

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013  
SPECIAL CLOSED MEETING  
SAVANNAH RURAL FIRE STATION, 107 HWY 71  
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Connie George presiding.

Purpose: The special closed meeting was held to interview Building Inspector candidates. The regular Council meeting followed the Closed Session. The meeting was closed per 610.021 (3) RSMo.

Present: Council Members – Joy Thompson, Greg Wilson, John Parker and Don Dillman; Mayor Connie George, City Attorney Emily Bauman, Interim City Administrator Bruce Lundy, and City Clerk Beth Kar.

Joy Thompson motioned to go into Closed Session per 610.021 (3) Personnel. John Parker seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 610.021 (3)**

During Closed Session, Don Dillman motioned to offer Michael Malhiwsky at \$32,000 the full-time building inspector position contingent on becoming certified within six months as required by the job description. Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: Thompson: aye; Parker: nay; Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye. Motion carried.

Joy Thompson motioned to go back into open session. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 ayes.

Council took a brief break before starting the regular meeting at 8 p.m.

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013  
REGULAR MEETING  
SAVANNAH RURAL FIRE STATION, 107 HWY 71, SAVANNAH  
8:00 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 September 19, 2013. The meeting was audio recorded.

**Approval of Agenda** – John Parker motioned to approve agenda as posted. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Minutes – September 3, 2013** – Don Dillman motioned to approve the minutes of September 3, 2013. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

## **Public Testimony**

Park Board President Mike Yuille provided a report from the Park Board's last meeting. Long-time member Todd Benson resigned. The Board offered sincere thanks for Benson's over-twenty-years of service. Benson was instrumental on the recent pool renovations where the Board relied on his construction expertise. The Park Board recommended Zachary Snapp to fill the vacancy from Benson's resignation. The Board also approved its 2014 budget. Yuille thanked City Clerk Beth Kar and Parks Manager Donnie Knorr for putting together the budget. The Board reviewed its bylaws and is in the process of updating them. As soon as the bylaws are rewritten, they will be proofed. Joy Thompson recommended having the bylaws sent to City Attorney for review. The Parks have a survey on the City's pages and Facebook pages. So far there have been close to 60 responses. Yuille will update the responses and send them to City Hall to forward on to Council. The average parks' rating is at least 3 to 4 out of possibly 5. The Parks have a drawing from Bob Stubblefield on a design for the main entrance at Messick Park. The Parks crew has been working on the project. A group of Middle Schoolers and resident volunteers will handle the planting. Don Dillman commented that Yuille's presentation is probably what the state auditor envisioned for an annual report by the Park Board. John Parker agreed it would be more of an activities report. Yuille commented it would also help in the future when the Parks wanted improvements, the annual report would show what they have done in the past with the monies. The report would include items like how many kids signed up for soccer and baseball and how many teams played on the City fields. He is on the agenda to provide an annual report to Council this fall. The Ironwood Street kids' parade and ribbon cutting will be at the Youth Complex on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Council also discussed the problems with vandalism at the parks. The Juvenile officer will work to make sure the damage is taken care of.

## **Two Bids – Water Plant Lagoons Cleanout and Auditor Services**

Both items received few bids and came in at a higher cost than anticipated. The departments requested rebidding both items. Greg Wilson motioned to throw bids out on both the lagoon cleaning and auditor services and to rebid both projects. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

## **Police Chief's report**

Chief of Police David Vincent provided the statistics report. He reported that it had been busier than normal for September. The police have two suspects for the vandalism in the park. Vincent spoke with the Parks department about security cameras but is not sure if would do a lot of good since the area is so large. There is a curfew but the damage in the park was done earlier in the evening. The suspect from burglary at the reservoir is still in jail. The police are preparing for Homecoming on October 11<sup>th</sup> which is the City's biggest event of year. The officers will begin clearing off parking around the Square at Noon on that day. Don Dillman motioned to approve the Police Chief's report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

## **City Administrator's report**

City Administrator Bruce Lundy reported:

**Golf Meeting** – Greg Wilson and he attended the Golf Committee meeting on Monday. The Course finances are looking good. General Manager Mark Christopher is doing a great job keeping everything in line. The Board discussed Wayne Stegman. He was a member but due to

health reasons he had to give up golfing. Stegman had paid for a cart shed rental and membership and wanted a refund. The Committee decided to refund his cart storage fee of \$300 but not the membership.

**Park Board Meeting** – Mayor Connie George, Joy Thompson and he attended the Park Board meeting Tuesday. Todd Benson resigned from the Board. The Board had an application from Zach Snapp. They voted to approve his application and ask the Mayor/Council to appoint him to the Park Board. Lundy will type up a thank you letter for Mayor Connie George to send to Mr. Benson for his service. John Parker thought anyone who has been on a board for more than 10 years should receive a plaque and be invited to a Council meeting for a presentation. City Administrator Bruce Lundy found plaques cost around \$50. He will further research options.

**Rotary Club** -- Lundy was invited to speak to the Rotary Club's lunch meeting. He spoke to about eight of their members, explaining the Budget process including Revenues and Expenditures. They were very appreciative, and welcomed him to become a member.

