

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 3, 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, City Attorney Emily Bauman, City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar and Chief of Police David Vincent were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall August 29, 2013. The meeting was audio recorded.

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

Minutes: August 19, 2013; August 21, 2013 – Greg Wilson motioned to approve the minutes. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

There was noise in the room next to Council Chambers. Council asked Chief of Police David Vincent if he would ask the music to be turned down, which he did.

Public Testimony

Teresa Collins, complained about the building next to her behind the Chinese restaurant on Highway 71/Pearl Street, which she has been dealing with for many months. She would like something done. On a different issue, City Administrator Bruce Lundy and Wastewater Superintendent Jason Long spoke to the Chinese restaurant owners about the grease trap problems. When they spoke to them about that problem, Lundy also mentioned cleaning up the property. The owners said they do not have the means to take care of it now. The owners have started cleaning up the property and will be allowed a brief period of time to finish cleaning it up. Collins offered to buy the property from them. She mowed the yard and has done things to help out but felt no one had appreciated it. Previously it had been mentioned at Council meeting that the City could send a letter from the City Attorney to the owners. However that was with the former Building Inspector Gene Grossman before he resigned. City Attorney Emily Bauman explained she cannot send out a letter to just them, but would need to send out letters to all violations around the City, in order not to be discriminatory.

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Bruce Lundy reported:

Storm Sirens – Lundy has been in contact with Steve from Outdoor Warning and has given him the needed information for the Radio Frequency to set off the sirens and the location of where to deliver the products. Outdoor Warning offered to sell the City hand radios capable of setting off the sirens at cost, so Lundy ordered two at \$969 each. This is about half the price if the City bought them from another vendor. Steve supplied the purchase agreement for approval and once

it is signed the City will get the sirens ordered. Shipping will be about 8 weeks. KCP&L has agreed to supply the poles.

Zoning Board Resignations -- Kenny Fisher, William Coats, Ron Clark, and Ross Ingersoll have resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Lundy has written Thank You letters and sent them out. There are three applicants for the board but there are four openings. Is there anyone else to recruit? Six applications were received for Building Inspector as of Thursday. The deadline is September 3rd. Then the City will discuss when and where to do interviews. Lundy had Deputy Clerk Brooke Bell put a sign up front at City Hall, stating that the City is looking for zoning members. There will be a lot of people bringing in water bills next week so that should help reach more people.

Mo-Kan -- Tom Bliss and several other staff members were in town on Thursday, August 29th to explain what MO-KAN does. Council Member Don Dillman, Mayor Connie George, City Clerk Beth Kar, and Lundy met with them for about an hour. MO-KAN provides grant information, mapping services, homeland security information, and disaster preparedness education and planning. It was a very educational meeting.

East Main Street project-- Some progress is being made. The dirt back fill is done around the newly constructed box. The construction company Hoggatt told Director of Public Works Kenny Lance that they would be working on the project this week. The expectation is once they start on the road construction it will be completed quickly. Hoggatt was onsite today and will start filling the boxes tomorrow.

Curtis Taylor recognition -- Lundy spoke with the Department of Conservation and they have placed a sign at the City Lake showing that the area has been adopted by Curtis Taylor. Lundy checked with the store Creations about a plaque to show the City's appreciation and recognition for the work that Taylor does at the Lake property. The plaque would cost around \$60.

Reminder-- The next Council Meeting will be **Tuesday**, September 24th.

Milling and Paving -- Herzog Construction has been back in town doing the Milling and Paving of the last two street projects. They didn't mill Barkley Street and will still need to do that.

Williams Street sidewalk – Joy Thompson had asked about this issue. The problem is not the sidewalk, but is the curb in front of the street. Paving will not help the curb. Thompson reported that the residents would not mind fixing it, but recommendation is they should wait until after the street is finish.

1007 West Price – There is a hole on their property with a tube under the driveway. The Public Works crews are going to fix it tomorrow.

8th and Main -- Over the weekend an old storm drainage box at that location had the side blown out. This most likely will be a large project to fix. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance explained it is complex and will require engineers to look at it and design specifications. The City will need to replace all three brick manholes.

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

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

John Parker and Joy Thompson asked about putting in the budget the work on 8th and Main. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance thought Snyder and Associates was already the City's official engineer and could look into it. The City would just need to bid for the construction, not the engineer. All of the boxes would be tied in together. Lance would like to go ahead and contact Snyder. Joy Thompson motioned go ahead and proceed with the 8th and Main project and have engineers look at it. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Bill 2013-31 Approving 2014 Budget was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2617

This ordinance approves the Fiscal Year 2014 budget. Joy Thompson motioned to adopt ordinance no 2617. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2013-32 Approving Sirens Purchase with Outdoor Warning was read for the first reading. Greg Wilson motioned for two readings tonight so the sirens would be ordered and installed before potentially bad weather/winter. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Bill 2013-32 was read for the second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2618

This ordinance approves purchasing storm sirens and radios from Outdoor Warning. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2618. Greg Wilson seconded. Vote: Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye. Motion carried.

Siren Locations – City Administrator Bruce Lundy reported Steve from Outdoor Warning had been in town. They looked at locations for the sirens. There were high spots at 1) the Highway E and driveway next to high school; 2) 11th and Davis next to the County Recycling facility; 3) behind Bus Barn next to First Baptist Church; and 4) the last one would be next to Minnie Cline Elementary. He spoke with Savannah Schools Superintendent Dr. Brax who said the school was fine with the sirens being on school property.

Bill 2013-33 Amend Elected Officials pay for 2014 was read for the first reading.

Second Public Testimony

Fire Chief Tommy George suggested when the City renews the Clasbey lease contract with the dance studio to talk about the sound when other events such as Council meetings are being held in the Clasbey Center. Greg Wilson saw two girls come out of the men's bathroom. There may be a need to put in more bathrooms in the Clasbey. There is only one toilet in each bathroom. Joy Thompson said that two toilets would fit in each bathroom. City Administrator Bruce Lundy mentioned when she rents, the kitchen isn't included in the monthly rent. John Parker asked if when there is a Council meeting, in order to avoid loud music, the Kitchen and Multipurpose should not be rented. City Attorney Emily Bauman mentioned that meetings are important and are difficult when there are distractions. Music level is not currently in the dance studio's contract.

Lundy reported that he conferred with Fire Chief Tommy George, Chief of Police David Vincent and Public Works Director Kenny Lance on finalizing the storm siren locations.

Pool flooring – City Administrator Bruce Lundy reported the City had discussed the slippery floor with the engineer and contractor. The contractor agreed to fix the floor on the walkways at no cost.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Mayor’s report – Mayor Connie George attended several meetings with City Administrator Bruce Lundy. She drove through the Cemetery and it was in good shape.

Council discussion –

Joy Thompson received a complaint about the corner at 6th & Main: tree branches make it hard to see. City Administrator Bruce Lundy checked it out. There is a big tree on corner on the NW side but it has been there for awhile. There is a tree at 8th and 71 Hwy but that’s Mo-Dot’s responsibility. Chief of Police David Vincent said there is a tree next to the northbound turn but that is also Mo-Dot’s. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance said the tree has been trimmed several times; the only way to help is to remove the tree. Thompson also reported that the light at the library and 6th and Main wasn’t working. Lance had looked at it and it works part of the time; it may be the eye needs replaced.

John Parker thanked the City for paving Park Street. It is very smooth. There was a problem because of the street overlay, and recycling was not picked up on Park one day. Parker took his neighbor’s and his recycling over to the County facility. His granddaughter and daughter had to go back to Illinois without their dog. People are still looking for the dog, Hachi.

Don Dillman noticed Mrs. Hagenaa’s tree was cut. City Administrator Bruce Lundy talked to her and she trimmed the tree; however, she called today and said someone tried to help by trimming her tree more and now it is in sad shape. The corner next to the tree is now very easy to see around.

John Parker asked if Council needed to look at the building inspector applications. Lundy explained that in the Council packets were the top three candidates. He will make copies of all of the applications for the interviews.

Adjournment

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Greg Wilson and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk