

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014**  
**CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Connie George presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council Members present: Don Dillman, Greg Wilson, John Parker and Joy Thompson. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Attorney Emily Bauman and City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar were also present. Chief of Police David Vincent was absent at roll call on a fire call. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall July 8, 2014. The meeting was audio recorded.

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

**Minutes: July 7, 2014** – Greg Wilson motioned to approve the July 7, 2014 minutes. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Testimony** -- City Administrator Bruce Lundy represented Christy Sipes of the Chamber of Commerce and her request. The Chamber is planning the annual fall festival Friday October 17<sup>th</sup> in coordination with Savannah High School's Homecoming and would like streets around the Square blocked off if needed for their events. John Parker motioned and Joy Thompson seconded to close the streets if needed for the fall festival. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Police Chief's Report**-- Chief Vincent was absent at this time in the agenda. He provided the report later.

**City Administrator's report** – City Administrator Bruce Lundy reported:

1. **MIRMA CONFERENCE** -- City Clerk Beth Kar, City Attorney Emily Bauman and Lundy will be attending the MIRMA Conference the rest of this week from July 22 to July 25th.
2. **Vacation** -- Lundy will be on vacation July 28th to August 1st.
3. **August 4th Council Meeting** -- Mayor Connie George will be out of town on vacation at that time. There is currently nothing special on the agenda for that meeting. Would Council like to cancel it all together or try to work it in the following week? Monday August 11th is The Golf Committee meeting. The first available date would be Tuesday the 12th. Greg Wilson motioned and Don Dillman seconded to move the next meeting to the 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.
4. **MML Conference** -- Kar, Bauman and Lundy will be attending the MML Conference in September and will not be able to attend that Sept 15th Council Meeting. We could meet on Monday the 22nd and move Zoning to Tuesday 23rd. There is still time to get anyone who wants registered for the conference in St Charles. Council will decide on a meeting date later.
5. **Chamber Meeting** -- The next Chamber of Commerce Meeting is Wed, Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, at the First Baptist Church. If anyone would like to attend let City Clerk Beth Kar know so she can RSVP.

Chief David Vincent arrived at the meeting.

6. **Clasbey Rental Space** -- The dance studio is in the process of moving out. The dancer floor is still there. When the floor was installed there was old carpet on the floor so it was taken up. When the wood floor is removed, flooring needs put in. The cost of the wood floor was \$3950. It is screwed together and it will be a big job getting it apart. It's not a hardwood floor; it's plywood. Ingersoll's are no longer interested in purchasing the floor. The Public Works crew can remove the floor. The plywood might be used for something else. The City will wait

until it finds a new renter before making a decision on the floor. There are two interested parties who inquired about renting the Clasbey Center. Lundy showed it to one of them last Monday. If that gentleman rented it, he would paint and put down the floor so we would not have to do that. The other party is interested in renting the larger of the two rooms. We would have to put some flooring down and close off a doorway. Since there is more than one person inquiring, the City put it out to accept proposals for renting the space thru July 31st. The first man did not think he would be ready to make a proposal that quickly and thought he would be ready around the middle of August. There is a storage room behind the current bathrooms. That space would be ideal for expanding those restrooms. That is something that needs done and we need to talk about it someday.

7. **Server Switch Out** -- On July 17th the City's server with Incode Software was switched out to the new server. This was a project that was previously approved.

8. **State Audit Follow-up** -- We received copies of the Follow-Up to the State Audit. Copies are in your packets. This is the end of the State Audit. We received "Implemented" or "In Progress" for most items so we feel we did pretty well.

9. **Inflow and Infiltration** – Lundy reviewed the Smoke Test Report from 2003, learning about inflow and infiltration and where in-town problem areas were identified. A lot of problems were identified with our manholes allowing infiltration. Those have been fixed but there are other issues that he will discuss with Wastewater Superintendent Jason Long to determine what we need to do to address more of the issues.

10. **Golf Committee Meeting** – At the Golf meeting the Committee asked why Duncan Hills Golf Course General Manager Mark Christopher's 5% raise had not been put into effect. Earlier the Committee said they would leave it up to Council on the timing for the raise: now or with the start of fiscal year October 1. The Committee changed their minds and wants to do the raise now. Council discussed that the Committee will need to accept consequences if the funds aren't there. What happens at budget time? Is there another 5% raise when the new fiscal year starts? If the raise approved now, there will be no additional increase for Christopher in October. Council discussed in the future there will be no raises during the year unless an employee goes through specific training and certification. John Parker described that departments needed to budget for their people. If the Park Board or any department doesn't budget for enough manpower for the year, then they don't get it. Don Dillman would like to see pay for positions as opposed to people. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance brought up that Golf and Parks have boards but the rest of the departments do not. Lundy suggested a policy that raises are only at budget time. John Parker said they don't have to put a person's name on it; for example, they would list how many life guards they plan to hire. Christopher talked about tight funds. He did not ask for a raise; the money that is put toward him means it has to come from somewhere else. It's the pay scale for the positions that should be evaluated. Greg Wilson motioned to raise Mark's pay 5% and Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

11. **Paint color for tower** – Council agreed for the paint shade called "cloud" as Water Superintendent Dale Watson recommended.

12. **East Main** – Hoggatt had a sewer line put in, and concrete forms. They need concrete pipes hauled off and to get rid of weeds, then the City will have to seed it. Don Dillman asked: isn't there a penalty situation since Hoggatt is way over the deadline on when the project was supposed to be completed? The penalty is excessive and they are way over. There may be more on that issue.

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

**Police Chief's report** – Chief Vincent reported there would be a tractor pull on Saturday. Highway Patrol helps coordinate it. He has been receiving complaints about speeding in areas Highway DD and around. They have set up officers to catch the speeders. Don Dillman motioned to approve the report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Treasurer's report** – City Clerk Beth Kar provided June's financial reports and summarized the activities of the funds. The City has started on the budget with supervisors turning in their wish lists. Greg Wilson motioned to approve the report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Second Public Testimony** – None.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION**

**Mayor's Report** – John Parker, Bruce Lundy and George attended the Park Board meeting. It was very informative. This Friday at 6 p.m. there will be a surprise celebration for David Crane and his support for Parks. She congratulated Savannah's swim team for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the conference. It is quite an honor.

### **Council Members Discussion**

Joy Thompson had questions about zoning letters received by residents on T Hwy. The letters are to residents near the Middle School. When the Middle School property was annexed, it was never zoned. The letters set the public hearing where the property will receive its zoning classification. She received a few calls about trash and a lot of compliments on pot holes being fixed.

John Parker asked if there was any word on who is responsible for the Girl Scout cabin maintenance. He talked to Harold Morgan, who is working on the roof and will clear out the gutters. There are weeds too. Someone should tear out the vegetation and put rocks there. Deffenbaugh's pick up are getting better but he felt they needed to work just a little bit harder yet. Parker asked if there needed to be a meeting to talk about sewer problems and smoke testing. Lundy wants to sit down and talk with Wastewater Superintendent Jason Long first. The City needs to run the sewer cameras to the ones that have been identified with problems. City Attorney Emily Bauman reported that at the Missouri Municipal Attorney's conference had a lot of good information on DNRs, sewer situations and legislation. She will share a report on what the seminar addressed. The City would like to at least work on reducing what gets into the lines. Parker suggested a meeting on the Senate Bill passed. There is no immediate action. Bauman is working with Missouri Municipal League on options.

### **Adjournment**

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on a motion by Joy Thompson and seconded by Greg Wilson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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Connie George, Mayor

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