

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.

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 Deputy City Clerk Brooke Bell were also present. The meeting was audio recorded. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall on May 30, 2014.

Approval of Agenda – Mayor Connie George asked for a motion to amend the agenda by removing the Asphalt Streets under Bids. John Parker motion: to approve the agenda as amended. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Minutes – May 19, 2014 – Greg Wilson motioned to approve the minutes. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony- none

Gary from M'Shoogy's- Gary wanted to inform the city about an opportunity he feels the city is missing out on. They originally opened with one vet. 13 years later they now have 30 employees, a million dollar payroll and seven vets. They just recently added a 12,000 square foot addition; getting ready to add an additional 2,000 square feet. They bring in 200-250 people a day and hoping to be able to bring in 300. They spay and neuter 10,000 animals a year. He feels there are a lot of customers coming to M'Shoogy's every day and these people are impacting our city; using our restaurants and gas stations. They have agreements with 40+ rescue groups and the City of Cameron. He feels the city should be capitalizing on these people coming through the city. In the last month they've had people from Brooklyn, NY; St. Louis; Baton Rouge, LA; Denver. He'd appreciate if the city would promote M'Shoogy's and the area.

Bids: Camper Shells- John questioned whether we had posted this bid anywhere besides the paper. Bruce felt because of the value of them that it wouldn't be worth it. Don wondered if they fit only a certain kind of truck. Kenny said they did and they were previously on our recycling truck. John Parker motioned to approve the bids of \$100 and \$25 from Tim Taylor for the camper shells. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Bruce explained that the City is not ready to bid the asphalt streets at this time. The City received bids from Herzog, Keller Construction and Chester Bross. The problem the City has run into is that East Swenson from 71 Hwy to the Lake Club has bad cracks and soft spots. Herzog said that it could increase their bid up to \$40,000 and Keller said they would fix them at \$90 per ton. Bruce and Kenny are not ready to accept a bid until Kenny meets with these guys this week. At the next meeting the bid should be ready for a motion and Bruce would like to read it twice so that the projects can be started. Kenny said that after meeting with Keller's this week if it is going to be too expensive it might be a project that will have to wait until next year. Joy questioned if it would make it more expensive by waiting another year; Kenny said it would

not make a difference. John wanted to know if these bids need rejected; Bruce said no, nothing should be done until after Kenny speaks with Keller this week.

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Bruce Lundy reported:

1. **Ditches**. I have had a few calls about the Creek Ditch that runs from DD HWY and RT T south and east across 5th street and south towards the sewer plant. Complaints are about the amount of brush and other items that are accumulating in the creek. I recently went and looked at a property and confirmed that there are places where brush has piled up. Water is still running but a large rain event would likely cause the creek to back up. I find nothing that says the creek is the responsibility of the City. It appears maintaining the creek would fall on the property owner whose land it is located. What do you all think? It would be a large undertaking to have our crews start such a project. Maybe letters should be sent to property owners along the creek reminding them it's their property and they must maintain it and they cannot throw items into the ditch? Emily said she would have to look into this. Joy wondered whether this is involved with the sewer problems that were brought up at the last meeting. Bruce does not feel this is connected. Kenny brought up that if you start removing the brush from the creek then you have to think about erosion. Greg suggested sending a letter to the residents that are affected by this creek reminding them that they should not be putting anything into this creek and they as homeowners should be maintaining it.
2. **CDBG** Money is coming in for the Senior Center Project. We understood that we had nothing to do with the project but Mo-Kan says in the beginning we agreed to be the Grantee. So, all CDBG Funds must come to us and we will write checks out to E.L. Crawford Construction. Gary from Mo-Kan thinks this will take little effort on our part. Crawford should only have five or six pay requests. We need a motion to go ahead and open a new bank account and take on this task. Don Dillman made a motion to open a new CDBG checking account for the Senior Center Project. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.
3. **Bid Opening** On Wednesday we had the bid opening for the camper shells that were declared surplus items. We only had one bidder. Tim Taylor of Savannah bid \$100 for one and \$25.00 for the other. On Thursday we had bid opening for this years Asphalt Street Projects, Keller's total bid was \$117,130, Herzog total bid \$135,010 and Bross total bid was \$144,050. See attached reports.
4. **Funds** I got a voicemail from Christy Bennett on Monday that she had gotten my letter in reference to the final invoice for EBR's part of the East Main project. She said that she would be sending the funds to TREKK on Friday. Their last payment was \$10,635.00. I received the check in that amount at City Hall but it was made out to Trekk. So I have mailed it to TREKK and they will send the funds back to us. Joy felt that if we do not hear from the other party that our City Attorney should follow up with them.

5. **Torch Run** The Special Olympics Torch Run was last Tuesday. Beth and Officer Wanda Williams represented the City by running around the square then South on Business 71 Hwy down to Fire Works World. Councilman Parkers Grandson, Hunter Bailey ran, as well as several Sheriffs Dept employees, other members of the community and Special Olympian Chris Ringot. There were over 20 runners.
6. **Street Light** I contacted Dan Hegeman about the other street light that is still out in front of the Clasbey Center. As usual he said he would have it taken care of right away. Dan does a good job.
7. **Chamber Golf Outing** Is coming up this Friday the 6th. We have one team signed up consisting of Myself, Chief Vincent, Sgt. Smith, and Officer Ziegler. If anyone else is interested let me know so we can get registered.
8. **MML Elected Officials Conference** This training is coming up June 11, 12 & 13. It is in Columbia. I will be attending. On the agenda for this training are budgets, sunshine law, ethics, liability, risk, & Overview of Municipal Govt. Is anyone interested in going to this? Bruce felt maybe this should be mandatory for council to attend their first year of office.
9. **Nuisance Violations.** I recently mailed out seven more nuisance violations dealing with tall grass and or vehicles that are unlicensed and or inoperable. Greg reported that there is tall grass at a duplex on 5th and Market. Bruce will send a letter to the owner. John report there is a red car with no back window by the city yard. Dave said he would tag it.

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

City Attorney's report – City Attorney Emily Bauman reported: She has court coming up next week for Municipal Court. Emily wanted to check with Dave and Bruce to see if Mr. Moore has done anything more to his property. The concern has been the wall and the trenches. The trenches have been filled in. She looked up the question about the cemetery property from last meeting. It is City property and can be sold. Bruce said he supported John and thought it was all cemetery area and at some point the City might needed it. Emily is working on other issues that she will present at the next meeting. She reported she attended the Planning and Zoning meeting last Tuesday and she felt it went pretty well. Don asked about Duvall and Emily feels it's just beginning and it will work out itself. Greg Wilson motioned to approve the City Attorney's report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2014-17 Mo-Dot Conveyance was read for the first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2643

This ordinance authorizes the mayor to execute an acceptance of conveyance from the State of Missouri through the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the conveyance of easements and real property for the City of Savannah, Missouri. Don Dillman motioned to adopt

ordinance no. 2643. Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Second Public Testimony: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report -- She attended numerous visitations and funerals for friends and family. She received several calls about the parking on Benton Street. She had five senior citizens wanting handicap parking in front of the Post Office. Connie suggested making two handicap spots. Connie read a proclamation for the Torch Runners. She thanked Kenny for the tree limbs he took care of; she felt he did a great job.

Council Members Discussion

On the handicap spots Bruce suggested speaking with the Postmaster to see if they can put a spot on the west side of the Post Office on the side door and ramp they already have? Don and Greg felt taking three of the spots would really limit the parking for the post office and the bank.

Don Dillman didn't have anything besides the grass issue that Bruce took care of already.

Joy Thompson received calls on trash. Joy has been reminding everyone that this weekend is the City Wide Yard Sales.

John Parker has several items to report. First he had a question for Emily if there was anything new from Richard Sheets from MML. Emily said she plans on touching base with him this week. At the Planning and Zoning meeting with Duvall, Duvall felt that he would never be issued a permit, even if he did follow all rules. John felt as a board they conveyed that if he submitted the proper paperwork they'd grant the permit. John had a problem with Deffenbaugh's holiday schedule this past week. We are asking the citizens to have their trash and recycle out by 7 a.m. John feels they need to double their effort to pick up the items in a timelier manner. On Saturday many recycling containers were still out and still had recyclables in them. John also had a problem with the containers being done manually because some of the contents fall on the ground and are not picked up. John asked if the information on the water bill about the trash should be changed. Brooke Bell reported that the information on the bill is still correct. Trash still needs to be out by 7 a.m. and Deffenbaugh is still enacting the six bag limit.

Greg Wilson- nothing

Bruce had two calls; one from Rita Hughes and one from Greg Gabler. They are both getting ready to fill their pools and would like to not have to pay the sewer costs. Bruce would like to revisit when Jill had the council change it. Brooke brought up in the past how it was very hard to track and she has no way to know exactly how many gallons are going into their pool. She feels there needs to be structure to it; how many times they can have an adjustment; how will you prove the gallons; etc. Bruce suggested they bring in documentation proving their have a pool and doing a sewer adjustment. John asked how it would be verified. Bruce stated there were only two people he has spoken with. Brooke stated there would be many more to come. Joy suggested adding a \$50 fee for the city workers to go out and verify that there is a pool. Greg suggested we do nothing; leave it as it is. Don agreed with Greg.

Adjournment

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion by Greg Wilson and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Brooke Bell, Deputy City Clerk