

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 17, 2015
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.

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, Chief of Police David Vincent, City Attorney Emily Bauman, and City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall February 13, 2015. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda -- Greg Wilson motioned to amend the agenda and to add the first and second readings on all bills. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Minutes – February 2, 2015 -- Greg Wilson motioned to approve the February 2, 2015 minutes. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes

Public Testimony: None

Police Chief's Report—Chief of Police David Vincent reported that the police finished up the school threat assessment schedule which evaluated all the schools and finished with the High School. The police department signed up for the 1033 program on military surplus equipment. The police will go to Jefferson City to see what is available including body armor, night vision and other items. There was a fire call on the Square, south of Shelter Insurance. The firemen quickly responded and the fire was put out. Vincent requested permission to look at hiring part time officers. Reserve Officer Rick Wall works full time and is not available. He would like to hire up to three reserves. Council agreed to the request. Greg Wilson motioned to approve the report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Treasurer's report – City Clerk Beth Kar provided the financial reports. Greg Wilson motioned to receive and file report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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

MIRMA Annual Evaluation -- On Tuesday February 10th Jeff Arp with MIRMA was in town to do the City's yearly evaluation. He met with department heads. Arp pointed out a few issues to address but overall the City is doing well. The City has not received the final score. The score determines how much the City pays annually. The recommended improvements included leaning pole at skateboard park, cracks in parking lot at Messick Park.

Training -- MIRMA scheduled a regional training seminar in Savannah. By hosting the event Savannah employees get to go for free. March 24th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Playground Safety Seminar. Lunch will be provided.

Signs -- Lundy ordered five more signs. These signs will replace the ones on the west side of Sonic along 71 Hwy and the one at 71 and Arbor. The signs only take a couple weeks and will be installed when weather allows.

Great Northwest Days – Lundy attended Great Northwest Days in Jefferson City. It was a great event. He encouraged everyone to think about going next year. He spoke to several Senators, Representatives and other City and County Government officials in Northwest Missouri. Cindy Esely does a great job organizing this event for Andrew County.

Internet – United Fiber has hooked up the internet at the Golf Course and the Police Station.

Deffenbaugh -- Monday is Presidents Day but Deffenbaugh does not observe that holiday for any delays. Trash and Recycling will be picked on their regular days this week. The City also has that ready to send out on Textcaster on Wednesday to help avoid confusion.

Park Board Meeting --Mayor Connie George and Lundy attended the Park Board meeting last week. The Board approved the application of Heather Yount to the Board. This will fill the Park Board's last vacancy. They also discussed fencing the south end of the complex, south of the soccer fields. The man that owns the adjoining property on the south pointed out that people are using his driveway and driving through his yard to get to the complex. The Board motioned to pay for half of the fence if the Youth Football Organization would pay for the other half. A group of volunteers and park employees will put up the chain-link fencing. Park Manager Donnie Knorr called around and the 800 feet of fence will cost about \$6500 total.

Chamber Lunch -- Lundy attended the Chamber Lunch on Friday the 13th. It was cancelled earlier due to bad weather. Lundy explained the textcaster service and encouraged everyone to spread the word. It helps to have people receive the texts about severe weather even if they don't live in Savannah.

Wastewater Grant Application – The City submitted a grant application for engineering services to help with our Inflow and Infiltration issues. It was advertised for “requests for qualifications” with February 2nd due date. The City received four submittals. The next step is to assemble a five person panel to go over the qualifications. The panel will need to meet and discuss each and pick one that is most qualified. There is a short timeframe to meet and make a decision. Don Dillman, John Parker, Kenny Lance, Jason Long, and Jim Noble from Zoning Board will be on the five person panel.

Street light issue – KCPL marked Cypress, East Main and East Market. Lundy looked at the posts and approved the placement.

Sidewalk Ordinance – The City will need to approve a can ordinance to accept funds for the sidewalk grant. It will have first and second readings at the next meeting.

New Staff – Water Superintendent Dale Watson & Water Operator Ann Wilkerson are nearing retirement plus Director of Public Works Kenny Lance. The City needs to look at hiring new employees and training them. Plus Wastewater Superintendent Jason Long would like to have someone at Wastewater to help haul the sludge. No official notices on retirements yet. John Parker would like to look at hiring four people. Alliance is a company that hires out employees to help with staffing. Greg Wilson suggested asking if anyone is ready to state their retirement dates. The City will list with MML, MRWA and other organizations help wanted ads for the staff positions. Greg Wilson motioned to approve the report. John Parker seconded. \Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Appointment: Heather Yount, Park Board – At the last meeting approved Caleb Wiley. Park Board requested to approve Yount. Greg Wilson motioned to approve the appointment. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Attorney's report-- City Attorney Emily Bauman reported she attended the MML Legislative update conference. Max Creek bill affects municipal court and limits income from municipal court from 30 to 10% of revenue. Anything over 10% would have to go to school district or another allocated resource. The bill would not affect Savannah. She talked to Delus Johnson about the petition initiative. She will attend the DNR regulations session at the Missouri Rural Water Association; it is free updated DNR regulations. She has new ordinances on matching the IRS mileage, setting up a procedure for unverifiable account write off from the old system. Don Dillman motioned to approve the report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Don Dillman asked about changing the agenda to add first and second readings. It is not a normal practice.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2015-2 Water Hook ups was read for the second reading.

ORDINANCE: 2661

John Parker motioned to approve ordinance 2661. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2015-3 Collection Delinquent Accounts was read for the First and second readings. D is the new section.

ORDINANCE: 2662

Don Dillman motioned to approve ordinance no. 2662. Greg Wilson seconded. Vote: Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2015-4 Match IRS Mileage Rate was read for the first and second readings.

ORDINANCE: 2663

Joy Thompson motioned to approve ordinance no. 2663. Greg Wilson seconded. Vote: Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye. Motion carried.

Second Public Testimony: None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report – Mayor Connie George thanked Kenny Lance and the street crew for getting sign up on Catalpa. She attended the Park Board meeting. She wished Peyton Smith, Jake Huffman and all high school wrestlers good luck going to state. Thursday meeting is the Health Department to talk about any concerns.

Council Members Discussion

Joy Thompson attended the Extension Council. There was mention of planting trees on East Main and around the fairgrounds. They wanted to know if City interested in maintaining them. She suggested contacting the Tree Board. Greg Wilson asked if there were any regulations on where can put trees, distance from curb, right of way. Don Dillman mentioned would not want trees obscuring historic street lights.

Don Dillman attended the Mo-Kan meeting.

Kenny Lance asked if Tom Hare had contacted the City. Question came up who was responsible for moving snow from Andrew #3 meter next to the Reservoir. It is not City's responsibility to plow the snow the meter.

Adjournment

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on a motion by Joy Thompson and seconded by Don Dillman. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk