

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 21, 2015
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 Beth Kar were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall December 18, 2015. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda – Don Dillman motioned to amend the agenda, adding City Administrator’s report and Hiring Police Officer. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Minutes – December 7, 2015 – Joy Thompson motioned to approve the minutes of December 7, 2015. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony – None.

Police Chief’s Report – Chief of Police David Vincent followed up on Councilman John Parker previous mention of police body cameras. The cameras have been replaced at a cost of \$250; all cameras are now working. One of the police car cameras has been shipped off – hope it only needed an update. John Parker asked if there was written policy on how body cameras are to be used. Vincent reported that there is not a specific policy on cameras. He has been talking with City Attorney Emily Bauman on what can and cannot be released and developing an in-house policy. The police received the agreement on the new vehicles. Bauman is reviewing it. Officer Zeigler is at Fraternal Order of Police with their program, Shop with a Cop. **Hiring New Officer** -- Vincent recommended hiring Matt McMillen to the open officer position. McMillen currently is the dispatcher at Department of Public Safety in Maryville and graduated from the police academy. Vincent did a background check and McMillen is highly recommended. Joy Thompson asked McMillen to tell about himself. McMillen is from Stanberry and is attending Northwest Missouri State University for an Emergency Disaster Management degree. He has been a dispatcher and firefighter for over two years. Don Dillman motioned and John Parker seconded to hire Matt McMillen at \$13/hour. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the Police Chief’s report. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Administrator’s report -- City Administrator Bruce Lundy reported:

Golf Committee Meeting -- He attended the Golf Committee meeting last week. The main topic was the golf carts. The Yamaha golf carts the City currently own are eight years old and in poor condition. Three cart proposals were received; M&M Golf was the best. M&M proposed to purchase the 45 carts for the amount of \$77,100 and sell 35 new Club Car carts for \$159,250 with a difference of \$82,150 + \$3129 for windshields for a total cost of \$85,279.00. M&M has financing at a rate of 4.25%. Lundy contacted US Bank, who has financed the City’s storm sirens and golf course mowers, and was quoted a rate of 2.95% for five years making the monthly payment about \$1500.00. At \$1500 per month the yearly cost for the project is \$18,000. Records

show depending on the weather cart rentals create between \$26,000 to \$30,000 revenue each year. With better carts, the hope is business will improve as well.

Old Cemetery Building -- The old building at the Cemetery has been removed. That area looks much better. The guys said after taking the roof off, the block walls could be pushed in by hand, preventing a safety hazard.

Audit -- The auditors have finished up their work here in town and have retreated to their offices to finish up. It will probably be February before they are completed.

Christmas & New Year's Trash Schedule -- Deffenbaugh will pick up recyclables on Thursdays (Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve) but will not pick up trash until Saturdays.

Donation to Dog Pound -- Last week the City received a notice that the late Donald Russell Estate made a \$500 donation to the Savannah Animal Shelter to be used however it is most needed. Russell was from Amazonia and was the father to Mary Burkert (Aimee Kennedy's Mom).

Health Dept -- He attended a meeting last week at the Health Department including representatives from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Mo-Kan. The Health Department invited them to discuss possible grants or financing that may be available to create sidewalks or a trail to the middle school for the safety of those that do walk or ride bikes to the school.

January 4th Council Meeting -- Financial Advisor Tionna Pooler will be at that meeting to discuss sewer and water rates. Afterwards she has to travel to St. Louis and wondered if that meeting could start at 6:00 p.m. rather than 7. John Parker asked if could meet even earlier but there were other conflicts. John Parker motioned to start the meeting at 6 pm and Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

From the Code: Lundy included the section from the Code regarding requirements for Aldermen. Candidates may sign up to run for Alderman now through 5:00 p.m. January 19th, 2016. Lundy included a map with a diagram on where political signs can be located.

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

City Attorney's report— City Attorney Emily Bauman is working on multiple ordinances. She is combining the three sections on: ATV, UTV and golf carts registration, changing from annual registration to one time only unless sold or there is a transfer of ownership. Lundy also remembered the requirement of orange slow moving triangle signs. The regulations only pertain to vehicles driven on roadways. Joy Thompson asked about seatbelt laws. Seat belts are required in vehicles driven on roadways even golf carts. Bauman had the trash ordinance on the agenda. She reviewed the police lease ordinance. She and Lundy talked about sending letters to trailer park owners, informing them of the City code and what happens if they move trailers in or out. She is working on the local sales tax increase for general fund and getting it put on the ballot. Council discussed an amount: they anticipate half a percent. She has a sample ordinance started. The ordinance will go to the County Clerk and includes a publication process to be on the April ballot. The City will need to inform residents why it is necessary and good for our town. John Parker suggested setting up a timeline calendar. John Parker motioned to follow the proper procedures to instigate a sales tax increase for the April ballot. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes; 1 no: Thompson. Don Dillman was concerned that a sales tax increase would make it more difficult for TIF proposal to go through. Emily Bauman described the need to

explain the differences why sales tax increase was different from TIF, sewer, water or other increases. Don Dillman mentioned the City had to show why the services provided are worth the cost. John Parker motioned to approve the report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2015-26 Approving Snyder for Engineers on 6th Street Project was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE: 2683

The ordinance approved the contract with Snyder & Associates for engineering on the 6th Street project. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2683. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2015-27 Amend Regulations on Trash Containers was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE: 2684

This ordinance increases the capacity size of trash containers to match the current standards. Joy Thompson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2684. John Parker seconded. Vote: Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman aye. Motion carried.

Second Public Testimony – None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Connie George attended the Golf meeting, read proclamation for Phillip Hegeman and judged decorations for LaVerna Village.

Council Members Discussion -- John Parker asked about the upcoming Chamber banquet. In the past the City sponsored the banquet. John Parker motioned to support the annual dinner with platinum level \$200 of support. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m. on a motion by John Parker and seconded by Don Dillman. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk