

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 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, John Parker and Joy Thompson. Mayor Connie George, Interim City Administrator Bruce Lundy, Chief of Police David Vincent and City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar were also present. City Attorney Emily Bauman was absent at roll call but arrived a few minutes later. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall on August 16, 2013. The meeting was audio recorded.

**Approval of Agenda** -- John Parker motioned to approve the agenda as posted. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Minutes – August 5, 2013; August 6, 2013** – Greg Wilson motioned to approve the minutes of August 5 and 6, 2013. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Hearing: Setting 2013 Tax Rate** – Mayor Connie George announced the Public Hearing. There were no questions. City Clerk Beth Kar advised that the General Rate should be updated to 0.5590 as listed on the second page of the ordinance.

**Public Testimony**

**Street Closures – Community Block Party** -- Diane Gould represented Savannah & Local Area Churches' Annual Community Block Party on August 24. She requested Court & 4<sup>th</sup> Streets be closed for the event. The event has expanded. This year from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. they would also like to close Main Street from 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Streets in addition to Court and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets. Joy Thompson asked what City Administrator Bruce Lundy thought. Normally the City does not want to close Main Street. However, the downtown Courtyard is being used for music and entertainment so there will likely be spill over onto Main Street. It would better to close 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Main to Market but it makes sense to close Main in this instance. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the August 24<sup>th</sup> street closure on Main, 4<sup>th</sup> and Court. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Street Closures – Octoberfest/Homecoming** -- Roxanne Schweizer, President of the Chamber of Commerce, requested to close streets for Octoberfest on October 11<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. approximately. It is the Savannah High School's Homecoming so normally the streets are closed for the parade. The streets would be closed around the Square until the pep assembly on Main Street is finished around 6 p.m. Don Dillman motioned to approve the street closure on October 11<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Tionna Pooler, Independent Public Advisors** -- Pooler provided an overview of her company, Independent Public Advisors. They are independent financial advisors and not an underwriting firm. Choosing an independent financial advisor can increase transparency and maximize

potential underwriters on a transaction, which typically can reduce costs. A financial advisor's assistance includes: determining the proper method of sale; seeking ratings from rating agencies; managing the timing of tasks related to issuance; and preparing both primary and secondary market disclosure. Her company provides a variety of detailed analysis including annual forecasting and credit worthiness. She analyzes water, sewer and other rates. Don Dillman asked if she analyzed budgets. Typically her interaction is if the client makes a purchase or loan, she provides debt assumptions. John Parker commented when looking at refinancing bonds, he wanted an independent view and to see how the City might do things differently.

**Treasurer's report** -- City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar provided the Treasurer's report with the July financials including an increase in sales tax revenue for the month. John Parker motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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

City Administrator Bruce Lundy presented his report.

**Storm Sirens** -- City Attorney Emily Bauman is reviewing the documents in reference to the financing and purchasing of the storm sirens. Lundy spoke with Steve from Outdoor Warning. Steve will be coming to town in a couple of weeks to look at siren locations and discuss this project further. Bauman spoke with Missy at US Bank. The City needs to complete the application and then approve the ordinance on the financing. Lundy talked to Dennis at Haug Communication regarding radios to program the sirens. For about \$130 he can program the Kenwood radios in the police vehicles to set off the sirens. The Police Chief's new radio will not be able to set off sirens. Outdoor Warning can also provide handheld radios for \$575 that can set off sirens.

**Zoning Resignations** -- Kenny Fisher and William Coats have resigned from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Lundy spoke to current Zoning member Debbie Walker. She requested that Zoning be allowed input to help choose new members for the board. The appointments are the Mayor's but Mayor Connie George is fine with input from the board. There are two applicants for Zoning: a different Kenny Fisher and Ralph Stanton. The City has put out the word again looking for volunteers to serve on Zoning. The ad for the building inspector is posted with the Savannah Reporter, MML, and other internet sites. The St Joseph News Press was going to be over \$500 so the City did not post an ad in it.

**Mo-Kan** -- Tom Bliss from Mo-Kan and his associates will be at City Hall, 9:30 a.m. on August 29th, to visit and to explain their services in addition to grants. Lundy invited Mayor and Council Members to attend.

**East Main Street** -- The wing walls have been poured and there is a lot of work going on there. Shouse Concrete Construction is the contractor who poured the walls.

**Street Closures for events** -- Lundy has had several contacts about blocking off a street for an event. In the past, people have been required to come to Council for approval. Does Council still want to hear these requests or is that something they would prefer the City Administrator to handle? Two of the requests for street closures spoke earlier tonight. The third group, Carters Bar, is putting on a fund raiser for Bud Wilson, who has cancer, on Sept 8th from Noon to 8:00pm. They want to close 5th from Pearl to Main. They are looking into insurance requirements.

**Building/Zoning Questions** -- With the resignation of Building Inspector Gene Grossman, Lundy has been very busy answering zoning questions. Kenny Fisher has helped but the City receives many calls and it can take a lot of time going through the books and finding answers.

**Grants** -- Lundy has written several MIRMA Grant requests: 5 for the sewer plant, 1 for parks, and 1 for streets. He plans to do three or four for the police. He went to Cameron and picked up the radio for the Chief of Police's vehicle. It was a \$5000 radio the City was awarded on a grant Lundy applied for from the Missouri Dept of Public Safety.

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

### **BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Bill 2013-30 2013 Set Tax Rate was read for the first and second readings.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2614**

This ordinance approves setting the 2013 tax rate. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2614 with an amendment on General rate, setting it at 0.5590. John Parker seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2013-26 Agreement with Dept of Conservation on Reservoir was read for the second reading.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2615**

This ordinance pertains to authorizing an agreement with the Department of Conservation on the reservoir property. Joy Thompson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2615. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2013-28 Chamber of Commerce Contract was read for the second reading.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2616**

This ordinance authorizes a three year contract with the Chamber of Commerce. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2616. Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye. Motion carried.

**Second Public Testimony** – No testimony

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION**

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Connie George reported she would like Council to consider doing something for Mr. Curtis Taylor since he was instrumental in stopping the theft at the old water plant. City Administrator Bruce Lundy spoke to him and asked if he would be interested in going part time with the City. He would be interested in the spring. Joy Thompson mentioned a plaque. John Parker asked if the City had a TIPS hotline and Taylor would be rewarded for his tip. There is not a TIPS hotline locally. Lundy will check with the Dept of Conservation to see the process for recognizing volunteers. George reported record attendance at the annual football tournament this past weekend. She thanked Lundy for all his work with zoning. The City is trying to set up a date for the celebration for Ironwood being paved.

**Council Members Discussion** -- Joy Thompson received complaints over the weekend because the pool was not open all day on Saturday and Sunday. City Administrator Bruce Lundy spoke

with Pool Manager Trish Henton. If there are few numbers at the pool, it is posted the pool will close. Does the pool need to increase that minimum number from seven? What do other pools do? She drove by the reservoir and old water plant; it looks good but the tall weeds need to be addressed. Lundy is working with Water Superintendent Dale Watson on the requirements to close the old plant. Someone is coming tomorrow to look at it. Joy Thompson reported she painted 11 fire hydrants with one coat of paint. She has plenty of paint left. The Boy Scouts backed out of painting the hydrants.

**Adjournment** -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8 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