

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 25, 2016
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Connie George presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Members present: Don Dillman, Kenny Maxwell and Joy Thompson. John Parker was absent. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Attorney Emily Bauman, City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar and Chief of Police David Vincent were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall January 22, 2016. 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 – January 4, 2016 – Don Dillman motioned to approve the minutes of January 4, 2016. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Public Testimony: None.

Park Board Annual Report – President Mike Yuille was unable to attend.

Police Chief's Report — Chief of Police David Vincent reported that the body of the missing person Mr. Steeby was found. The autopsy showed no signs of trauma. The police department received the new vehicles. The vehicles are being equipped with lights, stickers and other equipment. The new officer, Matt McMillen started his training, riding with officers. There has been a rash of meth possession arrests. City Administrator Bruce Lundy mentioned that there is legislation being discussed that requires a signed document before a vehicle could be searched. There is also a push toward providing community service instead of fines. City Attorney Emily Bauman reported there is still an issue with fines; if the defendant does not pay the fine, it goes to collections and the state is supposed to oversee collections. Bauman proposed that Savannah do something like Jackson County does where payment is required to resolve the case. There are several cities that don't resolve a case until the fine is paid. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the Chief's report. Kenny Maxwell seconded.

Treasurer's report – City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar presented the financial statements. Don Dillman motioned to receive and file them. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

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

Great Northwest Days at the Capital and Meeting Changes – The event starts Tuesday, February 2 and concludes February 3. The City and County are sharing the cost of the booth space, \$300 each.

Change Meeting Dates -- Lundy will attend and will be traveling to Great Northwest Days in Jefferson City February 1st. The regular Council meeting would be that same day. Would Council like to proceed with that meeting without him or prefer to reschedule it? Also, this year the annual Clerks conference falls on the first Monday in March (7th) so we need to reschedule that meeting. Options include Monday Feb 29th or Tuesday March 1st. Don Dillman motioned

to change the upcoming Council meetings to: February 8, 22, and March 1st. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

File for Office -- January 19 was the last day to sign up to run for Office. City Hall was open until 5:00 p.m. that day as required by state statute.

Chamber Of Commerce The annual Chamber Banquet was January 23rd. Joy Thompson, Bruce Lundy, Don Dillman and Mayor Connie George attended. Due to the Great Northwest Days, the next regular Chamber meeting will be February 5 at the United Electric Office.

Leadership Savannah -- Deputy Clerk Brooke Bell and Lundy will be attending the Leadership Savannah classes sponsored by the Savannah Chamber of Commerce and Andrew County Rotary. Leadership Savannah provides education and leadership development for active, civic-minded individuals. Participants attend an opening “get acquainted” retreat followed by classes from March through June. The curriculum helps participants gain an in-depth awareness of all facets of Savannah, encourages self-development and relationship building, and gives a better perspective of civic, business and general community needs and issues. Classes will begin February 9 and 10 and then the second Tuesday of each month through June. There will be a graduation Ceremony held at the **June 20th Council meeting**. On April 12th Leadership will meet at the Fire Station. Jamie Baker contacted him regarding the City providing three speakers for the session on Municipal Government that day. City Attorney Emily Bauman and Lundy will be two of the three speakers. The class will be from 9:30 to 11 a.m. with about 20 participants. Would anyone else be interested in speaking? Bauman would be interested in attending the Leadership classes if it is not too late.

Trash & Recycling Delayed -- Deffenbaugh observed the holiday of Martin Luther King Jr Day. Recycling and trash were picked up one day later.

Hall Avenue – John Parker contacted Lundy that the Catholic Church was concerned about increased traffic on Hall Street. They want a 4-way stop at Park and Hall. Don Dillman noticed increased traffic mostly in mornings when people go to work and coming home at night when he walks the dog. Chief of Police David Vincent was concerned about traffic going east if there was a 4-way stop; it would not allow a lot of stopping distance. Lundy will ask Mo-Kan about doing a traffic count.

From the Code Chapter 210.2120 – Lundy provides the DARE lessons to the local school. Lesson Two is about tobacco and health issues – legally, socially, health. For the DARE lesson, he researched e-cigarettes. There is state law preventing purchase by people under age 18 but the local City law does not include alternative nicotine products.

Don Dillman motioned to approve the City Administrator’s report. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

City Attorney’s report – City Attorney Emily Bauman reported she had a trial coming up in February on animal cruelty. The TIF Commission meeting is tomorrow, 7 p.m., multipurpose room in the Clasbey Center. There is normally one to two TIF meetings before a vote. Bauman discussed what should be on the meeting agenda including public testimony and discussion along with Attorney Nancy Blake’s presentation. The Commission can vote for or against setting up a TIF at the first meeting. City Administrator Bruce Lundy relayed that the library and school sent him letters that they do not support a TIF. Joy Thompson suggested a five minutes limit for public testimony like at Council meetings. Copies of the TIF proposal have been at City Hall; no one had picked one up yet. Bauman is reviewing the contracts with Public Water Supply District

#3 and the City selling the bulk water. Don Dillman motioned to approve City Attorney's report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2016-1 Sales Tax Election was read for first and second readings. This ordinance was to add a ½ Cent Sales Tax on the April 2016 ballot. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2685. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Vote: Dillman; aye; Maxwell: aye; Thompson: nay; Parker: absent. Motion failed.

Bill 2016-2 Golf Carts Lease Agreement with US Bank was read for first and second readings.
ORDINANCE: 2685

This ordinance approves the agreement to lease golf carts from US Bank for the Duncan Hills Golf Course. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2685. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Vote: Maxwell: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye; Parker: absent. Motion carried.

Bill 2016-3 ATV Regulations was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE: 2686

This ordinance combines the ATV, Golf Carts, and Utility Vehicles under one section and requires one registration fee instead of an annual fee. Joy Thompson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2686. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: absent. Motion carried.

Bill 2016-4 Water Rates Increase was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE: 2687

This ordinance increases the water rates. For water customers living **within the corporate limits** of the City of Savannah, Missouri: Base Charge for the first 0 to 1000 gallons: Twenty-two dollars and twenty-three cents (\$22.23). After the base charge, each additional 1 to 1,000 gallons: Thirteen dollars and fifteen cents (\$13.15) per 1,000 gallons.

For water customers living **outside the corporate limits** of the City of Savannah, Missouri: Base Charge for the first 0 to 1000 gallons: Twenty-five dollars and thirteen cents (\$25.13). After the base charge, each additional 1 to 1,000 gallons: Fifteen dollars and twenty-three cents (\$15.23) per 1,000 gallons. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2687. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Thompson: aye; Parker: absent. Motion carried.

Bill 2016-5 Sewer Rates Increase was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE: 2688

This ordinance increases the sewer rates. The minimum base charge per month shall be \$17.27 for up to the first 1,000 gallons of water. In addition, each contributor shall pay a user rate of \$4.86 per each additional 1,000 gallons of water for sewer operations and maintenance, including debt service. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2688. Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: Maxwell: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2016-6 Trash Rates Increase was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE: 2689

This ordinance increases the trash rates. Regular Residential Trash & Recycling Removal: \$15.66 and the Discounted Rate: \$11.61 per month. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2689. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Vote: Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: absent. Motion carried.

City Administrator Bruce Lundy described how he helped a customer who was concerned about increases until he realized his utility bill would only be \$4 approximately more a month. Joy Thompson liked the letter Lundy put in the newspaper explaining the utility increases. Lundy thought about submitting a similar letter on the proposed ½ cent sales tax increase. Joy Thompson did not realize it would take three votes to pass an ordinance. She thought the sales tax ordinance would pass. She mentioned that the City could put the sales tax increase on the November election ballot.

Second Public Testimony: The question arose if legislation passed requiring consent to search a vehicle, would that also affect the drug police dogs. No consent is required for police dogs.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report – Mayor Connie George reported she attended the Chamber of Commerce banquet. There was good food catered by Green Hills. She went to the high school and presented medals to 100 wins wrestlers. MEC – Savannah had 4 first place winners, 2 third and several other place holders.

Council Members Discussion -- Don Dillman reported that in June, Tim Williams will come and talk to Council about the American Legion hosting the Legacy Run. There could be as many 200 motorcycles. Last year \$40,000 was raised around the state.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by Don Dillman and seconded by Kenny Maxwell. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk