

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 19, 2015
REGULAR SESSION PROCEEDINGS
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Connie George presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Members present: Don Dillman, Kenny Maxwell, John Parker and Joy Thompson. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Attorney Emily Bauman, Chief of Police David Vincent and City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall October 14, 2015. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda – John Parker motioned to amend amended agenda by adding two items: 1) Closed Session for Personnel under State Statute 610.021(3) and 2) add City Administrator's report and to approve agenda as amended. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Minutes – October 5, 2015 -- Don Dillman motioned to approve the October 5, 2015 minutes. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony: None.

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

Keller Asphalt – Keller has completed the street paving for this year.

Golf – Lundy attended the Golf Committee meeting. There were a few items for Council's review. The Golf Committee would like to purchase a used reel sharpener. The golf course mowers that mow the greens have reels instead of blades and need a reel sharpener to sharpen them on a regular basis. In the past the golf course would send the reels away to be sharpened. Last year the cost was \$6000. Golf Course General Manager Mark Christopher found a used for sale \$3500. There are two employees with experience using the machine so would be quite a savings not to have to pay another company each year to sharpen the reels. There was \$6000 budgeted to sharp the reels but purchasing their own sharpening would save for years to come. John Parker asked for estimated life of a sharpener. The stone is \$35 if needed replaced and motor isn't much either. There are approximately 22 reels have to be sharpened every year. Joy Thompson motioned to purchase the used sharpener. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

The Golf Committee is reviewing golf carts for rent or lease to purchase. No decision yet is required on the carts. Three companies provided bids on the carts. Club Car provided the best quote: \$1800 each to purchase the City's carts plus \$500 for a few carts that don't work. The options include: Sign a five year lease agreement for \$54.44 per month to obtain new carts versus \$84.31 a month and the carts would become the City's after the five years. For the five years all maintenance is included either way. At the next golf meeting the Committee will discuss the hard numbers. Golf General Manager Mark Christopher provided information on the history of carts and profit from rentals. He described that the course could cut back to 25 to 27 total carts and then rent more for tournaments. The current carts are 9 years old.

Mo-Kan Andrew Co Hazard Mitigation Plan – Lundy has been attending these meetings. FEMA/SEMA requires each county to update their hazard mitigation plan every five years. The plan is to keep people safe in a disaster. Examples include: weather radios, storm sirens, Textcaster service and more. He has attended three meetings. October 22 is next meeting. There is a cash match on the mitigation plan. The City receives credits for meetings and spending time on keeping people safe.

Chamber Strategic Priority Meeting – Joy Thompson and Lundy attend these meetings. Christy Sipes from the Chamber of Commerce is retiring. The meetings are to figure out the job description and talk about economic development with the possibility of creating a Chamber/County/City committee.

Wastewater Treatment Plant – The Wastewater plant pumps and some of the other equipment are 10 years or older. Wastewater Superintendent Jason Long advised to replace the VFDs which are Variable Frequency Drivers used in the electro-mechanical drive system (pumps) to control AC motor speed and torque by varying motor input frequency and voltage. The City has three VFDs. R/S Electric quoted \$17,000 plus Savannah Machine quoted labor \$9,000. The next big purchase is motive pumps: \$35,000 each. Three pumps are necessary. There needs to be a decision on whether to replace one a year or to finance and replace all three on a short term loan. No decision was made.

6th Street Project – As part of the 6th Street project, the house would be purchased on the corner of 6th and Nelson for the right of way. The house has been appraised. However, it has been a few years since did the engineering was completed. The estimated cost of the project has increased. The City went back to MPO and requested more money for the grant. The City is waiting for confirmation from MPO before proceeding with the project.

From the Code -- Lundy described the regulations on livestock. Cows, mules and other animals are allowed but there is a strict code concerning the distance required for the animals to be from the property line, school and businesses.

Trailer – Director of Public Works Kenny Lance brought up the purchase of the trailer. It was budgeted to purchase a trailer to haul the mini excavator. The current trailer will not tilt and has a hole. Lance received bids: local company Davis trailer provided the best price: 22 feet trailer. for \$5000. The closest in price was Kaufman trailers which had an extra delivery fee. Don Dillman motioned to purchase the Davis Trailer. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Joy Thompson motioned to approve the report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Bids for Surplus Equipment – For the surplus items, the City had thirteen bidders. Most of the bidders bid on more than one item. Highest bids: 1988 dump truck: \$2005; Finish mower: \$1001; John Deere 133 \$175; John Deere 345 \$227; John Deere 925: \$1160. John Parker motioned to approve the highest bid for each of the pieces of surplus equipment. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Police Chief's Report—Chief of Police David Vincent described the challenges with school traffic in the mornings and afternoons. He will be glad for the sidewalks to be updated near Minnie Cline Elementary to help children be able to walk to school better. Friday he attended training at sheriff's department by the conservation department. The training included what to watch at reservoir and other areas as hunting season approaches. The police have had to respond to more incidents at the schools: fights, theft and threat of fight. He and a few other firefighters attended the Kansas City funeral for the two firemen and represented the City and rural

departments. John Parker asked about the north exit at the middle school and if it that was working where it is blocked off. Vincent said it is working better and there were not the backups on the highway. Don Dillman motioned to approve the report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Attorney's report-- City Attorney Emily Bauman reported there was a big turnout for municipal court. There are five trials for next month which is higher than normal. She has been researching the TIF Commission questions. She has not found much on if an Alternate member is possible. The regulations do not say if there can or cannot be an alternate. She was not sure if an Alternate is necessary. The City could have one ready if it needs to address this. The Commission members do not need to be officials. They are not required to live in the City limits; however she thought it best if they do. We probably need to finalize the commission and set the date for the first meeting. It doesn't have to be a public hearing yet. City Administrator Bruce Lundy mentioned that he recommended an informational meeting first. He has not heard from Andrew County yet on its selections for the commission. The Ambulance will be meeting shortly. The School has selected their two. The City has five of the six selected. He is waiting for a call back for the last one. After all members are selected, it will require Council approval.

Before the next Council meeting on November 2, Randy Mendenhall will host a public meeting for the sidewalk grant at 6 p.m. It is not a Council meeting.

John Parker asked if there was any news on the trailers issue. As far as process, Bauman detailed that she, City Administrator Bruce Lundy and Building Inspector Mike Malhiwsky need to sit down and go through a plan. John Parker asked about tickets being issued. Malhiwsky has been researching trailers and HUD stickers. Parker was concerned about a trailer on Highway DD. Malhiwsky has been in contact with the resident. The trailer is taller so the skirting does not fit and it has not been strapped down. Bauman discussed interpretation of trailers regulations in the comprehensive plan. Bauman can talk to the trailer court owner, Bledsoe, attorney, Stevenson. There are safety standards even with the grandfather clause to regulations. Council discussed trailers, landlord livelihood and whether or not a new trailer could be moved in if an old one left. Currently building and occupancy permits with safety inspection are required. The Planning & Zoning Commission has talked about a new building permit for mobile homes that is less than \$300 since it requires fewer inspections. Don Dillman suggested for example: \$75/hour; two inspections \$150. The City Code requires a building and an occupancy permit regardless of what the cost is. Planning & Zoning Commission will discuss and make recommendations to take to Council in an ordinance. Lundy raised the question should a permit for trailers be created if saying no new trailers can be brought in. The issues will be reviewed by Planning & Zoning Commission. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the City Administrator's report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2015-16 Zoning Map Updated – the wrong zoning ordinance was in the packet. Don Dillman motioned to remove the zoning map ordinance from the agenda. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. The ordinance will be on the next meeting.

Second Public Testimony: None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report – Mayor Connie George reported the challenges with one member of the Golf Committee. City Attorney Emily Bauman described that pursuant to City Code a member could be removed with Council approval. Don Dillman motioned and John Parker seconded to remove the member from Golf Committee as necessary. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. John Parker

requested that the other Golf Committee members be made aware that their service is greatly appreciated.

Council Members Discussion – None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- Joy Thompson motioned to go into Closed Session for Personnel 610.021 (3). John Parker seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried. No motions were made in closed session. Joy Thompson motioned to go back into Open Session. John Parker seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:25 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