

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015 7 P.M.  
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Connie George presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present: Don Dillman, Kenny Maxwell, John Parker. Joy Thompson was absent. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, Chief of Police David Vincent and City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar were also present. City Attorney Emily Bauman was absent. Meeting notice was posted at City Hall April 30, 2015. Meeting was audio recorded.

**Approve Agenda** – Don Dillman motioned to approve the agenda as posted. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

**Minutes of April 20, 2015** – Don Dillman motioned to approve the minutes of April 20, 2015. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

**Public Testimonies:**

Nancy Lee Murphy, 1205 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Terrace, reported her City bill for 2/15 to 3/15 was over \$900, 50,000 gallons of water. She was gone part of that time and left her water off. This month her bill was back to normal: \$83.47 and showed no leaks. She provided a variety of paperwork. Would the City consider charging her the average amount for that month with the high bill? She described how she shuts off her water using the valve in the basement. Years ago there was a problem but had not been one in recent years. Next time she is gone, the City will shut off the water outside the house. City Administrator Bruce Lundy asked if she had a humidifier on furnace or water softener that could have affected water usage. She had a plumber look and did not find a leak. Lundy described the two parts of a water meter – transmitter and counter. The transmitter (MIU) was not functioning during the high water usage; the counter was working fine. The transmitter does not affect data collection; it only transmits the data. The meter had to be manually read but the readings had been verified. Murphy did not have any sink holes in her yard. Deputy City Clerk Brooke Bell stated that Murphy had been nice. It would be difficult to explain to any other citizens if Murphy was given a break. Lundy mentioned that the only thing that had not been checked was now that the transmitter was fixed to check it after water shut off inside the house and see if it does anything. Could there be pressure on the line? The meter company, Neptune, is finally sending extra antennas so the City will have some on hand. Murphy paid her current bill and the sewer amount was reduced to average bill.

**New Restaurant/liquor license** – Carl Nienstadt requested a liquor license for his new restaurant at 421 West Main, J. Howard's café and catering. Don Dillman motioned to approve the Liquor by the Drink liquor license request. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

**New liquor license** – On Highway 71, former business Stop & Go, the manager requested a liquor license for Savannah Tobacco and Liquor LLC: package liquor. Don Dillman motioned to approve the request and John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

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

1. City County Picnic -- The cookout date has been changed from Tuesday May 5th to Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> since the Commissioners are only in the office on Mondays and Thursdays. The location has also been changed back to the Courthouse lawn to accommodate County employees who are unable to get away. Park Manager Donnie Knorr and his crew will be hauling tables uptown that morning.
2. Tree Planting -- The Tree Board and Main Street planted about forty trees last week. The City held the annual Arbor Day Celebration. This year four trees were planted at the Cemetery with the help of Minnie Cline Elementary School Fourth graders. The next day Lundy and his family joined several volunteers with the tree planting event along East Main and in the area of the 4H property. About 30 or more trees were planted, mulched and watered. Thank you to Main Street and Tree Board as well as all the volunteers for their hard work.
3. Elected Officials Training -- This is excellent training put on by the Missouri Municipal League. This year it is June 11 –12th in Columbia, Missouri. Lundy put an information sheet in the packet for anyone who is interested. He would love for someone to go. They cover topics like Overview of City Government, Conducting City Business, Budgets, Liability and risk, and sunshine law. This is a great place to meet elected officials from other communities and visit with them about issues. There is proposed legislation that will require all new officials to attend training.
4. Cemetery Building -- The old block building in the middle of the Cemetery is looking pretty rough. Lundy spoke to Mike Clark about it and it is used for storage and he doesn't feel we can do without it. There are some loose blocks or bricks that go across over the garage door. The garage door is very old and needs replaced. Lundy thought maybe it should be disposed but if it is used he would like to see it repaired and painted so it doesn't detract from the appearance of the Cemetery. Inspector Mike Malhiwsky checked to see if the blocks across the top of the door could be torn out and a wood header put in. He thought that would work. He can replace the door and the crew can give it a fresh coat of paint.
5. Zoning Board -- Lundy attended the Zoning Board meeting last Monday evening.
6. Tree Board -- Gary Swanson of the Tree Board would like to know if they can have more members than five. He would like to add his neighbor Gary Dreher who helps each year with the Arbor Day Celebration. He said if he had to he would take Joe Zimmerman off the Board as he works during the day and is unable to participate in most of the events.
7. Neptune Meters – Neptune meter company staff members were in town last week and listened to the City's concerns. They did troubleshooting and provided additional training on the meters and their operation. Neptune also looked at meters that had issues and made adjustments or replaced parts. Neptune looked at Nancy Murphy's meter. This meter had not been transmitting data so there was no daily usage history recorded. Neptune says that the water that runs through the meter is counted and is accurate even if the transmitter does not send the information out to the computer. The transmitter was replaced. They maintain that the water went through the meter and it was counted correctly and that she must have had a leak earlier. This month her bill is back to normal. John Parker asked if there was any way to change the meter software program so it would send an alert in a situation like this. Lundy explained there

is an alert in email that will give a list of meters with possible leaks and then a report needs to be run for more information. City employee Minde Dreher runs the report and reviews each account and usage and tries to reach the resident. John Parker asked if there was something that would flag serious usage quicker. Deputy City Clerk Brooke Bell reported Neptune said the City's system as good as it gets. There is a possible update but the City would need to upgrade the server in order to get it.

8. Upcoming events – Torch run is May 26th at 1230. The Special Olympics track meet is May 9th. The electronics pick up at the city barn at 3rd and Price is also May the 9th from 8am to noon.

John Parker motioned to approve the City Administrator's report. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

### **BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

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

### **ORDINANCE: 2669**

This ordinance approves a memorandum with Andrew County Health Department regarding any septic systems in the future. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2669. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: absent. Motion carried.

City Administrator Bruce Lundy received a letter from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that the City's Wastewater grant was approved. TREKK's estimated cost was \$64,000.

**Second Public Testimony:** None.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS**

**Mayor's report** – She has not yet been contacted by Special Olympics about the meet listed on the schedule.

### **Council Discussion**

John Parker – Parker reported that the Special Olympics track meet is to be at 9 a.m. on Saturday. June 14<sup>th</sup> is the 5K Walk/Run for Lance and Brandt.

Don Dillman attended the tree planting along with his two granddaughters.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on a motion by John Parker and seconded by Kenny Maxwell. Motion carried on 3 yes.

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Connie George, Mayor

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