

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Connie George presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Members: Don Dillman, John Parker, Joy Thompson. Kenny Maxwell was absent. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Clerk Beth Kar, City Attorney Emily Bauman, and Chief of Police David Vincent were present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall on October 02, 2015. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda – Don Dillman motioned to approve the agenda as posted. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Minutes – September 24, 2015 – Joy Thompson motioned to approve the minutes. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Public Testimony -- None.

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

Street Program -- Keller Construction has been in town paving streets: 12th street from Main North; Davis and Williams; and Benton from 3rd to 6th.

Girl Scouts Cabin -- Lundy spoke to Harold Morgan about the cabin. Morgan has a group of volunteers who will put the shingles on the roof if someone purchases them. Morgan believed the cost of the shingles would be about \$3000. Morgan said regarding the mold or water damage that there is a vent through the roof in the kitchen area that leaked a bit and there is a brown spot. There has been no confirmation on who owns the building. Can the City buy the shingles or would that be a Park Board's decision? The topic will be brought up at the next Park Board meeting.

TIF Commission -- Due to his vacation last week, Mayor Connie George and he had not had the opportunity to work on compiling the TIF Commission members. They will discuss it and talk with the other tax entities on who they want to appoint to that board and set a meeting date.

Clasbey Center Mural -- Lundy was notified earlier today that Crane Construction was at the Clasbey Center. Apparently their painter will be working on the Mural rather than the painter that Gary Swanson had arranged for.

GIS Mapping – Lundy understood that the topic of GIS Mapping has come up. Kirk Larson requested the City finish locating manholes so his company Midland GIS can finish up with the mapping project. Larson provided a list of 90 manholes that had not been located. Lundy spoke to Director of Public Works Kenny Lance to locate them. Building Inspector Mike Malhiwsky volunteered to help when he wasn't busy with building/zoning. After working on this task for over a month they have found 22. It is quite a task as the map shows a general area. Some of the manholes are cover by dirt and some in the streets are covered by asphalt. The guys have been using metal detectors, digging and drilling into asphalt to locate the manholes. After locating

them Lance has to get risers to raise the lids up to street or ground level. Lundy apologized that it was not a fast or easy process and the employees have their regular assignments to keep up with as well.

Dale Watson retirement reception – Lundy was unable to attend as he had to pull the high school band trailer to Clarinda. The employees had a lunch at the City Barn last week as an informal retirement celebration.

Halloween night event – The Ambulance had a trunk or treat event that was extra well attended last year. This year they asked to close 3rd from Pearl to Chestnut next to their building. The Ambulance employees will set out the traffic cones. Council agreed to close the street as requested. Don Dillman motioned to approve the City Administrator’s report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

City Attorney’s report-- City Attorney Emily Bauman has continued further research on the TIF process. She will also begin collections for delinquent accounts over \$1,000. She plans to spend more time on City business. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the City Attorney’s report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Second Public Testimony -- None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Connie George attended the planning & zoning meeting and she read the proclamation to Dale Watson for his retirement. She thanked John Parker for filling in as moderator last Thursday at the Council meeting.

Council Members Discussion --

Don Dillman read a proclamation for the national commander at American legion. Joy Thompson was told after the Homecoming parade the City was a mess. She was aware that high school kids look for community service projects. What about having them the day after the parade pick up cups, candy and pieces, trash, etc. next year? At the Cemetery she received a complaint about cars flying through the cemetery. It seems like more vehicles are using the cemetery to drive through. The signs that say “cemetery traffic only” are pretty worn out. Can those signs be replaced? John Parker has seen more people walking dogs with leashes since that sign was put up. Thompson is the City representative for the Chamber. She was asked if she would be the representative to help the Chamber hire someone since current director Christy Sipes is retiring. Annette Weeks is part of the process. Weeks deals with economic development. Some of the comments made Thompson open her eyes about buildings that are not in the best of shape. Thompson thought enforcing the new code would help clean up housing. She asked about the possibility of pop up businesses come in like the night of the Candlelight walk. Can the City do that? It would be the property owner and the business would need a City business license unless it was nonprofit like the school group, DECA.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:21 p.m. on a motion by Joy Thompson and seconded by Don Dillman. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk