

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 7 P.M.
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Connie George presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present: Don Dillman, John Parker, Greg Wilson and Joy Thompson. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, Chief of Police David Vincent, Director of Public Works Kenny Lance, Fire Chief Tommy George and City Clerk Beth Kar were also present. City Attorney Emily Bauman was absent. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall August 29, 2014. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approve Agenda – Don Dillman motioned to approve the agenda as posted. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Minutes – August 18, 2014 -- Greg Wilson motioned to approve the minutes as written. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony: None.

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

1. **Mo-Dot Training.** Brooke and Lundy attended the Mo-Dot training about procedures for Cities and Counties that are awarded Federal funds: choosing Consultants, recordkeeping, and billing for projects involving federal money. There was much information crammed into four hours. It probably should have been longer.

2. **Lighting Audit.** Lundy included in the packets the information provided by Luke Case of Case Electric who submitted a proposal to change all the City buildings lights over to LED at a cost of \$116,286.73. If approved for the KCPL 50% rebate it would cost \$58,296. Case pointed out the Mo Dept of Economic Development currently has an Energy Loan Program where they offer loans for this type of project at 2.5% for up to 10 years. He was also checking on a USDA 25% Grant that may be available. Case may stop by the meeting to answer any questions. Dan Hegeman from KCPL called and KCPL can do a rate study and see how accurate the energy efficiency reports are and if it would be a good deal. John Parker asked why Case and Brightergy both had not shown how much it would cost to change the lights at the Water Plant. It would not include KCPL incentives. Case Electric changed out the lights at Andrew County Museum. Building Inspector Mike Malhiwsky was impressed by brighter LED light which draws less energy and are less intrusive.

3. **Tools of Floodplain Management.** Mike Malhiwsky and Lundy will attend the Floodplain Management training in Jefferson City on Sept 4th and 5th. SEMA was nice enough to pick up our lodging and meals for that trip.

4. **East Main Project.** Lundy is in constant contact with Hoggatt about finishing East Main. He needs to pour concrete pillars at the sewer line crossing. However whenever they dig the holes, they fill up with ground water. He has been speaking to Bob Burnett of Snyder and Associates about making the pillars wider and not so deep. The problem is now that it rains every few days making it difficult for them to finish up.

5. **Paving.** Director of Public Works Kenny Lance checked with Keller Asphalt and it appears they won't be in Savannah to pave until the end of September.
6. **Property Valuations.** Savannah was chosen by MIRMA to be one of the first cities where they do property valuations. They will be here the week of Sept 8th – 13th. This service is free and is provided to help ensure accurate values are known for properties in case we have a loss or claim.
7. **Chamber Lunch.** The Chamber of Commerce Lunch is on Wednesday, Sept 3rd, at the Methodist church. Please let us know if anyone is interested in going.
8. **Trash day.** The trash and recycling pickup will be one day later this week due to the Labor Day Holiday. Recycling: Friday; Trash: Saturday.
9. **MML Conference.** The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday the 15th. City Clerk Beth Kar, Deputy City Clerk Brooke Bell, City Attorney Emily Bauman and Lundy will be gone to the annual Missouri Municipal League Conference (MML) so the meeting needs rescheduled. Don Dillman motioned and John Parker seconded to have the budget meeting on September 8th and the regular Council meeting on the 24th. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.
10. **Ethel Bledsoe.** Ms. Bledsoe is putting a new trailer on one of her empty lots at the DD Hwy Park. A few individuals have come in very upset that this is being allowed. After speaking with City Attorney Emily Bauman, the way the zoning regulations read, it does not appear a trailer can be prevented. Bledsoe said that Adwell Concrete from Iowa is putting the trailer in for its workers to live in while they are doing a large concrete job in St Joseph. There would be 6 to 9 men living there for about 5 months. Since then Lundy found out additional information including a legal opinion from former City Attorney Ron Holliday concurring that trailers cannot be stopped from being replaced. Lundy also updated that the trailer did not move in to the lot after all.
11. **Minnie Cline School Traffic.** Lundy spoke to Superintendent Brax; the school plans to allow some students to be dropped off earlier to try and relieve the heavy traffic at 7:30. Anyone is welcome to watch the heavy traffic around town in the morning between 7 and 8 especially the intersection of Highways E and 71 or near Minnie Cline or T Hwy. Lundy talked to the contact at MPO about turn lanes but it hasn't helped yet. Dr. Brax reported kids could be dropped off at 7:15 a.m. beginning today. John Parker felt it still didn't address his concern why there aren't more pickup spots in the City. It could be budget costs and a timing issue. The school tells the bus company Durham when and where to stop. A lot of kids are picked up on the Square. John Parker felt if there were more pickups, there would be fewer kids that were dropped off at the school and fewer traffic problems. He would like the City to ask the school to reconsider some of their stops and take more consideration for kids who have to walk further so have to be on the bus long time.

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

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2014-20 Clasbey contract with BeWell Chiropractic was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE: 2647

This ordinance approves the lease agreement with BeWell Chiropractic to rent the Clasbey Center room. Joy Thompson motioned to approve ordinance no. 2647. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Second Public Testimony:

Ralph Stanton addressed the situation with the trailer. He suggested looking at the section on trailers in the Zoning Code and clearing it up. If the City sets aside the idea of nonconforming, there are requirements for storm shelters and other safety issues. He felt legally the safety issues needed to be met. He was concerned that the City would get sued and be liable for not making people follow the Code.

Greg Gabler asked Council to consider putting up “Slow—Children” signs on East Price Street. There are a lot of children walking in the area and more people use Price to avoid the loop. Even when 4-H was going on, he noticed more people. With the new home addition, there are more kids. Speed limit signs are 25 MPH. A “Slow—Children” sign could go at each end of the street. Gabler thought in some communities the fine for speeding was higher if in school area. Chief Vincent answered that in Savannah it is a set fine. Greg Wilson motioned to put in “Slow—Children” signs. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Gabler also followed up with what Stanton brought up when he was on Council and Zoning. The intent was not to kick anyone out who owned a trailer and was putting in a new one—the person just needed to be conforming. If the people were working in St. Joe, why not move the trailer there. They should have been told there were too many people living in it. Some of the zoning that was ambiguous, needed to be clarified so it is black and white.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Mayor’s report – Mayor Connie George reported that she attended the employee appreciation event and the Zoning board meeting.

Council Discussion

Greg Wilson reported that the property across from the library had a mattress and trash out. The police contacted the resident about weeds and trash and the owner was sent a nuisance notice. There are several streetlights out on Main Street and two out by Hwy 71.

Joy Thompson received a complaint about property at 3rd & Main. They mowed the front but not the back of the house and the weeds were bad. Behind the Chinese restaurant where the house was torn down, weeds are growing up. She received a complaint from the Manager of Savannah Housing who called City Hall about not receiving a water bill and felt he could have received better service. She has to have receipts.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:42 p.m. on a motion by Greg Wilson and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk