

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015 7 P.M.  
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Connie George presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present: Don Dillman, John Parker, Greg Wilson and Joy Thompson. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, Chief of Police David Vincent, City Attorney Emily Bauman and City Clerk Beth Kar were also present. The meeting was audio recorded. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall April 17, 2015.

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

**Minutes – April 6, 2015** -- John Parker motioned to accept the April 6<sup>th</sup> minutes with an amendment that under the section, Minutes for March 16, it should read **Joy Thompson** motioned and Don Dillman seconded. Greg Wilson seconded Parker's motion. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Testimony** – None.

**Resignation: Tommy George, Fire Chief** -- Don Dillman motioned and Greg Wilson seconded to accept Tommy George's resignation as Fire Chief. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. George is retiring. Assistant Fire Chief David Vincent will serve as the interim until the board finds a chief. John Parker motioned to confirm Vincent as Interim Fire Chief until a new one is appointed. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Council discussed if Vincent should get Chief's pay. Vincent responded that he will not be doing all of the duties such as repairing vehicles. Vincent thanked John Parker but declined a higher/Chief's pay.

**Treasurer's Report** – City Clerk Beth Kar presented the monthly financials. The Missouri lawsuit of Centurylink and cities over gross receipts taxes has been settled. Don Dillman motioned to transfer \$55,256.22 from restricted/paid under protest in the General Fund to unrestricted and put it with the rest of the phone gross receipts revenues. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Don Dillman motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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

1. Golf Board Meeting – Greg Wilson and he attended the Golf Committee meeting last Monday. The board discussed membership rates and decided to leave the same fees one more year. About 50 new members joined and ½ the course is booked for a Boehringer employee league on Wednesday evenings. There are only two debt payments left from upgrading to an 18-hole course: 2016 and 2017.

2. Park Board Meeting -- He attended the Park Board meeting last Wednesday. They discussed a lot of things including raising the pay for lifeguards. The guards who are required to get certified are being paid minimum wage the same as the kids who are working concessions.

Park Manager Donnie Knorr wanted to upgrade to a larger tractor and a front loader. He found a used one he liked but this cost of purchase (over \$2500) requires formal bids. We put it out for bid. No one had any used tractors that met bid specifications so the companies all bid new. All of the bids were over budget and the company that had the used tractor sold it. Knorr will watch for another but the tractor they currently have that would be the trade-in is working fine.

3. Sewer Backup -- There has been two sewer backups with little or no loss on south Fourth Terrace. The first time the line was jetted and cleared. The second time it was jetted and cleared and then Wastewater Superintendent Jason Long ran the TV camera through it and found roots in the line. Ace Pipe cleaning was called at \$348 per hour, usually for three to four hours. Seven or eight hours took out about forty feet of roots and never did get all of them. The line is running. Long called to check rates of other available companies but was unable to get any quotes. He called Ace Pipe Cleaning and they will be here next Thursday to work on that line again. After the roots are taken out it will have to be lined so the roots don't come back.

4. SCEAP (Dept of Natural Resources Small Community Engineering Assistance Program) Grant -- This grant that will help with engineering services for the City's sewer issues. TREKK, the engineers, put together a proposed contract: \$64,000. State: \$50,000/City's share \$14,000 if the City receives the grant award. City Attorney Emily Bauman is reviewing the proposal. This will be the last document in the selection process. The \$64,000 is for three projects: Inflow and Infiltration (INI), flow metering and plant study.

5. Arbor Day Celebration -- Friday April 24th is the annual Arbor Day celebration, 12:30, with 4th grade students at the Cemetery to plant four new trees. April 25th the Main Street Committee and the Tree Board are planting several trees along East Main and around the 4-H fairgrounds. Volunteers are needed.

6. MU Extension Council -- A gentleman from the Council came and spoke with Mayor George and Lundy, reminding them about Extensions monthly meetings. There has not been a representative from the City come to the meetings for quite some time. The Extension Council will send Agendas to Lundy. He will see if someone will attend. The next meeting is Thursday April 23rd at the Courthouse. The agenda was enclosed in Council packets.

7. Events -- The Special Olympics track meet at the Junior High Track has been rescheduled to May 9. Don't forget the electronics collection is May 9th as well.

8. Special Olympics -- The annual Torch Run will be held May 26th at Noon. They will run from the Town Square to south of town to near Shelton Siding.

9. Ribbon Cutting -- There is a ribbon cutting for the new heating and cooling business that took over Bob Niebuhr's place on 10th street at 11:30 on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

10. Help wanted -- The City is accepting applications for the sewer plant operator and two water plant operators until May 1st. If good candidates are not found there are two contract companies that potentially could operate the plants. The City would own the plants but the company would provide the operators and their wages / benefits etc. If the City does not get qualified applicants Lundy recommended sending out a request for qualifications and bids to see what it would cost to contract out for operators.

11. Signs -- More signs are up and more have been ordered but that pretty much depletes this year's sign budget. The City will pick this back up in October. The signs on order are for the youth sports complex and the sewer plant / yard waste center.

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

**Police Chief's Report** – The police department has added a used vehicle to the fleet: Hummer. Area businesses have donated to help renovate it. O'Reilly's donated the paint. B & D recovered the seats at no cost. Technically the Hummer still belongs to Department of Defense. April 9<sup>th</sup> the police worked with the high school on the mock accident which shows the students the results of inattention while driving. Highway Patrol talked to the students about accidents. Thursday night police arrested 6 suspects in front of Police Chief's David Vincent's house. The police recovered a lot of METH drugs, handguns, and marijuana. Three individuals were sent to the hospital for taking drugs. Saturday there was an armed robbery. The subject was arrested and it turned out to be a pellet gun. Saturday was a busy day with the local 5K run/walk and car show. The Ambulance District donated an old ambulance to the police department. The police would like to accept it as a mobile command unit for the city police and fire. The City crew could also use it as cover to get out of the weather and warm up fixing water leaks. John Parker had several questions and expressed concern about it not starting and breaking down. He asked would it be a big repair bill. Vincent said it was running. The problem may have been that it was not previously plugged in to charge. Parker would like to see the maintenance records for the ambulance before making a decision. The City already has the unit at Police Department. There are not likely detailed records. If there are lots of repairs, the unit can still be disposed of like any other vehicle. Council agreed to keep the vehicle. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the Chief's report. Greg Wilson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**City Attorney's Report** – City Attorney Emily Bauman described the bills on the agenda. Bob Niebuhr's name needs replaced with Kenneth Veenendaal's. She described the Andrew County Health department ordinance. The City does not currently allow septic tanks. The ordinance would address if any property/properties were annexed that had septic tanks. Some rural areas outside the City have septic. The City could adopt its own regulations but Andrew County Health ordinance already mirrors the state statutes. Health Department regulates septic. If someone isn't in compliance they would even help with municipal court. Bauman is working on pending zoning issues and the IRC updates and a new zoning map. Don Dillman motioned to approve the report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

### **BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Bill 2015-8 Election Results was read for the first and second readings. The ordinance was updated under Parker to match official number (the percentage was correct).

### **ORDINANCE: 2667**

This ordinance approves amended ordinance with the 2015 election results. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2667. Greg Wilson seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2015-9 Conditional Use for Niebuhr was read for first and second readings. The ordinance was amended to replace Bob Niebuhr's name with Ken Veenendaal.

### **ORDINANCE: 2668**

This ordinance approves the conditional use for Niebuhr Heating & Cooling. Greg Wilson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2668. John Parker seconded. Vote: Wilson: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2015-10 Memorandum with Andrew County Health Department was read for the first reading.

**Second Public Testimony** – Officer Philip Dalsing congratulated Director of Public Works Kenny Lance for his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and 35 years with the City.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Mayor's report** – Mayor Connie George reported the ribbon cutting scheduled at 10:30 was changed to 10.

**Council discussion** -- Joy Thompson received a lot of complaints but turned them over to City Administrator Bruce Lundy.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn Sine Die

### **NEW SESSION**

City Clerk Beth Kar provided the Oath of Office to newly elected officials:

Connie George – Mayor  
John Parker – East Ward Alderman  
Kenny Maxwell – West Ward Alderman

**PROCLAMATION: GREG WILSON:** Mayor Connie George commended Greg Wilson for his services as West Ward Alderman. Wilson thanked the City for a lot of good times and wished good luck for times ahead.

The meeting was called to order. Council members present: Don Dillman, John Parker, Kenny Maxwell and Joy Thompson. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, Chief of Police David Vincent, City Attorney Emily Bauman and City Clerk Beth Kar were also present.

### **ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

**Elect Council President** – Joy Thompson motioned re-nominated John Parker as Council President. Don seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes; 1 abstention: Parker.

#### **Appointments:**

Planning and Zoning – John Parker; Andrew County Extension Council – Joy Thompson; Golf Committee – Don Dillman; Park Board – Joy Thompson; Nuisance Committee – everyone; Tree Board – John Parker; Mo-Kan—Kenny Maxwell; Region D – Don Dillman. John Parker motioned to approve the appointments. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Testimony:** City Administrator Bruce Lundy reported that Gary Swanson would like to take Joe Zimmerman off the Tree Board and add Gary Dreher. Dreher will come in and fill out a board applicant form.

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Council discussion – What was the follow up on the mural at the Clasbey Center’s multipurpose room? Gary Swanson thought he had someone who could refurbish it for the City.

The old Shelly’s Café on the Square will re-open as a new restaurant.

Kenny Maxwell reported Mike Steeby wanted to know more about the property issue with the creek. Steeby believes the property is settling into the creek. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance had looked at it and said the fill dirt is settling, not property settling into the creek. It would be too expensive to tube. The City would have to check with DNR if can even tube a creek like that.

**Adjournment**

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:09 p.m. on a motion by Joy Thompson and seconded by John Parker. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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Connie George, Mayor

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