

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015 7:00 P.M.**  
**CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

(Note: there was a 6 p.m. meeting prior to the Council meeting for sidewalk grant. It was not a Council meeting.)

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 29, 2015. The meeting was audio recorded.

**Approval of Agenda** – Don Dillman motioned to add to the agenda after Public Testimony the item: Valorie Bush passed her MRWA Utility Clerk certification and associated raise. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Hearing: Zoning Amendments** – Mayor Connie George opened the public hearing for questions regarding the proposed zoning amendments. Ralph Stanton asked the City to not approve the new zoning map until corrections were made on the three locations highlighted on the handout he distributed. The areas show zoned as R-4, which requires minimum of five acres. He asked the zoning map to be updated before approval adopting the ordinance. City Administrator Bruce Lundy thought Stanton made a good point and could be correct that those three did not meet the specifications. John Parker wondered what they were zoned originally. Were the three locations zoned as R-4 because of what is sitting on the property? City Administrator Bruce Lundy asked City Attorney Emily Bauman if the three properties should be zoned with that designation if they do not meet R-4 zoning regulations. Bauman answered that the properties would be non-conforming use no matter how designated on the map. Parker would like to see an old map and see how those locations were zoned originally. Land owners would need notified before zoning changes. John Parker motioned to table Bill 2015-16 Approval of Zoning map until further discussion. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes; 1 no: Thompson. Joy Thompson disagreed with delaying the ordinance. She felt the tenants in the trailers had lived there for years and she did not want to see them kicked out. Don Dillman responded that no one mentioned kicking anyone out.

**Minutes – October 19, 2015** – Don Dillman motioned to approve the minutes of October 19, 2015. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Testimony** – Catherine Younger spoke about the light on the pole at 604 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Her request is that the City takeover the maintenance, making it a City street light. David Meade explained the history of the light that had been previously installed for the old beauty shop. When the beauty shop went out, Meade paid the bill for the light. However when the new owners moved into the former beauty shop location, KCPL turned off the light. It served a valuable purpose and the street is dark without it. The light is currently turned sideways, pointing toward the old beauty shop location. It is believed that the pole is tall enough and the light otherwise meets guidelines. KCPL could turn the light toward the street when it is switched over to a City light. It looks like 11908 is the pole number. Adopting the street light is on the agenda.

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

**Street Light** – Residents from the 600 block of North 3rd came to the Planning & Zoning meeting about the streetlight situation in their neighborhood. Zoning thought it sounded appropriate and motioned to send it to the Council. After the resolution is approved, the City will notify KCPL, the City's electrical company for streetlights.

**Golf Committee** -- General Manager Mark Christopher had an applicant apply for the Golf Committee. Mayor Connie George recommended the applicant, Manny VanSchoiack, be appointed to fill the vacancy left by Dan Dickerson. The next Golf Committee meeting is November 12th. The Committee has found it easier to meet on Thursdays instead of Mondays. Don Dillman motioned to approve the Mayor's appointment. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Auditors** -- Clifton Larson will be at City Hall the week of November 16 to begin the annual audit.

**Parks** -- The bathrooms are closed for the year at the parks. Park Board President Mike Yuille will be presenting their annual report.

**MIRMA** -- The City received three MIRMA grants. Jeff Arp from MIRMA will be presenting the City the awards at the December 7th meeting. Lundy had applied for: 1) another dash camera for a Police Car, 2) another set of Stop Sticks (spikes) for the Police and 3) a long handled tool that retrieves debris or items from manholes. MIRMA will pay about 60% of the cost for these items. All of the City police cars are now equipped with spikes to stop pursuits.

**Busy** -- Lundy has been busy. He is finalizing a grant with the Health and Senior services. It will provide almost \$3100 to purchase a year's supply of the Fluoride in the City's water. The sidewalk project is progressing. The engineers, Snyder & Associates, have drawn up the project. The location has been surveyed; a public meeting held before this Monday evening Council meeting; and it won't be long before the project will be going out for bid. The south 6th street project is still being worked on. Lundy has been making sure all of the documents are ready and that the funds available to proceed. If all goes as planned that construction will take place the summer of 2017. Estimated cost is \$900,000 for the project with the City's 20% match.

**TIF Commission** – Lundy collected the names of each group's representatives in the TIF Commission. He emailed the list to Nancy Blake and Emily Bauman.

School: Dr. David Brax, Mark Schneeflock

Andrew County Ambulance: Blake Rudel

Andrew County: Bob Caldwell, Phil Rogers.

City: Kirk Larson, Janie McClurg, Janice Hatcher, Jim Noble, Harold Johnson, Leisa Blair.

