

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 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, Director of Public Works Kenny Lance, and City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall on August 15, 2014. The meeting was audio recorded.

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

**Public Hearing: Set 2014 Tax Rate** – No comments.

**Minutes – August 12, 2014** – Don Dillman motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Testimony** -- Robert Davis is building a distribution center/warehouse on North 71 Hwy (where Junior's Outback used to be.) That had been approved by Council almost a year ago. Someone called Joy Thompson and complained about the roof, stating that with the zoning regulations, one cannot use galvanized metal on accessory buildings. Davis' roof isn't galvanized. It is 24 gauge aluminum zinc alloy and also is not an accessory building. He paid more to have the roof seamless, boiled to the girders. There is not a screw in it. He hopes to move his business in by December.

**Lighting Audit Proposals – Brightergy and Case Electric** – Luke Case's proposal was not ready. He will submit it later. Both Brightergy and Case Electric approached the city about providing lighting audits on how much it would cost and how much would be saved to switch the entire city's buildings lights over to LED lights.

Rick Williams, Brightergy, described that the LED lights process is a similar process to the solar panels the City purchased. It is a 7 year lease with expected savings of at least \$60,000 over 10 years of maintenance. Brightergy would switch out all the lights in the city buildings for LED lights. LED light does not require ballasts. They would provide stock to replace the light tubes. All the rebate money is about 4 to 6 week turn around with the electric company KCPL. Once the agreement is approved, it is submitted to KCPL. Sign off is then completed and a reimbursement for 50%. The other part comes through lease payments. Estimated monthly payment would be \$708, with savings through the reduction of electric usage for lights. Estimated at 125,000 kilowatts for lighting, this would reduce to just less than 60% usage: 51,000 kilowatts based on reports from the City on runtime hours. To gain the incentives contracts, this needs to be approved by October 2014. The incentives may be started again next year but they will be less. The estimated savings are based on at least 5% annual expected KCPL rate increase (average last few years has been at least 9%); it could be more if KCPL raises rates more. The payment to Brightergy is flat amounts for 7 years with no increase. This is savings

only on lights; not on everything else that uses electricity. John Parker asked about swapping out the lights at the Water Treatment plant even though it is not on KCPL and there will be no incentives. It might still be worth the savings to put in LED lights. The City will also look at the possibility of exchanging the period street lights downtown around the Square, which the City maintains instead of KCPL. The rest of the street lights KCPL maintains so are not eligible to be switched to LED.

City Administrator Bruce Lundy asked about more solar incentives. There are no more yet. Williams mentioned micro-turbines and energy intelligence software that will become available in the future.

Case Electric's proposal would be financed by a low interest loan through the Department of Natural Resources/DNR.

**Police Chief's Report** – Chief of Police David Vincent reported there had been a robbery at a gas station. Sept 22 was the active shooter training for the School District. Today was the first day of school and everything went pretty well.

**Officer Daniel Zeigler 6 months** – Officer Zeigler does a good job, he is reliable, doesn't call in sick, and is aggressive in looking for violations. He works whatever shift is needed. Vincent appreciated that Zeigler lived in Savannah and had a vested interest in the City. Vincent recommended taking Officer Zeigler off his first 6 month probation and putting him on permanent status. Greg Wilson motioned to grant Officer Daniel Zeigler permanent status. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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

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

1. **Safe City.** Lundy provided the Safe Cities press release as well as some statistics that Jerry Baker looked up and pulled from their website. There are some very nice communities on that list below us. This is great recognition for the City in a time that seems all we hear is criticism.

2. **Clasbey Rental.** We only have about six weeks to get the Clasbey rental space fixed up before Dr. Wells October 1st deadline. Lundy met her out there last week and discussed her plans. Mike believes he can build the walls, paint and put down the carpet tiles. Lundy thought we will need to have someone come in and do the dry wall. There is not a drain in that space for a sink. Mike and Kenny's crew went and attempted to remove the screws from the wood floor. They found there were lots of screws and removing them to take the floor apart was not feasible. They did cut the joints and picked the floor up that way so it is up. The plywood is no longer 4x8 sheets they are just a hair shorter and are stored in one of Kenny's buildings if we need them for anything. Don Dillman motioned to sell the surplus plywood for \$10 for all one can load until it is gone. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Greg Wilson asked why the City is paying for the walls; why isn't the renter paying for at least part of it. Don Dillman stated most owners remodel for the needs of the renter.

3. **Budget Time.** It's that time of year again. All department heads have been given their forms and I think it's time to schedule a work session. Options: August 28 or Sept 3. I put a Budget PowerPoint in the packet from the spring MML Conference. It's basic but good information. **Sept 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., a Budget Work Session is scheduled at City Hall.**

4. **MO-KAN.** Lundy received a letter from MO-KAN and a request for payment. The letter explains what MO-KAN does for us and what their fees go to. They inquired if John Parker is going to remain our representative. If not, they would like to know who is and reminded us that whoever it is will need to attend their meetings at 7:00pm on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Don Dillman is the representative; Mo-Kan has been notified several times.

5. **Lighting Audit.** The Brightergy information was in Council packet. Rick Williams with Brightergy will be at the Council Meeting to explain it and answer questions. Lundy called Luke Case from Case Electric and his information was not ready. Case is invited to attend a future council meeting with his information when ready.

6. **Nuisance Violation.** The north 6th street home that we have had so many complaints about is looking much better. The home now has new siding, windows, and doors. There have not been any other complaints. Lundy sends out nuisance notices as they come in. He included a copy of the recent list. Joy Thompson said the house down from Christian Church on 6<sup>th</sup> Street was looking worse. It doesn't really fall under anything in the nuisance violation list. There was a hole in the north side of the house, probably under the vines.

7. **MIRMA Grant.** It's time to submit MIRMA Grant requests. Lundy was pretty lucky last year. This year he will be asking for an AED machine for the pool and golf course, a manhole lifter for Kenny, a police car camera, emergency construction lights and Stop Sticks for the Police.

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

**City Attorney's report** – City Attorney Emily Bauman did not have anything new to report. She finished the lease agreement for Clasbey Center.

**Treasurer's report** – City Clerk Beth Kar provided July's financial reports. The City has started the process of the 2015 budget. The question was asked if the Parks department tracks concessions. Park Board President Mike Yuille is analyzing costs and revenues for Parks. Don Dillman motioned to approve the report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

#### **BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Bill 2014-19 Set Tax rate was read for the first and second readings.

#### **ORDINANCE: 2646**

This ordinance sets the annual tax rate. Due to state deadlines, it needed to be read first and second reading at the same meeting. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2646 setting 2014 tax rate. Greg Wilson seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. The tax rate went down from last year.

**Second Public Testimony** – None.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION**

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Connie George went to Med Clinic to read a proclamation but it turned out she only needed to sign it. She had a meeting to attend but it had been changed.

## **Council Members Discussion**

Joy Thompson reported that from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12th Street on Market, trash was not picked up. She checked and it was still not picked up tonight. She had a complaint about the smell at Swett's house. A refrigerator had been dumped but has been removed. Donna and her sister have been cleaning up the property and the yard is actually in decent shape. Thompson asked about campaign signs still being up. The next election isn't until November and not soon enough with regulations to put the signs up. There are old garage sale signs by the old Shop & Hop that also need removed. She attended a Northwest Health board meeting with John Parker. She attended Park Board meeting.

Don Dillman received a conflict of interest statement from Region D.

## **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.

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Connie George, Mayor

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