's report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

### **Wastewater Superintendent Jason Long Presentation –Dellie Dunn**

John Parker asked the City Attorney Emily Bauman about discussing employee's pay. Does that have to be in closed session? Bauman responded that it can be but does not have to be. Council continued the discussion. Jason Long asked for a 10% increase in Dunn's salary. He had talked to the previous City Administrator who recommended waiting on requesting an increase. Long mentioned that Dellie Dunn was a big help and helped other departments as well. He distributed information on a class that he and Dunn would be attending. There have been a few problems at the plant and Dunn does a lot of the callbacks after hours for the wastewater department. She is proactive and checks on things on the weekends. They inspected the grease traps at the Chinese restaurant. There was a significant amount of grease from the old line. He, Building Inspector Gene Grossman, and Dunn checked it out and found that it was functioning properly. Long thought the grease was why there were some problems with their lines. Mayor Connie George asked if they had checked out 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Yes, they had; it is becoming a recurring issue. The only way to clean the lines is through pressure. The line would need to be tv-ed and add a manhole. Council asked to add that to the 2014 budget. John Parker asked about Dellie Dunn's operator certification. She will be attending the math seminar help her pass? Dunn said she missed the last test by three and thought some of it was on the math formulas. She can go to Lee's Summit and take the test. It is given every three months so the next one will be Oct/Nov. She will need to enroll in the water class. Dunn is making \$11.06 an hour. Don Dillman motioned to increase Dellie Dunn's pay by 5% salary to \$12.17/hour. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes

John Parker motioned to approve the Wastewater Superintendent's report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

### **BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**Bill 2013-21 Dance Inspirations Clasbey contract annual renewal** was read for the second reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2608**

This ordinance pertains to renewing Dance Inspirations lease of the Clasbey Center. Joy Thompson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2608. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

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

**ORDINANCE 2609**

This ordinance pertains to readopting procedures to disclose conflicts of interest. The state requires this ordinance to be approved every two years. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2609. John Parker seconded. Vote: Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye. Motion carried.

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

**ORDINANCE 2610**

This ordinance pertains to amending the City Code Chapter City Administrator. Greg Wilson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2610. Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye. Motion carried.

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

**ORDINANCE 2611**

This ordinance pertains to amending Chapters 21 & 29 of the City Code. Joy Thompson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2611. John Parker seconded. Vote: Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye. Motion carried.

**Bill 2013-25 Approve Herzog to Asphalt Streets.**

Greg Wilson motioned to add the second reading to the agenda. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Bill 2013-25 Approve Herzog to Asphalt Streets was read for the first and second readings.

**ORDINANCE 2612**

This ordinance pertains to approving Herzog Contracting to asphalt the four remaining streets on the City's 2013 budget:

Benton Street from 6th to Minnie Cline

Park Street from 3rd to 7th street

Fourth Street from Price to Market

Second Street from Hwy 71 to Duncan St

Total for all projects: \$68,850

Greg Wilson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2612. John Parker seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Director of Public Works Kenny Lance suggested having the parking lot done at Clasbey Center. Lance will call and get an estimate on doing the parking lots.

**Second Public Testimony**

No testimony.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS**

**Mayor's report** – Mayor Connie George attended Tuesday's meeting with Gary Markenson, MML. She met with State Auditor Julie Moulden. George received lots of calls including: on property lines and trash cans left in the streets. Gene Grossman has sent letters to some of the people leaving the trash cans in streets.

**Council Discussion** – Don Dillman visited with Gene Grossman on his timesheet. Grossman has a busy week planned and didn't know how much time he would put in. Grossman wants a City car to drive. If the Water Plant Superintendent Dale Watson replaces his vehicle, his old vehicle would be free for Gene.

John Parker answered that St. Rose of Lima has its annual ice cream social in two weeks. He was a little concerned with Gene Grossman's hours.

Joy Thompson received call regarding the pool's handicapped parking. She looked at it. The pool is on a hill and she didn't see anything wrong with the parking spaces. She had complaints about slick floors and loud music at the pool. John Parker asked how many handicapped spaces are required. There are two. It depends on the type of facility, expected crowds and other items. The engineers would likely have had looked at the number of required spaces.

Follow up on sirens – work session scheduled: 6 p.m. before August 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

### **Adjournment**

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 9:45 p.m. on a motion by Greg Wilson and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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Connie George, Mayor

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