John Parker asked if Janice Hatcher would be staying in town over the winter and be available for the meetings. She did not mention it. Joy Thompson asked if there were rules and regulations on how many meetings the members could miss. City Attorney Emily Bauman explained that there were only expected two to three meetings normally with a public hearing. There are no set rules for missing meetings. Don Dillman motioned to approve the City's six members. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Volunteer to adopt Veterans Park** – Dr. David Brax and his wife volunteered to maintain the area on the west side of City Hall known as Veterans Park. The bushes have grown large and the area is not as attractive as it could be. She would like to trim bushes, remove others, and plant flowers. Lundy thought about putting a couple small picnic tables near the back so people around

the Square could come and sit during their breaks or eat lunch. Council was in favor of the idea. City Attorney Emily Bauman will create a resolution to approve with provision that maintenance reverts back to City if the Brax do not wish to maintain it. They will also need to fill out a hold harmless agreement. John Parker motioned and Don Dillman seconded to approve proceeding with Braxes to maintain Veterans Park. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**From the Code:** Each report, City Administrator Bruce Lundy shares a section of the City Code. This time the section was regarding Bicycles in Savannah. Every person riding a bicycle or motorized bicycle upon a street or highway shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle as provided by Chapter 304, RSMo. Bicycles must stop at Stop Signs. Lundy noted that helmets are not required. John Parker commended Lundy on his efforts to keep informed on City Code.

**Police Car Leases** – The dealership, Lou Fusz, provided information to the police department on lease purchase of city police vehicles. In 2006, the City ordered police cars through a lease purchase program, paid for one vehicle one year and one the following. Since then the department has purchased used vehicles. Chief Vincent received information on a lease program on Dodges. Lease/purchase \$6200 per year for four years with a 5 year warranty. Ultimate goal would be to have all the vehicles under warranty. These are police package deals. Ideally at this rate, the department would purchase four cars and have them paid off in four years at the rate of \$24,800 each year. The department had been purchasing one used car for \$15,000 each year. Chief Vincent would like to keep the Ford Explorer but get rid of the Ford Expedition and the red Ford Inceptor, vehicle Officer Zeigler drives, and possibly other vehicles. He would prefer to purchase four white vehicles. City Administrator Bruce Lundy mentioned about increasing sales tax to help with the General Fund finances. The police vehicles are needed but will that potentially hurt changes to approve sales tax increase. Don Dillman mentioned spending less on maintenance with newer vehicles. John Parker felt continuing to buy a used vehicle was not really managing fleet and improving services. The goal would be after four years, when the vehicles are paid off, to wait a year while cars are still under warranty before next purchases. Catherine Younger asked if there would be liability issue for police to be driving vehicles out of date. Joy Thompson motioned to approve lease purchase of four white 2014 police vehicles in the program. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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

**Certification** – Don Dillman motioned to approve Valorie Bush's pay increase for \$1,000 earning her MRWA Utility Clerk's certification. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Surplus** -- John Parker motioned to declare police vehicles designated by Chief David Vincent as surplus and bid them out. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**City Attorney's report**—City Attorney Emily Bauman reported she is getting ready for trials and processing more tickets. October was a busy month. Three trials: Stop sign, traffic ticket, stealing charge. Two: domestic violence and accident were resolved. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the City Attorney's report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**Resolution 2015-7 Add Streetlight at North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street** – Joy Thompson motioned to approve Resolution 2015-7. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**Bill 2015-16 Zoning Map Updated** – Earlier in the meeting, the ordinance was postponed until further review of the zoning map.

**Bill 2015-22 Zoning Amendment Accessory Uses** was read for first and second readings.

**ORDINANCE: 2680**

This ordinance approves specifications for alternative energy systems, including, but not limited to: wind turbine systems, photo voltaic solar panel systems. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance 2680. John Parker seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

**Bill 2015-24 Agreement with Mo-DOT for 6<sup>th</sup> Street Project** was read for first and second readings.

**ORDINANCE: 2681**

This ordinance is required to proceed with the agreement for the 6<sup>th</sup> Street grant with Mo-DOT. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2681. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Vote: Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: nay; Dillman: aye. Motion carried. Thompson thought the project was too much money. Don Dillman mentioned the potential to sell back part of the lot the City purchases for the project. The City would have a 20% match. Total project estimated at \$900,000 but did not expect it will cost that much.

**Second Public Testimony:** Ralph Stanton addressed Joy Thompson about following the City Code for safety violations. City Administrator Bruce Lundy reminded Stanton to address the Council as a whole, not one individual. Thompson responded that the item was being reviewed.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION**

Mayor's Report –Mayor Connie George reported that she attended the Planning & Zoning meeting. She received lots of questions about missed trash pickups on Friday. She did not receive any complaints on recycling. Joy Thompson asked if there was a way to resolve the problems. City Administrator Bruce Lundy had spoken with Deffenbaugh and there had been new drivers.

Council Members Discussion – Joy Thompson described how the Chamber of Commerce/County and City were having strategic meetings as part of hiring a replacement for a Chamber of Commerce employee who was retiring. Thompson would like to be in charge of an economic development board with the chamber/county/city. Jerry Baker said he would help. Don Dillman felt Thompson has not been positive and how she could promote business. City Administrator Bruce Lundy would like to see an economic development group formed. John Parker motioned to recommend Thompson to an economic development board. Since there was no second, the motion died.

**Adjournment** -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:01 p.m. on a motion by Don Dillman and seconded by Kenny Maxwell. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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Connie George, Mayor

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