

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013 7 P.M.
PROCEEDINGS – REGULAR SESSION
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, Interim City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Attorney Emily Bauman, Chief of Police David Vincent and City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall October 2, 2013. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approve Agenda -- Joy Thompson motioned to approve the agenda as posted. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Minutes: September 23, 2013 and September 24, 2013 – Don Dillman motioned to approve the minutes of September 23 and 24, 2013 as submitted. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Bid Tabulations – Water Superintendent Dale Watson presented two water department related bids: lagoon cleaning and treating well #2.

Bids: Water Plant Lagoon Cleaning – Three bids were received.

Muse -- \$19.50/yard

Synagro -- \$33.50/yard

Denali - \$49.19/yard

Watson recommended accepting the low bid from Muse. Greg Wilson asked the total number of cubic yards? Should the City clean both lagoons? Watson estimated fewer than 3,500 cubic yards for both. At that price, he recommended doing both lagoons. The City could put a cap on how many yards. Muse is from Elwood and would include a local Savannah crew.

Greg Wilson motioned to amend the budget and include cleaning both lagoons. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Watson asked about putting a cap on the number of cubic yards to clean: 4,000 cubic yards at \$19.50/yard = \$78,000 or 3,500 cubic yards = \$68,250. Council would like the option to have an additional review if the cubic yards are beyond the cap. Greg Wilson motioned to approve Muse as low bidder with 3,500 cubic yards as cap. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Bids: Request to clean two lagoons – 1 bid was received: \$12,554 from Layne Christensen. Don Caillouet, Layne, was present and described the process of treating well #2. Don Dillman motioned to accept the bid from Layne to treat well #2. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. The ordinance with both companies will be on the next meeting's agenda.

Public Testimony -- None.

Presentations from Three Solar Companies – Each of the companies presented their product. While each presentation was made the other two companies were not in the room.

Solar Energy – Tom Alley provided information on their three different lease options: six year, five year or ten year, with varied rates for each. The programs are based on 25 kilowatt hours (kw). They use 100 panels to create the 25kw. Estimate: \$300 to \$350/month. Warranties: 25 years on the panels and 10 years on the inverters. Deadlines: for the City to take advantage of the incentives, it would have to be approved by December 31st, but have until June 30 for the installation. If any roof later needs repaired, Solar Energy will remove the panels one time at no extra charge. Solar Energy uses Lightway brand panels.

Advanced Solutions – Dave Helsel was an electrical contractor with Pinnacle Electric. He has been in the solar business for a little over a year. Helsel found he was repairing solar systems frequently so he decided to get in the business of installation and selling them. He described the installation and five year lease options. Cost: \$2,500 down and \$2,500 at the end of the lease. They use ReneSola or LG panels. It is about a 17 week process. He uses Case Electric for the maintenance. For a 25 kw system, they use 100 panels on a minimum of 1900 square feet. He is careful to avoid shade areas and recommended against unistrut design. There are options to buy up on the warranties from basic five years to more. For an example of his panels, he suggested Dr. Looney's residence off Donovan Drive in the nearby Village of Country Club.

Brightergy – Rick Williams and Rob Howat were present. Brightergy is the largest solar provider in the state. The company has a master contract with Missouri Rural Water Association which benefits not-for-profit organizations which do not reap tax credit benefits from using solar power. The number of Rural Water Association member hookups determines the monthly payments -- the more hookups, the lower the monthly bill. It had been \$170/month and has dropped to \$160/month. Brightergy was able to purchase a lot of inventory which allows them to partner with not-for-profits in a true lease, and provide services at no upfront cost. They are currently working with many local companies including St. Joseph School District and Meierhoffer Funeral home. Brightergy uses Tier One rated panels which means the panels are insured even if the panel company goes under. Williams detailed the savings per each City KCPL electric account including the anticipated system electrical offset. It was estimated a little over \$15,000 savings annually. The City can look into buying out of the lease at a later date, using the savings as opposed to leasing for the full twenty years. At the end of five years, Brightergy's costs are covered. They can split up panels between accounts that share the same roof. Their panels are 308 kw each. They use 87 panels for 25kw system. Engineers inspect the roofs and electrical panels to make sure everything is structurally sound prior to installation. For example, one of their customers, City of Burlington does not have a large enough roof, so is receiving a ballasted ground mount instead of panels on the roof. Since it is a lease, the panels are covered under Brightergy's insurance. All of their systems come with a Monitoring system which shows how much energy the panels are producing. The company does internal audits quarterly and then annually to also how much energy is produced.

Brightergy's representatives left the room. Council reviewed the information from all the vendors. Joy Thompson asked if solar panels are more dangerous if there is a fire. Roof fires are dangerous regardless of panels. John Parker motioned to bid for solar panels on the ten City accounts as listed. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion 4 yes votes.

Region D Representative – John Parker received a letter from Region D that he was no longer a member for not attending meetings. He found a teacher who works with recycling at the Middle School who may be interested in becoming the representative but she asked for more time to consider it. Don Dillman also suggested Vernon Townsend who had been interested in recycling. City Attorney Emily Bauman explained missing three meetings without notifying the Region D board meant the member was removed from the board. John Parker motioned for City Attorney Emily Bauman to write a letter to Region D that the City was in the process of selecting a member. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Administrator's Report -- City Administrator Bruce Lundy reported:

Planning & Zoning -- After the September 24th Council Meeting Lundy offered the Building Inspector job to Mike Malhiwsky. Malhiwsky accepted and will start October 14th. Lundy called the other applicants who were interviewed and thanked them. He also sent a letter to the applicants who were not interviewed. Lundy will check the Highway Patrol for a vehicle for the building inspector. Dale Watson's truck had been mentioned but it needs work done on it and the building inspector would be using it more than even Watson uses it. John Parker would prefer the inspector to have a truck over a car. After the Mayor appointed the four new Zoning board members, Lundy received email resignations from Greg Gabler and Debby Walker. He sent both thank you letters. Lundy had Zoning books delivered to the four new members. The new board and new inspector will meet October 28.

Cypress Street Complaint -- On Wednesday September 25th Councilman Parker forwarded a complaint about heavy traffic and speeders on Cypress Street between 5 and 8 pm during football and soccer practice at the nearby Youth Complex. The Dragoos are concerned about the heavy traffic some of which is fast. Officer Cook and Lundy went out there that same day. Lundy was there from 5 to 8 p.m., stood in the street and talked to every driver who went by and reminded each that the speed limit is 15 mph. The Dragoos inquired what else could be done. Lundy explained that he was talking to every driver and that he would get another speed limit sign to post for traffic going back north on Cypress from the Complex. Officers will be patrolling the area and ticketing speeders. The parks close at 10 pm. He advised the residents to call dispatch when cars go to the complex after hours so the police can follow up and ask the cars to leave. Lundy e-mailed Dan Hegeman, KCPL, and requested the form to fill out to get new street lights. Lundy suggested four new street lights: on the corners of East Main and Market and two on Cypress. How much does a street light cost? The City will check out the cost.

Signatures -- Cassie White, MO-KAN, was in town to have some documents signed on the East Main project. She is leaving MO-KAN. Tom Bliss will handle the CDBG grant work until they find a replacement. Missy Lackey with the US Bank came to City Hall for the signatures to complete the financing to purchase storm sirens.

Solar Panels – The City spoke to three different Solar companies. Each spoke tonight before Council. The incentives will change after December 31 so if the City is interested, a contract needs to be locked in before that day. The companies have lease arrangements as opposed to paying large up-front fees. Brightergy research the City's usage and possible benefits to add solar. Lundy attached that summary to his report. It appears the largest benefit would be if the City puts solar on the Clasbey Center and on the Pro Shop.

Cemetery Traffic -- Lundy had a complaint about increased traffic and speeders going through the cemetery. He sent a request to the Missouri Vocational Enterprise on the cost is to get custom

signs made that reads Cemetery Traffic: 10 MPH. Lundy has not heard from them yet but these signs are made by inmates in the Department of Corrections and are normally reasonably priced.

Nuisance Violation -- Teresa Collins flagged Lundy down regarding the nuisance complaint next to her property. A truck was at the Chinese Restaurant property and hauled off a couple loads of concrete blocks. Lundy found that the old door and scrap lumber was gone from beside the fence. He is in the process of putting together a new nuisance list and getting letters sent out. Lundy would like everyone associated with the City to evaluate their own property and take care of any issues that may fall into this nuisance category.

Sewer Problem -- Mr. Rick Thompson had a sewer problem: the sewer backed up in his bathroom. It took awhile but the problem was fixed. He asked the City to pay half of bill from Bud Sewer. The bill was \$350 dollars. City Clerk Beth Kar reminded that the issue needed to be run through City's insurance first.

East Main -- Greg Wilson asked about East Main Street extension: is it done? Not yet.

Greg Wilson motioned to approve the City Administrator's report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes; 1 abstain (Joy Thompson because of her brother's mention in sewer problem).

Acceptance Resignations from Planning & Zoning: Greg Gabler and Debby Walker -- Don Dillman motioned to approve the resignations of Greg Gabler and Debby Walker from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried 4 yes votes.

RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

Resolution 2013-18 Commending Board Members – The resolution approves that Board members who have served ten or more years and leave, will receive a plaque or other award as designated by the Board of Aldermen. Joy Thompson motioned to approve Resolution 2013-18. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2013-35 Update Missouri Gas Energy Franchise was read for first and second readings. Missouri Gas Energy was purchased by Laclede Gas Company. Missouri Gas notified cities that they would need to update their franchise agreement to include Laclede and send notice of such by October.

ORDINANCE NO. 2620

This ordinance authorizes the Mayor to sign an acknowledgment letter recognizing the assignment of franchise agreement with Missouri Gas Energy to Laclede Gas Company. John Parker motioned to approve ordinance no. 2620. Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Second Public Testimony: No testimony.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Mayor's report – Mayor Connie George met with Missy Lackey, US Bank and Cassie White

from Mo-Kan. Savannah is having a celebration with ribbon cutting for Ironwood Street, Saturday 9:30 a.m. at the Youth Complex.

Council Discussion

Don Dillman asked if the pet adoption form was ready. City Attorney Emily Bauman talked to St. Joseph Shelter and has a copy of their hold harmless agreement and an application form. Dillman asked about a 501C setup for the Shelter. Bauman replied that the one the City just did would work. The organization would need to set up bylaws and meet.

John Parker received a question from a member of the Chamber of Commerce as to why the City has not been attending its meetings.

Joy Thompson attended Extension Council meeting. The Commissioners are finishing up the fairgrounds after finish East Main. She will not be able to attend the Park Board meeting this week. City Attorney Emily Bauman is reviewing the Park bylaws as requested.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 9:05 p.m. on a motion by Greg Wilson and seconded by Don Dillman. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk