

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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 John Parker. Mayor Connie George, Interim City Administrator Bruce Lundy, Chief of Police David Vincent and City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar were also present. City Administrator Emily Bauman was absent at roll call and arrived a couple of minutes later. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall on November 15, 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 – November 4, 2013 – Joy Thompson motioned to approve the minutes of November 4, 2013 as submitted. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony -- Terry and Roger Pearl, owners of Shaggy Dog Grooming, were present. Roger Pearl asked for an update on the former Mexican restaurant at 427 West Main that leaks into Shaggy Dog's as described at the last Council meeting. City Administrator Bruce Lundy has not been able to get ahold of the owners (Jimenez) to obtain permission to go onto the property. City Attorney Emily Bauman suggested to Pearl to hire a good attorney and sending something in writing to put the owners on notice. A condemnation action for the City is very risky; the building has to be literally falling apart and the building would need to be torn down. Bauman explained that it is really more of a private cause of action because it is not a City owned building. Step one is getting a good evaluation of what kind of condition the entire building is in. Lundy looked at the City's Code on dangerous buildings. The Pearls could hire an attorney on a contingency basis. They would not have to pay anything up front. If any damages were recovered, then the lawyers would receive a percentage. The City will still try to get permission to go into the building and inspect it. Terry Pearl asked if instead of hiring an attorney, can the City Attorney send the property owners a letter to address the problem. City Attorney Emily Bauman responded the City's building inspector needs to inspect the property first.

Park Board Annual Report – Park Board President Mike Yuille

Park Board President Mike Yuille presented the Park Board's annual report for Fiscal Year 2013. He described an overview of significant events including the pool bond/pool construction, Boy Scout Camperee, Special Olympics Softball Tournament, British Soccer Camp, Youth Football Tournament, iServe, and more from the past year. He provided the results from the Parks satisfaction survey available on the website. Yuille recognized Park staff members Donnie Knorr, Jason Smith and their crew for the awesome work they do. He closed describing future projects including updating the Messick Park entrance at 12th and Main with a sign and landscaping. In the springtime volunteers including the local Fellowship of Christian athletes will help with the landscaping redesign plan provided by Moffett Nursery. Next year the Park Board will focus on increasing the utilization of the parks. In the summer there will be monthly

tournaments like a 3 on 3 basketball, kickball and sand volleyball. There are community people who would donate the equipment to show movies in the parks. More research is needed on the movie copyrights for showings. The Park Board would like to continue to make the annual report after the fiscal year end. Thompson mentioned he didn't include the updated bylaws and new committees as additional activities. Council will receive a copy of the bylaws. John Parker motioned to approve the FY 2013 Park Board annual report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Joy Thompson motioned that the Park Board can provide the annual report each year after the fiscal year ends. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Administrator's report

City Administrator Bruce Lundy reported:

Storm Sirens -- Lundy emailed Steve from Outdoor Warning for an update on the sirens. Shipping date: November 25. Lundy will coordinate with the electric company KCPL on the poles and installation. He has since received notice that sirens will arrive tomorrow. Lundy called Missouri One Call to mark the utility lines and help the process along.

Inspectors Truck -- Greg Chevrolet offered to put new tires on the 2007 Chevy truck and charge \$9,900. The truck had multiple issues: 80,000 miles, not smooth driving, the interior needed work, and there were a few dents. Lundy and Director of Public Works Kenny Lance looked at a similar 2007 truck at Dave Littleton Ford in Smithville. It only had 44,000 miles with an asking price: \$10,900. The truck was very clean, ran and drove well, but had a small dent in the passenger door. The price was negotiated to \$10,000 and purchased. The next day the guys noticed it leaked some power steering fluid and the Rack and Pinion box needed changed at a cost of \$214. The salesman at Dave Littleton offered to pay for half the repairs. Council set a cap of \$33,000 for the two trucks. The City spent a total of \$31,200.

Highway Sign -- Mo-Dot provided the information on the signs on US Highway 71 to promote businesses in Savannah. It is an independent company in Jefferson City called Missouri Interstate Sign. In the Council packets, he included the fee schedule and requirements each business must meet to be on the signs. The cost is \$1000 per account, per direction, per year. He will also provide the information to the Chamber of Commerce for their members.

Trucks for Sale -- Lundy advertised the Public Works department's old flatbed truck for sale via sealed bids in the Savannah Reporter. The 1967 Fire Truck is listed on the Public Surplus website. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance received a few inquiries about the flat bed so it was advertised locally rather than on the nationwide Surplus site. The fire truck is on the Surplus website. So far there are four bids; the highest is \$1,000. The sale closes November 25 at which time the City can accept or deny the bids. Fire Chief Tommy George spoke with a Salesman who estimated the truck worth at most \$1,500. Lundy did put the fire truck notice in the Savannah Reporter as well and explained it could be bid on at PublicSurplus.com in case someone locally might be interested.

Servers -- On Veterans Day City Hall was closed and Allegiant Technologies moved the computer servers from the Mayor's old office into a much more organized and user friendly location downstairs.

CPR -- On November 12 all regular City employees went to the Andrew County Ambulance Office either at 8 am or 6 pm for CPR recertification. Employees are required to be recertified every two years. The class covered infant and adult CPR and using the AED. Paramedic Greg Kessler taught the class.

Audit -- The State Auditor's Office staff will make the Final State Audit Presentation on November 21 at 6:00pm. Copies of the final audit will be available at the meeting. The dance group will have an event that night in the other rooms. More chairs will be put in the Council Chambers in case needed.

2014 Election -- The 2014 election date is April 8th. Candidates may register from December 17th through January 21st.

Codification -- Mike Perry from Sullivan Publications contacted City Hall. He will not be able to present the new code book for adoption until January due to health issues.

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

Interim City Administrator Status -- John Parker requested that Interim City Administrator Bruce Lundy become the permanent City Administrator. Lundy's 6 month probation would be up next month but Parker didn't feel the City needed to wait. Lundy is excellent. Parker would make the permanent status effective today with an increase of pay from \$52,499 to \$54,000. Lundy would continue to maintain status as a City police officer. John Parker motioned to remove the Interim status from Bruce Lundy and grant him status as the permanent City Administrator. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Council discussed the pay rate. Don Dillman thought it should be higher. John Parker motioned to make Lundy's pay \$60,000/year upon approval of the contract. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Parker mentioned with Lundy as City Administrator, the police department could use another officer to pick up hours. Part time officer Daniel Ziegler would probably be interested. John Parker motioned that the new City Administrator to do the utmost to fill the vacancy on law enforcement, budget permitting. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Lundy would like to stay as Lieutenant and continue the scheduling, crime reporting and other tasks that he has maintained the last five months as Administrator. The Chief of Police David Vincent and he will work out the tasks moving forward.

Treasurer's report -- City Clerk Beth Kar provided the financials for the month of October. John Parker asked about how the utility deposits are listed on the reports. Greg Wilson motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2013-39 2014 Election was read for the second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2624

This ordinance provides for the annual election. The next election will be April 8, 2014. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2624. Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2013-40 Amend City Code Planning & Zoning Members was read for the first reading. Greg Wilson asked to go ahead and hold the second reading. Council agreed. The ordinance includes the changes in the Planning & Zoning Commission as discussed at the previous Council meeting.

Bill 2013-40 was read for the second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2625

This ordinance adds the Council liaison as a voting member to Planning & Zoning. It also adds provisions if a Planning & Zoning member misses two meetings without notification the member will be removed from the board. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no 2625. Greg Wilson seconded. Vote: Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye. Motion carried.

Second Public Testimony – No testimony.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Connie George reported:

Appointments and Resignations – Planning & Zoning – Randy McKnight changed his mind and doesn’t want to be on Planning & Zoning. Kirk Larson wants to be on Planning & Zoning. He is employed by Midland GIS and lives in Savannah. Mayor Connie George would like to appoint Larson to Planning & Zoning. Don Dillman motioned to accept the resignation of Randy McKnight and approve the Mayor’s appointment of Kirk Larson to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

The Mayor’s Christmas tree will be here on Friday. Schweizer’s donated the tree. Anyone can bring ornaments. The theme is silver and pink. She attended the Planning & Zoning meeting and the Park Board meeting.

Council Members Discussion

Greg Wilson asked about the lighting ceremony for the Mayor’s Tree. It is at 6:30 p.m. on the day after Thanksgiving. Wilson asked when the storm sirens will be installed. Expect installation within a couple of weeks.

John Parker had information for the street department. Parker commented that the driveway entrance to the City’s yard waste facility needed repair. The rain washed away part of the drive and there were several cracks. He asked when the bids were due for financial advisor. Bids are due on Wednesday.

Joy Thompson attended the Park Board meeting and reported the Parks are working very hard on a number of items including updating their bylaws.

Don Dillman asked when the City will proceed on GIS. The City has specifications and will be bidding out for GIS mapping.

Adjournment

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on a motion by Joy Thompson and seconded by Greg Wilson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk