

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014 7 P.M.
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Connie George presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call meeting to order – Roll Call

Council Members present: Greg Wilson, John Parker, and Joy Thompson. Don Dillman was absent. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Attorney Emily Bauman, City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar and Chief of Police David Vincent were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall July 02, 2014. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approve Agenda – Joy Thompson motioned to amend the agenda and move up Capital Assets before the Public Testimony. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes. Greg Wilson motioned to approve the agenda as amended. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Minutes – June 16, 2014 – Greg Wilson motioned to approve the minutes. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Capital Assets Proposal -- Gary Frazier and Harold Ray from Clifton Larson were present. A group of specialists from their Minnesota office would handle the assessing the City's Capital Assets. Estimate is based on the time involved: \$10,000. The last few auditors have mentioned the City does not have a capital assets list that includes the costs of all streets and other infrastructure. The City has an existing contract with Clifton Larson to handle the annual audits. Joy Thompson asked if the City needed to bid out the project. City Attorney Emily Bauman didn't think so. Council had a few questions regarding if there was there enough City staff to assist. The project will require special knowledge; once the City receives list of what is required, the topic can be revisited. Likely existing staff will need to handle the requests. Joy Thompson motioned to proceed with the Capital Assets proposal. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes. Clifton Larson will check schedules to arrange it. John Parker asked on any future proposals to put Clifton's local address on it. The proposal will come out of professional services.

Public Testimony – City Administrator Bruce Lundy presented the request from Nick Nigh, First Baptist Church, for its annual block party, August 23, to block off Court and 4th Streets. Greg Wilson motioned to approve the request to close Court and 4th Streets on August 23 for the block party. Joy Thompson seconded to close those streets. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

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

1. **MML Elected Officials Conference.** One of the PowerPoint presentations from the MML Conference was in Council packets: Funding Municipal Improvements and Economic development. The City will need to discuss this in the future. There are some Wastewater issues to fix and the City streets budget is not adequate to keep up with maintaining the roadways. The

MML fall conference in St. Charles is coming up Sept 14th to the 16th if anyone would like to attend.

2. **Nuisance Violations.** Lundy continues to mail out nuisance violations as he receives complaints. A couple of summonses were issued. On the yard on West Williams, the City mowed the tall grass and weeds after several complaints. He spoke to City Attorney Emily Bauman and she can add the cost of the mowing to the fine and other costs when the resident takes care of the ticket.

3. **Trim grant.** Lundy has completed the application for the TRIM Grant. This is the grant where the Missouri Department of Conservation grants money to help pay for taking down or trimming dead or hazardous trees and purchasing and planting new trees. The City will not know how much the grant will be until the end of the year after expenses are paid and sent in. The Trim Grant will pay up to 60% of our expenses for these projects.

4. **Deffenbaugh.** Lundy knew that some people were aggravated with Deffenbaugh missing some trash and recycle pick-ups. Lundy spoke with John Blessing, the City's contact at Deffenbaugh. Blessing met with his drivers and crews and hopes that will address the concerns. Recycling is up nearly 4 times what it was. The truck was not able to get it all this past Thursday so they had to finish up Friday. Next week they plan for two trucks on Thursday's pickups. On Friday the Deffenbaugh worker came into City Hall after lunch and again about 4 to check on any calls about misses. This is a pretty good service and an attempt to make things better.

5. **Caruthersville.** There was a stabbing June 26th. A Caruthersville Missouri City Hall worker was stabbed multiple times by a man who came to City Hall angry that his water was shut off for nonpayment. We have talked about security issues at City Hall but he was not sure what could be done to stop these types of sudden attacks. Employees would have to be behind glass or a cage to be 100% safe. The front desk staff deals with a lot of irritated and angry people just like this every month. Lundy thought the City just needs to be aware that things like this happen and keep our guard up when we deal with the angered public. Greg Wilson thought there should be some kind of screen barrier or something to slow a person down from jumping the counter. Lundy will have Building Inspector Mike Malhiwsky look at options. Malhiwsky has talked about putting in a fire escape at City Hall using materials from the old water plant.

6. **Tornado Warning.** Lundy set off the Tornado Warning sirens June 29th from his handheld radio. The National Weather Service put Andrew County under a tornado warning. After doing so Emergency Management Director Roger Latham said the warning was for the Fillmore area. If Andrew County is under a warning the City should set off sirens regardless. The sirens worked well. After the warning expired at 8:30 p.m. he activated the All Clear signal which was a verbal message that the emergency was over. Any time there is a warning in Andrew County, the tornado siren will be sounded.

7. **MIRMA.** Jeff Arp from MIRMA was in town last week and inspected the City pool. Savannah has been selected for the property value assessments of our City properties at no charge this fall. He also scheduled the Police Department firearms training for August 20th.

8. **Nuisance Property.** A neighbor of Jason Moore, North 6th Street Nuisance property, came in to see what has been done. Lundy brought him up to date including that there had been an issue with the property's title. Moore was not sure he owned the property and wasn't going to proceed with building repairs until he was sure. Building Inspector Malhiwsky went to the Title Company and got the deed showing Mr. Moore has owned this property since May 2013. Lundy drafted a notice to post on the house and letters to send to Mr. Moore and his lending institution requiring immediate action.

9. **Timesheets.** John Parker had a conversation about timesheets. He pointed out an issue with his grandson and fifteen minutes that was not reflected on his timesheet. Lundy talked to the pool manager. The Pool Manager fills out timesheets and employees look at timesheets. There is nothing in the City Code about who fills out timesheets. In the City of St. Joe, supervisors fill

out timesheets. At the golf course the supervisor fills out timesheets. John Parker mentioned a section in the City Code regarding employees falsifying records. If falsifying records, disciplinary action can be taken. Council discussed timesheets and who should fill them out. Everyone should sign their timesheets. General Manager Mark Christopher explained how timesheets and the time clock work at the Golf Course. As supervisor, he signs off on every timesheets. Lundy spoke with the Pool Manager. To have more accurate times and readable timesheets the managers fill out timesheets at the pool. Parker was trying to be a Council member and not a Grandpa. Joy Thompson felt this should be a discussion with the Park Board. The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.

Greg Wilson motioned to approve the City Administrator report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

City Attorney's Report – City Attorney Emily Bauman reported she met with Director Richard Sheets on options for the Senate bill and best courses of action. She is researching options. City Court is coming up on Wednesday. John Parker motioned to approve the City Attorney's report. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Second Public Testimony

Fire Chief Tommy George was asked by a resident, is there a place people can go during a tornado warning if they don't have a basement? Years ago the courthouse used to open. Do any of the churches open? The City will check with Emergency Management Director Roger Latham.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Mayor's report -- Mayor Connie George reported she and John Parker attended the Chamber of Commerce lunch. The speaker was on Veteran Affairs.

Council Discussion

John Parker questioned the Fire Chief. During the summer and longer daylight hours, why is burning allowed only until 6 p.m.? Fire Chief Tommy George reported this rule is an older part of the City Code. It is a good idea to keep it. Chief of Police/Assistant Fire Chief David Vincent mentioned it was good to let fires die out during daylight.

Joy Thompson was concerned about sewer problems and felt the City needed to look more into addressing issues. Sewer improvements will be part of next year's budget. George reported many of the problems were with homeowners' lines and not the City.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:56 p.m. on a motion by Greg Wilson and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk