

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014  
7 P.M.  
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, Chief of Police David Vincent, City Attorney Emily Bauman and City Clerk Beth Kar were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall on January 03, 2014. 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 – December 16, 2013** – Greg Wilson motioned to approve the minutes. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Testimony:** No public testimony.

**Michael Puckett – 4Plex Discussion** – Present: Angie and Michael Puckett plus Planning & Zoning Commission members: Ken Fisher and Ralph Stanton; Building Inspector Mike Malhiwsky. Mayor Connie George provided Michael Puckett a chance to speak first. He said he was okay and sat down. John Parker asked questions about the proposed 4Plex project and its history. Puckett wrote 4Plex on the original building permit application but forgot to add the fourth unit's area when filling out the form. The lot isn't big enough. Puckett is working on his eighth home in Savannah; he stated he did not know he had to go through several steps on plats. Puckett mentioned other projects that did not seem to have to follow the steps listed in Article II of the City's Zoning codes. Don Dillman voiced concerned about the dangers of setting a precedent. Puckett reported he had spent several thousand dollars already on the project. He felt the project should have been stopped earlier if it was going to be stopped.

Council reviewed the violations. Stanton had a list of eleven; Building Inspector had seven. City Administrator Bruce Lundy asked if Puckett could address the items and what the corrections would be. Dillman asked if Puckett could develop a drawing with the proposed corrections. Puckett thought he could do that with what he has from Midland Surveying. Lundy clarified that with Hummer's project he had all the information requested and there were no violations. City Attorney Emily Bauman explained the City had had lot of changes in city staff in the last few months including the addition of her as City Attorney. She is reviewing items closer against the City regulations. Puckett will take one of his full sized prints and add what he plans to do about the violations. He will submit to Building Inspector Mike Malhiwsky a blueprint of what his answer is to the violations. The issue will be on the next regular Council meeting agenda on Tuesday, January 21.

## **City Administrator's Report**

City Administrator Bruce Lundy provided his report.

**Sign up for election to City Council** -- The time to sign up to run for City Council is December 17 through January 21 at 5 p.m.

**Chamber of Commerce Banquet** -- January 18th is the Savannah area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet. It starts at 6 pm and is being held at the Ol McDonald's Farm Banquet Hall. If anyone wants to attend let City Clerk Beth Kar know so she can RSVP.

**Christmas Light Contest** -- The winners of the Christmas Lighting contest were announced. The first place winners were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bolger on West Benton. Second place was Mr. and Mrs. David Meade on North 3rd and Third Place was Creations on the Square. They each received a gift certificate to the Rusty Chandelier. The contest was sponsored by The Rusty Chandelier, The Savannah Reporter, and The City of Savannah.

**Clasbey Improvements** – Building Inspector Mike Malhiwsky and Golf Course Employee Trevor Moss have been working at the Clasbey Center making some much needed repairs and improvements. They painted the back wall and hung coat racks in the Council Chambers. The wall around the front entry door had some minor cracking and paint coming off. It has been caulked and repainted. The Kitchen is being painted and some of the yellowed covers over the lights have been replaced. Other updates include: sanding and refinishing the cabinets in the Kitchen and Malhiwsky will make a cabinet drawer front and replace one that is missing. Time permitting they will make similar improvements to the Multi-purpose room in the Clasbey.

**Region D Recycling** -- The Region D Recycling meeting is coming up on January 9th at 6 p.m. in Clarksdale if someone is interested in going. The City has not attended any of these meetings for a while. No one responded.

**Deffenbaugh** – He has not had any calls about missed trash or recycle pick up since Tony Roach from Deffenbaugh spoke at the last meeting. Lundy also has not heard anything in reference to the new recycling totes or dividing the trash and recycling into two different days. He will provide any updates. Joy Thompson was concerned Deffenbaugh said only about 25% of Savannah residents were recycling. She asked if the City could mail flyers to encourage more residents to recycle. The City will wait until more information is available about new recycling totes or separating trash and recycling days so that information can be provided as well.

