

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 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, 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 02-26-2015. The meeting was audio recorded.

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

Minutes – February 17, 2015 – John Parker motioned to approve the minutes with the correction on Page 2: under the Sidewalk ordinance section changed to “**an** ordinance” instead of “a can ordinance.” Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony

Representatives for Run 4 Recess 5K Sprinkle Sprint were present. Windy Beauford, Chairman of Minnie Cline Playground Committee, described the April 18th fundraiser. She included a proposed route for the run/walk. The route is not going around the entire Square because of the car show from 8 to 4:30 that will be located downtown. The Committee requests that the streets around the Square be blocked off during the events. They hope to have vendors at the event as well as breakfast at Sweet Wishes. The Car Show includes cars and tractors. Can the kids paint the streets with washable paints before the run? She has checked with businesses on the Square about blocking off the streets and using the parking places to show the cars. Council was okay with the request as long as the stores on the Square were okay with their parking spots being used. April 18th is also the household hazardous waste collection that day. Don Dillman motioned to approve the request to block off streets for the events. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Council did ask that if the route changes, to provide Council with an updated copy and to coordinate everything with the police.

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

Audit -- The Auditor will present the regular annual audit at the March 16th meeting. Audits were distributed so Council has time to review the reports before the presentation.

East Main Street CDBG Closing -- Mo-Kan and Lundy have completed and submitted the East Main Street CDBG closing documents. All that is left is to have the ground worked up and the area seeded this spring.

Water & Wastewater Plant Help – Lundy spoke to Water Plant employees Ann Wilkerson and Dale Watson. Both would like to retire this October. However, health insurance costs may require that each may stay another year. He spoke to Supervisors Jason Long and Dale Watson

who agree that four operators at their plants would be too many. They agree three would be about right to cover all shifts and time off for training and vacations. The City will look for an experienced operator to train at the water plant and for one either experienced or inexperienced who can work at the wastewater plant. There are wastewater classes coming in April that would be good to send a new hire to if we can find someone fairly quickly. Don Dillman suggested talking with Long to see if he would be interested in being water plant supervisor. Council agreed to go ahead and search for the new hires. Dillman asked about looking at an outside service as an option. The Water Plant supervisor requires that new permit persons need a C license or higher.

DARE -- Dr. Brax, Superintendent of the Savannah School District, inquired if Lundy could teach the one DARE class at Helena Elementary. The Andrew County Sheriff's Deputy who taught DARE previously has taken a job somewhere else. Helena is the only school in the Savannah District where Lundy had not taught this year. Dr Brax spoke to Sheriff Atkins; the Sheriff's department hopes to have an officer trained to teach DARE this summer so they will be ready for next year. DARE is about ten one-hour classes along with a graduation ceremony. Lundy explained that he would need to talk to Council about it. He talked to Sheriff Atkins about supplies. Potentially North Andrew and Avenue City may need someone to teach DARE, also. Lundy asked for Council's feedback. Council asked if Lundy thought he would have time. One class at Helena wouldn't be bad. Council did not have a problem with Helena because it is part of our school district. The question came up if it is the City's responsibility to train all schools. John Parker suggested if additional schools ask Lundy to teach DARE, and then look at the schools to provide wages and supplies.

Golf Course -- The Golf Committee would like to hire Josh Brandon as their full-time Course Superintendent. Brandon has been working at the course on a part time basis. He has a degree and a Missouri Chemical License. He has worked at the St Joseph Country Club and Lockwood in Kansas City. The Golf Committee would like to start his pay at \$40,000 per year starting March 1st as Golf Maintenance Superintendent. The Committee thought that was an appropriate rate for someone with his experience and education and with his help General Manager Mark Christopher won't have to work both positions.

The Golf fund made the annual February debt payment. This year it was \$27,300. Money is tight in the Golf fund until the weather warms and membership comes in. Golf restricts cash to make the debt payments in these winter months. General Manager Mark Christopher would like to move the remaining restricted money left after that payment (\$5000 - \$6000) to their general operating cash to operate until the weather picks up and revenues increase. The course costs \$5,752 per month to operate. Christopher has been busy this winter with callers wanting to set up outings and leagues. There are only two principal and interest payments left on the debt. Christopher also explained that the course plans to change the membership's deadline from June 1 to April 1 to take care of the problem in the future by bringing in revenues earlier. John Parker was concerned about transferring restricted funds. City Attorney Emily Bauman explained the difference on restrictions. Golf fund is not restricted by the State; the money is restricted by the City for its own purpose. Council discussed the two issues: hiring and restricted cash transfer. Don Dillman started to motion; however, it was unclear if it was a combined or singular motion. City Attorney Emily Bauman and City Clerk Beth Kar asked for clarification and to verify that it was two separate motions. Don Dillman motioned to hire Josh Brandon at \$40,000 full time under the recommendation of the Golf Committee. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion to hire carried on 3 yes votes; 1 no: Thompson. Wilson added that for Golf Course Superintendents who have the knowledge Brandon has, \$40,000 is a low number.

Don Dillman motioned to transfer golf restricted to operational cash with the express concern that the monies be put back as soon as available. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes; 1 no: Thompson. Motion carried.