**8th and Main Drainage issues** – Director of Public Works Kenny Lance contacted Snyder and Associates who came up and looked at the problem. Snyder believe the boxes on three corners could be replaced for about \$41,000. Lance is getting specifications put together with Snyder and it will be put out for bid. In the past the Council discussed contracting with Snyder and Associates for their services as the City Engineer. However, Snyder was never formally approved by Council. An ordinance is being drafted for Council's review. Joy Thompson was concerned about the 8<sup>th</sup> and Main problem and the upcoming Homecoming Parade. Is there any way to put something in front of it for the parade? Fire Chief Tommy George suggested it would be a good place to put the parade judges since they normally are near that location. Lance will look into it further.

**MML Conference** -- City Clerk Beth Kar, Deputy City Clerk Brooke Bell, City Attorney Emily Bauman and Lundy attended the Missouri Municipal League Conference. Lundy attended seminars on Municipal Government 101 (Council Procedures) and Municipal Government 102 (legal issues) Public Works in Emergency Management, Professional City Management, an Overview of Personnel Law, How to Increase Citizen Involvement, Public Values and the Ethics of Government, and "Stuff" My Attorney Says. Lundy appreciated the opportunity to attend. There were a large number of attendees that were Aldermen and Mayors. Next year the conference is at St. Charles. Lundy hopes in the future elected officials will also attend.

**Codification** -- Sullivan Publication is nearing the completion of the Codification Process. Sullivan will be coming to a Council meeting soon to approve the updates.

**Storm Sirens** -- The purchase order for the sirens has been signed and sent off to Steve Cearlock of Outdoor Warning and they have officially been ordered. Cearlock believed the sirens should arrive in about eight weeks.

**MIRMA grant** – The City received several grant awards. Lundy had applied for eleven items. MIRMA commented that it was the first time they received double digit grant applications. The City was awarded for seven; totaling about \$12,000. The City's share will be approximately \$10,000. It is all safety equipment and helps to lessen claims.

**Solar** -- Lundy had a call from two solar companies including Tom Alley. Entities have until December 31 to make a purchase for the rebates but the actual panels can be installed next year. The City would not get reimbursement for the water plant since it is on cooperative electric but

would get reimbursement for the wells. Is Council still interested? John Parker suggested inviting anyone on solar power to the next meeting since there is a deadline on the rebates.

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

**Treasurer's report** -- City Clerk Beth Kar provided August financials. The City is in the processing of closing out the fiscal year. The New Year begins October 1<sup>st</sup>. Don Dillman motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

### **RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**Resolution 2013-17 Emergency Purchase of Flat Bed Truck** -- Director of Public Works Kenny Lance described how the wiring on the current flatbed truck had shorted out and the truck would not start. Instead of putting more money in the old truck, he found options on a replacement. Purchasing a flatbed truck is in the 2014 budget. Lance provided pictures and information about two possible replacement vehicles: a white and a yellow one. The City has a 1980 model now. What he is looking at is a 2007. Joy Thompson asked if it could be purchased in Savannah. Only a new truck could be purchased locally. A new truck is estimated at \$50,000 to \$60,000. Only \$30,000 is budgeted. Both of these are vendors that specialize in these types of trucks. Greg Wilson asked if the interiors would be comfortable. Lance prefers the white model because of mileage. John Parker would prefer to buy it locally. Lance explained the local dealers are not medium Dooley dealers and would have to go through another company out of town and that would be a new truck, not a used one. Either truck would have to be shortened for a 16 foot bed. Greg Wilson commented that it would tack on more cost when the local dealer gets it from another company.

### **Resolution 2013-17 Emergency Purchase of Flat Bed Truck**

Don Dillman motioned to adopt Resolution 2013-17 but to allow the two local dealerships the option first if they can meet the specifications; and if they cannot meet them, to approve the vehicle presented by Lance contingent on making a road trip to look over the vehicle. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

### **BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Bill 2013-33 Amend Elected Officials pay for 2014 was read for the second reading. John Parker motioned to approve ordinance no. 2619. No second. The motion died.

Bill 2013-34 Sirens Financing with US Bank was read for first and second readings.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2619**

This ordinance pertains to financing the storm siren project with US Bank. Joy Thompson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2619. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

**Second Public Testimony** – None.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION**

### **Mayor's Report -- Board Resignations and Appointments:**

**Park Board – Resignation** -- Don Dillman motioned and John Parker seconded to approve Todd Benson's resignation. Motion carried on 4 yes. **Appointment Zach Snapp** – Mayor Connie George recommended appointing Zach Snapp to the Park Board. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the appointment and Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Planning & Zoning** -- Mayor Connie George submitted the appointments for Planning & Zoning: Ralph Stanton, Virgil Davison, Kenny Fisher, and Jana Hughes. Council could approve each person individually or as a group. Joy Thompson motioned to approve all 4. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes; 1 nay: Don Dillman. Motion carried.

### **Council Members Discussion**

John Parker would like a Resolution at the next meeting recognizing board members who have had over 10 years of service before leaving to receive a plaque.

Joy Thompson commented she liked seeing evening police officers on the streets. She asked about the City's capital assets and taking inventory. The departments have already started to do inventory.

Don Dillman attended the Mo-Kan planning meeting at the Senior Center.

City Attorney Emily Bauman received a complaint regarding adopting a dog at the City's Animal Shelter. A citizen thought he was going to be adopting the Boxer but it turned out he was not the first person on the list to adopt it. Bauman recommended setting up a more formal system for anyone who wants to adopt an animal at the shelter. She will find examples of a written application people can fill out when interested in a pet. The applications will be sent to Jan Dillman who volunteers at the Shelter. John Parker would like to make sure Dillman is listed as the contact person for the shelter adoptions.

### **Adjournment**

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned 9:23 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