**Zoning Issue** – Planning & Zoning Commission President Ralph Stanton provided information about Puckett's project that outlines all the violations to the zoning code that have occurred. The information was in Council packets.

**Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitations Annual Resource Meeting** – The City has been invited to this meeting. It is on January 16th at 6:30 p.m. If anyone wants to attend, let Lundy know so he can RSVP. John Parker was interested in attending.

**Sewer Plant** – Wastewater Superintendent Jason Long reminded everyone that it was time to renew the agreement with Fimple, allowing them to discharge sewage into the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The previous contract had an option to renew for two years. A motion is

required to renew. John Parker motioned to approve the Fimple contract for a one year term at an increased fee of \$25 per load. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Water Plant** – The City awarded the bid for lime sludge removal to the lowest bidder: Muse. Water Superintendent Dale Watson explained Muse has declined the project; they did not realize all of the requirements of Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Synagro was the second lowest bid and they are willing to maintain the \$33 bid price. Lundy asked City Attorney Emily Bauman for feedback. Can a company legally withdraw? Would the project need to be rebid or could the City accept the second lowest bid? City Attorney Emily Bauman thought it was fine to accept the second lowest bid. John Parker asked if the City could have Muse put in writing that they had withdrawn the bid and why. Parker asked about timing on the sludge removal. Watson thought Synagro might be able to do it in five weeks. The second and third bids were not close. Wilson motioned to approve Synagro's bid (the second lowest) for lime sludge removal, contingent on receiving in writing the withdrawal from Muse. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Police Dept** – Chief of Police David Vincent asked a few weeks ago about bringing Reserve Police Officer Daniel Ziegler on as a full time officer. City Administrator Lundy's salary primarily comes from Administration so there is money in the police budget for another officer. Greg Wilson motioned and Joy Thompson seconded to hire Daniel Ziegler as a full time officer. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**NW MO Joint Task Force** – Chief Vincent explained that Officer Philip Dalsing was the trainer for the SWAT team at Chillicothe. Vincent and Dalsing had started talking about the benefit of having a local SWAT team. Savannah is part of the NWMO Joint Task Force. They met in Maryville with area police chiefs from NW Missouri who were interested and talked to area Sheriff Departments. This task force would involve all of them. Vincent asked for Council's support as they work towards setting up this joint task force for Northwest Missouri. There's no agreement yet. There would need to be a memorandum of understanding among all of those participating. Council agreed to support the project.

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

Reminder: the next regular meeting is **Tuesday**, January 21.

### **BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Bill 2014-1 Codification was read for the first reading.

Greg Wilson motioned to go ahead and do the second reading of the ordinance. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Bill 2014-1 was read for the second reading.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2628**

This ordinance pertains that pursuant to Section 71.943 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the codification of ordinances, as set out in Titles I through VII, each inclusive, of the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Savannah" is hereby adopted and enacted as the "Code of Ordinances of the City of Savannah"; which shall supersede all other general and permanent ordinances of the City passed on or before July 15, 2013. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2628.

Greg Wilson seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

**Second Public Testimony – None.**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS**

**Mayor’s report** – Mayor Connie George reported everything has been pretty quiet. She attended the Planning & Zoning meeting. She thanked the City crews for clearing streets of the snow and ice.

**Council Discussion**

Greg Wilson received an email from one of the citizens about the property at 810 West Davis, with numerous trash and dogs. The email mentioned the possibility that the residents were raising pit bulls dogs (that are illegal in Savannah). Chief of Police David Vincent thought the address was not correct; on that side of the street it would be an odd number. Vincent said the dogs are Boxers, not pit bulls. He would check it out further. Thompson heard something about trash in the alley at that property. Wilson reported that a couple of streetlights were out on Main Street. He asked if there was any way to put salt out at intersections on the Square so it would be less slick. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance reported that the temperature was too cold for the salt to work. With the warming temperatures it should start working.

Joy Thompson mentioned that the only complaint she received she had already spoken about to City Administrator Bruce Lundy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:07 p.m. on a motion by Greg Wilson and seconded by Don Dillman. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Kar, City Clerk