Cemetery Help – Cemetery Sexton Mike Clark asked about Herb Holloway working at the Cemetery again this year. Last year at the end of the season Holloway asked for an increase for next season. Holloway has worked at the Cemetery since 2012 and makes \$8.00 per hour. Lundy asked to raise that amount because weed eating is a hard work. A good dependable worker should be compensated appropriately. Greg Wilson asked when he would start. May or whenever the weather permits. Don Dillman asked Golf General Manager Mark Christopher how much is paid to the golf course mowers. The answer was: minimum wage. Wilson suggested \$10/hour. Greg Wilson motioned pay Holloway \$10/hour and to use the dates from May until the season ends. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Engineering Grant -- As part of our Wastewater Assistance Engineering Grant application the City submitted requests for qualification and received responses from four companies. The Panel went through the qualifications, scored each and met on Friday morning. They decided that TREKK was the best choice for the City. Lundy has made the notifications. TREKK did something similar for the City in 2010. Lundy received notification from a lady regarding a water leak a few weeks ago. The City receives emails on possible “leaks.” If water is running through the meter, half or more of 96 fifteen minute increments, it is considered a possible leak. The point was made that it would be good for someone to check out all the leaks. The City does not currently have the manpower to contact all of the possible leaks.

Minde Dreher -- Dreher is the part time help we hired to work at the Police Station and fill in at City Hall. She has picked up the jobs very quickly and does a great job. Lundy asked her if she would ever consider going full time if that was an option and she said yes she would. Lundy would like to make her full time. She has proven to be a great asset. By adding her full time Lundy thinks the City would be able to spend more time daily contacting those that the computer is flagging as having a water leak. High bills and leaks are of great concern to everyone in town and this would be another way we can provide good service to the public. Don Dillman thought it was important to address problems since we do not allow payment arrangements. Joy Thompson didn’t understand why people argue about it. Lundy described water usage. Dreher’s salary would be split between funds. Joy Thompson motioned and Don Dillman seconded to hire her full time. Council discussed the pay rate. Lundy suggested making it comparable to Valorie’s salary. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Lift Station Pump -- Jason Long contacted him that one of the lift station pumps is bad. Lundy believes there are two pumps in this station, one is bad and one is weak. Lundy estimates it will be about \$9000 but he does have it in the budget. He said there are only a couple of companies that sell these kinds of pumps so Lundy asked him to get phone bids (lowest \$6800) and submit his findings. Greg Wilson asked what happens to one which is replaced. When a new one is installed, the good parts of the old ones are combined to make a good pump. Joy Thompson motioned to purchase \$6800 pump. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Reserve Officers – Chief of Police David Vincent would like to bring Ryan Bever and Jason Bell (Brooke Bell’s husband – officer at Missouri Western) on as reserve officers. Beaver had military background and passed his certification. He has been a paramedic for twenty years. They would replace Rick Wall, Vince Lippincott, and Bryan Wall. Joy Thompson motioned to

hire Ryan Bever and Jason Bell as Reserve Officers. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Greg Wilson motioned to approve the report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Attorney's Report – Bauman advised not to use money that is restricted by the State. She has been busy with resolutions and an ordinance for tonight. She clarified the discussion about second readings. A lot of cities do that with both readings on the same meeting. Bauman mentioned there was a sewer fee increase statewide. This does not need an ordinance or resolution because it was a statewide increase. She has been doing research on felony conviction and how that affects a liquor license. Ralph Stanton and she met on nonconforming issues and safety violations. Don Dillman motioned to approve the report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Resolution 2015-2 Matching Pay Rate Court Clerk - Don Dillman motioned to approve Resolution 2015-2 matching the County's pay rate for Court Clerk. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Resolution 2015-3 Pet Adoption Agreement Update -- includes sterilization agreement within thirty days. The pet owner can have the shelter do it or they can waive that if they want to take the responsibility, depending on the age of the pets. This matches state statute. Jan Dillman can continue to pay for the pets to be neutered. John Parker motioned to approve Resolution 2015-3. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2015-5 Agreement with Mo-DOT for Sidewalk Program was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE: 2664

Greg Wilson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2664. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2015-6 Remove water meter charge was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE: 2665

Joy Thompson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2665. John Parker seconded. Vote: Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2015-7 Selecting TREKK for Wastewater grant engineer was read for the first and second readings.

ORDINANCE: 2666

Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2666. Greg Wilson seconded. Vote: Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye. Motion carried.

Second Public Testimony: None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Council Discussion

Joy Thompson received a complaint about a white pickup from the high school coming over to the Clasbey Center for the occupant to smoke. Police checked and the only person with a white pickup was getting a child. Joy Thompson followed and he was a janitor? No smoking is allowed on school property so he was coming over to Clasbey to smoke. Greg Wilson put up a sign, No Smoking. Dr. Becky Wells was getting worried because the truck is out there when she is closing up. Joy Thompson asked the man what he was doing. If the school has no smoking, then there should be a place for them to go.

John Parker mentioned that it was in the paper that an honorary sign will be put up on Highway 71 for the nurse killed in Life Flight accident. The new reserve officer is his brother.

Joy Thompson motioned to go into Closed Session for Litigation 610.021(1). Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 610.021(1) POTENTIAL LITIGATION

No motions were made in Closed Session.

Don Dillman motioned to go back into Open Session. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 ayes: Dillman, Wilson, Parker, Thompson.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:56 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