

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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, John Parker Joy Thompson, and Greg Wilson. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Attorney Emily Bauman, Chief of Police David Vincent and City Clerk Beth Kar were present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall November 26, 2013. The meeting was audio recorded.

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

Minutes – November 18, 2013; November 21, 2013 – John Parker motioned to approve minutes as presented. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Bid Tabulations – Financial Advisor Proposals – John Parker recommended the proposal from Independent Public Advisors out of Kansas City. Tionna Pooler, the advisor, has attended a few Council meetings. John Parker motioned to accept the proposal and take what steps were necessary to make Tionna Pooler the City’s financial advisor. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Bids: 1967 Fire Truck – \$2,750 Anthony Hough had the highest bid. John Parker motioned to approve the fire truck bid. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. The money will be set aside under restricted for a future fire truck.

Bid: GMC Flatbed Truck --

Received four bids:

J.P. Reardon	\$2450
Ron Leslie	\$2012
Mike Wandfluh	\$1600
Chad Kapp	\$1551

Don Dillman motioned to approve J.P. Reardon’s \$2,450 bid for the flatbed truck. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony -- Ralph Stanton provided a report from the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. Stanton is the Zoning board’s President. He talked about nonconforming trailers. Kenny Curtis is interested in purchasing Ethel Bledsoe’s trailer court and bringing in new trailers. The trailer court does not conform to the City’s zoning regulations for trailer courts so is

nonconforming. It would be difficult to make an exception on that one and not the others. Stanton thought it would be a step backward to mess with Article 9 on those regulations. Council discussed trailer regulations. No decisions were made.

Police Chief's report – Chief of Police David Vincent presented new police equipment: Taser with a camera, 12 gauge less lethal shotgun, stop sticks and wearable cameras. The City's insurance company MIRMA paid for the majority of the equipment. Officer Philip Dalsing was present to help with the demonstration. Dalsing showed a stop stick that is used to slow down a fleeing vehicle. Vincent also showed the wearable cameras from Watchguard including footage from a police stop. The cameras easily download to computers by USB flash drive. The cameras cost about \$850. All officers now have a camera. One of their reserves Matt Einman was not able to meet his obligation and resigned his position. Vincent would like to replace him with Troy Green. Green is an Active Guard security officer at Rosecrans and had experience working for the Cameron Police Department. He was in Afghanistan and awarded several merits including Purple Heart. Vincent would like for reserves to work at least a few hours each month. Joy Thompson motioned to hire Troy Green as Reserve and Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Vincent mentioned a few maintenance issues on the police vehicles. John Parker Motioned to approve the Chief's report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Bruce Lundy reported:

Storm Sirens -- The storm sirens were delivered on Tuesday November 19 and are stored in the garage at the police station. Steve from Outdoor Warning is coordinating with the electric company, KCPL/Light & Power, on getting the poles set. KCPL's contact was on vacation last week so he will be getting together this coming week to get things set up to go.

Auctions -- Council agreed to sell surplus equipment. Lundy had listed the 1967 Ford Fire truck on the Public Surplus website. A salesman estimated to Fire Chief Tommy George the truck would probably sell for about \$1500. The auction ended Monday November 25 with a sale price of \$2750.00. Lundy also listed an 11 foot Henke Snow Blade from one of the City dump trucks. That auction for will run until December 6th. The 1980 flatbed truck that Kenny Lance had for sale brought \$2450.

Pickup -- Due to the holidays, trash and recycling pick-up will be on Saturday for the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day.

Audit -- The State Auditor's Office presented the Final State Audit Presentation on November 21st. In the audience, there were approximately three from the public and four from the press who attended. Lundy was disappointed at the poor rating but pleased overall with the findings and confirmation of no theft or fraud. The 41 items the state did want to see worked on seem like they can be addressed quite simply. He was happy that Deputy State Auditor Otto pointed out that the City's responses to their findings were good. The Auditors Office will return in 90 to 120 days to see that the City is following up on their recommendations. Anything that requires a decisions will be on an upcoming agendas.

Recycle Pick-up -- Councilman Parker contacted him Saturday and stated that his recycling was not picked up Friday. He stated that he had four calls from others who were also missed. On Monday Lundy called Tina from Deffenbaugh and she did not know why they would have been missed. Lundy explained that John had put the recyclables in a trash bag and put it in the bin and she said they may have thought it was trash. She said she would send up a truck to get it.

Planning and Zoning Meeting -- Lundy provided a report from the November 25 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Zoning discussed Mr. Terhune's request to rezone his property on South 71 Hwy so he can open his antique/garage sale business. Rezoning would require a public hearing. Ralph Stanton mentioned Terhune's property should be zoned C-3 to run his business. Zoning also discussed trailer parks as Ethel Bledsoe has hers for sale; Mr. Curtis wants to buy it and replace some of the older trailers. The trailer park is nonconforming to zoning regulations. Zoning listened to Puckett about his four plex and not conforming to regulations. It looks like the Zoning Board and Puckett may have reached a compromise. City Attorney Emily Bauman will look over the agreement. The next zoning meeting will be December 23rd. Council was concerned about Puckett's property not conforming to regulations. Don Dillman asked City Attorney Emily Bauman about sending Puckett a letter to notify him Council is reviewing the situation and he is not to make any further progression on building on the property until a decision is finalized. Joy Thompson asked how Puckett's situation differed from trailer and nonconforming use. Bauman explained nonconforming use and the differences. Puckett wanted to go before the Board of Adjustments; however, Council has the final decision and has not made a decision. Lundy suggested that Bauman contact Puckett notifying him that he would be receiving a letter. Joy Thompson asked if that would upset Planning & Zoning members. Stanton explained that everyone was new on Zoning and wished there was a class on Planning & Zoning. Don Dillman motioned to send Puckett a letter and put him on notice that Council will be reviewing the decision. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Codification -- All Council have received the draft review of the new code book. The draft review is an explanation of the changes that were proposed and why they were needed. Council is ready to move ahead and put the ordinance for codification on the January 6th agenda. A public hearing will be required because of a state statute requiring a public hearing on any Planning & Zoning changes.

Joy Thompson motioned to accept the City Administrator's report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Attorney's Report –

Fines--City Attorney Emily Bauman reported she would like Council to increase the fines which have not been raised in several years. The City fines are less than the County fines. **State Audit Report**--Bauman will be meeting with the City Administrator and City Clerk regarding follow ups on the State Auditor's recommendations. **Alternates for Planning & Zoning**--Zach Snapp would like to be an alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Bauman would suggest having all of three alternates ready so they can be appointed at the same time. After the first of the year she will be providing Sunshine Law training for employees and any board members. Bauman will be attending the next Planning & Zoning meeting. She will be looking into the sunshine law on audio and video regarding police videos. Don Dillman motioned and Greg Wilson seconded for City Attorney Emily Bauman to review the City's police fines including parking violations and recommend a new fees schedule. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. John

Parker motioned to City Attorney's report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

2013-41 Approving Contract with City Administrator. City Attorney Emily Bauman made a few changes on Bill 2013-41 so the terms would be consistent. 2013-41 Contract with City Administrator was read for first reading. The revised ordinance will be emailed out to Council before the next meeting.

Second Public Testimony – None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Mayor's report – Mayor Connie George reported she attended City board meetings. There was a good turnout for the Mayor's tree lighting ceremony.

Council Discussion –

Don Dillman mentioned there was a great turnout at the Candlelight Walk. The flag needs fixed next to City Hall.

Greg Wilson agreed there was a good crowd, everything went well and there were lots of people out on the Square for the Candlelight Walk.

John Parker attended the Candlelight Walk. He reminded everyone that the Andrew County Museum Winter Event is December 7th from 6 to 8 p.m. In case of bad weather, it will be moved to December 14th. The event includes a food drive. Parker is retiring from the school district.

Joy Thompson also mentioned the Museum event. She was at the Candlelight Walk and thought everything went well.

City Administrator Bruce Lundy reminded people that the Chamber of Commerce lunch is on Wednesday and if anyone wants to attend please let him know.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:43 p.m. on a motion by Don Dillman and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk

