

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
PROCEEDINGS  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015 7 P.M.  
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, and City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar were also present. Chief of Police David Vincent was absent. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall January 29, 2015. The meeting was audio recorded.

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

**Minutes – January 20, 2015** – Greg Wilson motioned to approve the January 20, 2015 minutes. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Testimony:** None.

**Appointments: Caleb Wiley, Park Board** – Don Dillman motioned to approve the Mayor's appointment of Caleb Wiley to the Park Board. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**City Administrator's Report** – City Administrator Bruce Lundy reported.

**Pro Shred** – Pro Shred was in town a couple weeks ago and shredded nearly sixty boxes of documents that had past their retention date. The cost for the service is based on the amount of paper to shred. This time the cost was \$295.

**Cemetery Bridge** – The Cemetery bridge has some bridge planks that are rotten and holes that could be a dangerous to walk across. City Employee Tim Spoonmore checked the price to replace 16 foot planks: \$57 apiece. We need 12 replaced for a total of \$684.00. Even if it was roped off, there is still a concern for safety. Lundy researched the history of the bridge. Andrew County had a historic bridge, and donated it to the City. Joy Thompson described what she remembered and that the project was to add a walkway from 3<sup>rd</sup> St. to the bridge but there was not the funds to do it. Fire Chief Tommy George suggested asking the county for any used planks. County does not have any used available. There is mitigation in the area because of crowdads. Joy Thompson asked if the City could plant wildflowers or something that looks better than the vegetation that looks like weeds. What restrictions are there for mitigation? The suggestion was to use wood chips for a walking path from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. John Parker motioned and Don Dillman seconded to fix the bridge. Motion carried on 3 yes; 1 no (Wilson).

**Region D Recycling Events** – Region D plans an electronics collection May 9th at the City Barn lot at 3rd and Price Street. The household hazardous waste pick up will be on April 18th or 25th. Region D was concerned that the City lot may not be enough room for the hazardous waste collection.

**Minde Dreher** –Minde Dreher is doing an excellent job. She has picked up the Police Station and the City Hall Positions very quickly. Dreher recently received her Notary Certification.

**United Fiber** –United Fiber has hooked up City Hall, The Police Station and the Golf Course hooked up to their internet service.

**Textcaster** -- Last week the City signed up for the Textcaster service. It is a mass texting system that allows the City to better communicate with the public through text and email. The service does not send notification to landline phones but Lundy still expects it to be very useful. The link to sign up will be added to the City website this week. Those who cannot sign up online may do so by filling out a form available at City Hall. Each subscriber picks from a list which information they would like to receive texts about (youth sports, trash/recycling schedule, snow removal, Police & Fire alerts etc.). Lundy included a sign up form in Council packets. The service is also hooked to the national weather service and will send text notification of storms and tornadoes watches and warnings.

**Street Lights** – John Parker and Lundy were questioned about the new street lights the City approved for Cypress Street and East Main and Market. It is not clear why the lights have not been installed yet. Lundy followed up with the electric company KCPL to figure out the next steps.

**New signs** -- He ordered a new sign to put on E Hwy that points towards the Clasbey and Golf Course. It is 36 x 48 @ \$550. Lundy wanted one sign to check the quality before ordering any others. The sign is solid recycled plastic and is supposed to last 50 years. The crew got it installed last week. It is excellent quality and the City will be ordering more from this same company. There are about ten more that need replaced. He will continue with the project until all are updated. John Parker would like a priority list of signs to replace.

**LED Lighting** -- He spoke with Tom Alley on Friday about the City's LED lights installation. There had been a strike where the lights were built and nothing was being shipped. The lights are starting to roll in now so installation will hopefully start soon.

**Old Senior Center** -- Lundy was contacted by a man that was interested in starting a sports bar restaurant. Lundy found the ordinance that does not allow alcohol sales within 100 feet of a Church. This is also a state law but it looks like City Councils may make an exception and allow it. He included a copy of the ordinance in Council packets.

**Sidewalk Grant** -- He received an email from Darby Logan of Mo-Dot about the sidewalk grant application. The City has been approved for \$122,000 grant for sidewalks from 6th and Price along Price to Minnie Cline then from the west side of the school, west along Price to 10th and North along 10th to Main. There is a 20% cash match that School Superintendent Dr. Brax thought the school would be willing to share.

Lundy provided Council with an emergency contact list for different items.

He received a request for information on business licenses and zoning permits and asked City Attorney Emily Bauman for fees to charge.

Joy Thompson motioned to approve the report. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**City Attorney's Report** – City Attorney Emily Bauman will be opening a local office in the next few weeks. She updated the animal shelter sterilization agreement pursuant to State Statutes. The City will need to decide a time limit on how soon after adoption, adopted pets need to spay/neutered. The law permits an exception for sporting or breeding animals and does not apply if the found animal belongs to someone and the owner picks it up. She will have nonconforming zoning codes ready in March which will require public notice prior to passage.

She is following up lawyer Brad Nielsen with the dismissed lawsuit on Centurylink, to find out when under protest funds will be released. She will have two ordinances: one to approve matching the IRS mileage reimbursement and another to match the court clerk pay rate. Greg Wilson motioned to approve the report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

### **BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Bill 2015-2 Water Hookups was read for the First reading. John Parker asked if any current construction would be affected by the ordinance. No.

**Second Public Testimony:** City Administrator Bruce Lundy asked if there was a statute requiring two meetings a month. There is one in the City Code.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS**

**Mayor's report** – Mayor Connie George attended the Chamber banquet which had good food and a turnout. She thanked employees for clearing streets of snow.

#### **Council Discussion**

Don Dillman commented it would help if people didn't push snow from their yards out in the street. In St. Joe people have to move snow to the side. He thanked the Street crew for doing an admirable job. He had several people mention about safety equipment regarding the picture from the water leak site.

Joy Thompson replied that is how her brother was killed.

John Parker asked about letters Council received from the school organization, APE, requesting a donation. The City has a policy against donations due to state regulations against it. Parker couldn't say enough about all the good employees and all they do from fixing water and sewer issues to clearing streets of snow. When it needs to be done, they are there. He wished to provide something as a thank you. Mayor Connie George suggested the City could have another appreciation dinner.

Joy Thompson said she would say the same thing. She was disappointed in the cars left around the Square that made it difficult to move snow. She felt the people who left the cars should know by now. She asked what could be done. Cars have been towed in the past. Wasn't there a requirement in the snow ordinance to move vehicles on snow routes? City Administrator Bruce Lundy asked if there are a lot of cars towed, would the officers be supported when the complaints started coming in. This snowfall was a bit of a surprised. City Attorney Emily Bauman said St. Joe doesn't tow but has hefty parking tickets for people who don't move vehicles.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:47 p.m. on a motion by Greg Wilson and seconded by John Parker. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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Connie George, Mayor

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