

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014 7 P.M.
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Connie George presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Members present: Don Dillman, John Parker and Joy Thompson. Greg Wilson was out sick. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Attorney Emily Bauman, Chief of Police David Vincent, and City Clerk Beth Kar were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall October 3, 2014. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approve Agenda – John Parker questioned if it would help to have two readings for the ordinance on internet service instead of one reading as listed on the agenda. The company United Fiber has a waiting list and it will be at least 60 days for service to start so it doesn't make a lot of difference. Don Dillman motioned to approve the agenda as posted. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Minutes: September 24, 2014 – Joy Thompson motioned to approve the minutes. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Jeff Arp – MIRMA Risk Management Awards Presentation – Jeff Arp presented Chief of Police David Vincent and Mayor Connie George with the plaque for the awards. He described the history of the risk award program which helps to offset the costs of safety equipment. Since the City joined, MIRMA has awarded about \$40,000 to Savannah with \$20,000 of that in the last few years. This year the City received awards for a police car camera, AED for the pool, manhole lifter, sidewalk splitter, stop sticks and more: over \$7,000. He will email the detailed list of costs. City Administrator Bruce Lundy applied for the awards on behalf of the City.

Public Testimony: None.

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

Senior Center Open House Dinner. Lundy attended the Senior Center Open House Dinner. He was number 160 when he signed in. It was packed. They had a great turn out and the facility is very nice.

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting. Lundy did not attend this meeting as it was his anniversary. Lundy did learn this week that Zoning Member Jana Hughes is resigning from the Board because they have purchased a home south of town near their business. The City does have a couple of applicants for the board. John Parker motioned to accept the resignation of Jana Hughes. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Old Water Plant Demolition. The City has advertised for bids on the demolition of the old water plant. The City received questions about bid bond and performance bond. Lundy wrote an addendum requiring both and the bids were reset to Oct 24th at City Hall. He contacted each company that has shown an interest in the bids.

Help Wanted. The City accepted applications through Oct 1st for the Street Department Machine Operator. Applications are still being accepted for the Police/City Hall helper. There

were five applications for the Office Help and ten for the Machine Operator position. He and Director of Public Works Kenny Lance started looking at the applications today for Street Department. Lundy asked if Council wanted to be part of the interview process. Council agreed to have Lance in charge since it is filling someone in his department. The Building Inspector was for the whole city so it was a different situation and Council was involved in the interview process.

Sidewalk to the Middle School. On Thursday Morning, Director of Public Works Kenny Lance and Lundy met with representatives from Snyder & Associates, Dr Brax, and the Health Department representative about the sidewalks around Minnie Cline Elementary and a sidewalk to the Middle School. Snyder's has experience with these projects funded by Mo-DOT/Safe Routes to Schools. It is a 20% cash match. First thing Snyder would do is to research the project, come up with a plan, and then come up with a cost estimate. The initial cost will be \$850 per project. Lundy thought building a couple thousand feet of sidewalk in the area of Minnie Cline would be less costly than the sidewalk to the Middle School. For a sidewalk to the middle school, some concerns were: afraid that kids could get hit crossing T Hwy or if a car runs off the road or a child could be abducted walking along the highway. Health department would want sidewalks because it is healthy for kids to walk/bike to school. The project would be 14th Street, Route T to Middle School. Joy Thompson asked Chief Vincent's opinion. Vincent answered that bad things can always happen but one can't always look at the negative. John Parker asked about the route. It can it be on the right of way. The north side of the highway looks like the better side. Vincent asked if it is on North side, would be outside the city limits? Mike Fisher and Billy Kretzer had looked at extending Swenson. This is a good idea. Options: Sidewalk would have to be five foot and maintained for over 20 years. Bike path would be a 10 foot wide chat. Don Dillman asked would the \$850 include more than one choice. John Parker suggested the old interurban route, also. Council agreed for Snyder to proceed and that they suggest more than one option. The maximum funding is \$240,000 per project. The proposed sidewalks can be broken into different projects in order to receive more money.

L.E.D Lighting. Lundy ended up assembling packets with all the LED lights information. Last week he was contacted by Mike Glidewell (Savannah resident) of The Walldinger Corp. Glidewell saw in the paper we were hearing proposals for LED lighting and wanted to know if his company could make a proposal, also. Lundy said as he had not received any of the information that KCP&L was going to provide, he could. On Thursday Dan Hegeman brought in papers from KCP&L. He apologized that they could not do an assessment of the proposals but they could provide information about what the City pays per Kilowatt hour. Lundy included those documents in the Council packets. The City needed to get a contract in October to take advantage of the incentives. Lundy thought Coral's was the easiest proposal to read. Tom Alley, Coral, was present. John Parker thought Council needed to set an official cut off time. It was set that all proposals be submitted by October 15th.

Be Well Chiropractors Office. The office is coming along well. The City is trying to meet the Oct 13 deadline request. The sheetrock is done and painted. Next will be carpet and trim.

Next Meeting. Just a reminder that the next Council Meeting will be Wednesday October 22nd.

Speeders. Lundy has received a complaint about speeders on Cypress Street. There was a similar complaint made last year. It's normally pretty quiet there but when youth soccer starts up a lot of traffic uses that road going to the complex. The caller also called KQ2 who came up and did a story about the problem. She asked about speed bumps. The City can get temporary speed bumps for about \$500.00 to put down then take back up for snow removal. She also asked if the City could come up with a new entrance to the complex that does not involve this street. Lundy told

her he did not think that would be possible. He had Director of Public Works Kenny Lance put orange flags on the speed limit signs. Officers have been watching the area when they are available. He also has arranged to borrow a speed radar trailer from Mo-Kan. It displays a speed limit sign and then displays the motorist speed so maybe this will get folks to slow down. Lundy believes they will deliver it Monday or Tuesday. John Parker asked if speed bumps would be covered through MIRMA. The concern is that if we put down speed bumps, other streets would want them. When we move them, holes might be left where water could get in and freeze and make pot holes.

Blood Drive. Thursday, 3 to 6 p.m. at the high school. He will be going to give blood.

Patrol Vehicle -- Chief of Police David Vincent looked for a patrol vehicle as budgeted. He found a vehicle that had been driven by a Highway Patrol Lieutenant which is in excellent condition. They would be getting a vehicle with one driver where they know the history. Budget: \$15,000. Cost: \$15,750. He would like Council's approval to go over budget on the patrol vehicle. The police may come under on other budgeted equipment. Don Dillman motioned to shift budget costs to allow purchasing the vehicle. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

John Parker asked since City Administrator Bruce Lundy drives his police vehicle, would it be something to consider in the future: replacing Lundy's so the police department has a spare. Lundy car is a 2006 with 85,000 to 90,000 miles. With just one driver, Lundy thought his car should be fine.

East Main – Lundy talks to the construction company Hoggatt daily. They still have not poured the pillars. Lundy received a letter from the State asking if the project is finished. Joy Thompson asked if there was any way we can give Hoggatt a deadline. Don Dillman asked about penalty amounts since the project is past its due date. Hoggatt is feeling the heat and can't get bonded for other projects until he completes ones he is working on. Council wanted to turn up the heat.

Keller asphalt -- is in town. 1st street was done on Friday. Today will be Benton; Tues: school; Wed, east Swenson; and the last street is Elk Street.

John Parker motioned to approve the report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Discussion Items:

Cemetery Rates – City Administrator Bruce Lundy spoke with Mike Walters, Heaton-Bowman Smith, on cemetery rates in the area. Lundy also talked with Cemetery Sexton Mike Clark on rates. Mike Walters said he has seen a few people come up from St. Joseph because Savannah rates are cheaper. Mayor Connie George was contacted by Meierhoffer who were interested in buying the cemetery. Council discussed the proposed rates. John Parker was bothered by the \$150 charge for infants. He thought it should be \$100 for an infant space, grave opening, and burying infant ashes. Council agreed to change all infant burial costs to \$100. There will be an ordinance next time with the only change to infant's as \$100.

LED Lights – Council review the proposals for the next meeting. Tom Alley described the changes with ballasts.

City Attorney's Report – Last week City Attorney Emily Bauman attended training on employment and labor law at Empower U. She followed up Nancy Blake, an attorney in St. Joe

who does real estate transactions. Blake represents an investor and builder who own an empty lot on E Hwy by Sports Complex. She asked if the City had any incentives on roads, utilities. Joy Thompson brought up the City was not interested in TIFs or CIDs. Bauman suggested if they wanted to bring forward proposal to Council they could. Don Dillman motioned to approve the report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Treasurer's report – City Clerk Beth Kar provided the August financial statements. The City's finances as a whole are in good shape. The Park Board hired Micah Phillips as a full-time employee. Don Dillman motioned to approve the report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2014-26 Agreement with United Fiber for Internet Service was read for the first reading.

Second Public Testimony: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Mayor's report – Mayor Connie George asked if there was any feedback on October 25th route for Zombie Run. Joy Thompson reported that the event had been cancelled. John Miller got sponsors but PTO cancelled the event.

Council Discussion

Joy Thompson received complaints but they had been settled. She had questions about the Cemetery. She described someone raking their loved ones grave and seeding it. Tommy George explained that had to wait for the ground to settle until they could do that. Council discussed higher grass and the best way to keep weeds down around the stones. They can spray but have to be careful spraying for the places that have living bushes. Thompson suggested we post positive information on Facebook like the City's financial and not having to raise rates.

John Parker had a couple of things. He spent time with a citizen who had several questions. The citizen asked about "abandoned" property (boat) being on city streets (1st Street). He provided the definition of "abandoned." The boat has a valid license. The citizen was concerned when the boat is in street since it is so wide. Lundy reported he had spoken to Mr. Nichols. Any vehicle has the restriction of being 25 feet from a corner. The property is not abandoned because it has been moved and it has a license. There were complaints about trash containers not being moved from the curb. City Attorney Emily Bauman sent a letter to the person in question, that included the ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:36 p.m. on a motion by Don Dillman and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk