

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION PROCEEDINGS
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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, Chief of Police David Vincent and City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall December 12, 2014. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda – Don Dillman motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Minutes December 1, 2014 – John Parker motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony: None.

Police Chief's Report – Chief of Police David Vincent reported he attended police training seminars in Columbia and Jefferson City. Training subjects included labor law and bills the state legislature is considering that would affect law enforcement. Don Dillman motioned to approve the Police Chief's report. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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

Sewer Plant Help -- Lundy talked with Wastewater Superintendent Jason Long about sewer plant operations. Long and his coworker Dellie Dunn are the only two at the plant. Long feels somewhat overwhelmed; Lundy feels they need some help. The daily operations of the plant keep them busy. Besides keeping the plant running they need to haul sludge, inspect manholes, inspect lines, and figure out where all the Inflow & Infiltration is coming from that is causing problems at Puckett's addition. On the weekends the two sewer plant operators and the three water plant operators take turns working at both plants. So when Dunn or Long works the weekend that person is off Thursday and Friday; thus, on those weeks there is even less opportunity to complete tasks other than running the plant. Would Council consider hiring another wastewater plant operator? The City can talk with the City's Financial Advisor Tionna Pooler about finances and the costs of hiring staff. It is hard to look at any other sewer issues when there is only one person at the plant. Council had approved in February to have the company haul the sludge but the ground had been too wet. The prices have since gone up because the ground is too soft. The new cost is \$21,000; budgeted: \$20,000. The City could hire someone to haul the sludge off each year, but the sewer plant has the truck to do it. For now, he would like to have the company go ahead and haul it. If Pooler says the City can afford to hire

additional staff then the City wouldn't have to hire someone else to haul sludge in the future. Council agreed to go ahead and have the sludge hauled off.

Internet. Last Thursday United Fiber hooked up the City's Internet service.

MML Conference. City Attorney Emily Bauman and Lundy are planning on attending the MML Conference in Jefferson City on Feb 11th and 12th. This is the meeting on what new laws or changes are at the state legislature.

LED Lighting project. He has been in contact with Tom Alley about the City's lighting project. The LED lights have been ordered and the project applications have been sent to KCP&L. Once the City receives approval from KCP&L, Coral Lighting will get started; it is expected to take two or three weeks to complete the project. Last week approval was received for the City Hall project. The only snag so far is the explosion proof lighting at the sewer plant. Explosion proof lights are very expensive and KCPL will not give incentives for that type of light. Those lights have been removed from the bid and Alley will go ahead with the project without explosion proof lights.

Upcoming election. Just a reminder: the dates to sign up to run for Office are December 16th through January 20th for the April 7th election, for Mayor and two Council seats.

Passing of Gene Grossman -- Former Building Inspector Gene Grossman passed away Tuesday December 9th after a lengthy battle with cancer. Gene has been cremated and the obituary did not show a service time. To show our respect, Lundy had a card to sign and send it to the family.

Holiday Trash Pick-up. Recycling and Trash pick-up will be one day late following Christmas and New Year's Day.

Nuisance list was included in the Council packets.

DNR Grant -- He received the paperwork for the \$50,000 DNR Grant for engineering discussed at the last meeting. The paperwork was completed and sent off. The City should find out in the next couple months if it receives the grant. This money can be used for engineering purposes to determine where stormwater comes into the wastewater system and to help figure out a resolution.

Midland GIS -- Midland GIS are finishing up another job and will be starting here in Savannah the end of this month or right after the first of the year.

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

Discussion Items: Raise Firefighter Pay to Match Rural \$20 to \$25 per fire— Fire Chief Tommy George reported that at the last Rural Fire meeting, the Board elects what rate to pay the fireman on calls. The Board raised the pay from \$20 a fire to \$25 a fire call. In the past the City

has matched the pay rate. Don Dillman motioned to match the rate and pay on City fire calls \$25 each. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Attorney's report—City Attorney Emily Bauman described the approval of the Centurylink gross receipts tax settlement. She will follow up on when the funds will be released. The City will be getting dismissals for all of the cases. Bauman gets the keys in January for her new office at 417 West Main. Ralph Stanton sent her information on trailer ordinances. She is in the process of reviewing the material and creating a good solid ordinance that can be enforced without repercussions. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Administrator Bruce Lundy reported the asbestos cleanup was complete at the old water plant so it will not be long before Madget can get started on the old plant demolition.

Treasurer's report – City Clerk Beth Kar presented the financials report. Don Dillman motioned to receive and file the report. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Second Public Testimony: None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Council Members Discussion –

Greg Wilson reported that he had given a lot of thought to the election and at this point he will not seek re-election. He has many things on his plate right now so will not be able to do it. He wanted everyone to know. He appreciated everything everyone has done. Wilson wanted everyone to know ahead of time so if someone wants to run, that person will have the opportunity.

Adjournment

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:16 p.m. on a motion by Greg Wilson and seconded by Don Dillman. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. The meeting may have set a record for the shortest in many years.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk