

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 8, 2016
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Connie George presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present: Kenny Maxwell, Don Dillman, John Parker and Joy Thompson. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Attorney Emily Bauman, and City Clerk/Treasurer Beth Kar were present. Chief of Police David Vincent was absent. Officer Wanda Williams was present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall February 4, 2016. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda – Don Dillman motioned to approve the agenda as posted. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Minutes – January 25, 2016 – Don Dillman motioned to approve the minutes of January 25, 2016. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony: None.

FFA Request Clasbey Both Rooms March 21st for Savannah Alumni Practice Contest -- Rhiannen Schneider and Abby Burns, were present as the FFA Co-Chairs. Last year the City allowed the FFA to use the Clasbey rooms for the annual career development event. Don Dillman motioned to approve the request. Joy Thompson asked City Attorney Emily Bauman if she could vote since she is one of the sponsors of FFA. Bauman did not see a conflict of interest because no money was being exchanged. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Charlie Potts, Old Dog Pound Property – Potts purchased the land next to City's property previously used as the City's dog pound. He is interested in purchasing more property and getting livestock. There are approximately 4 acres and an old building. Potts would be interested in purchasing all 4 acres. City Attorney Emily Bauman will look up the procedure to sell it. The City will do what's in the best interest by offering to multiple people through an auction or sealed bid. The property is not located in the city limits.

Fire Department Uniforms – Director of Public Works/Fireman Kenny Lance reported the fire department purchased uniforms (shirts and pants). The department would like to split the total cost three-ways: 1/3 Rural; 1/3 Firemen; and City 1/3 which would be \$1333 for each group. Don Dillman motioned to approve sharing 1/3 of the cost for uniforms. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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

Park Board -- At the request of Board President Mike Yuille, Caleb Wiley was removed from the Park Board for missing several meetings. This creates two open spots on that Board. Lundy's wife, Shelly, is interested in becoming a member if her appointment would not violate any regulations since Lundy is employed by the City. City Attorney Emily Bauman had researched the issue and said there was no conflict. Park Board members are not paid and Lundy does not vote on the board. Mayor Connie George removed Caleb Wiley and appointed Shelly Lundy.

John Parker motioned to approve the Mayor's appointments. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Golf Carts -- The Duncan Hills Golf Course took delivery of their 35 new Club Car golf carts on January 28. The purchase was from M&M Carts of Mexico, Missouri. M&M bought the forty five old carts from the course for \$77,100, which were 2007 Yamaha carts most of which were worn out. The remaining purchase price of \$85,279 was financed by the US Bank. The Course historically has revenues of about \$35,000 per year for cart rentals and this new purchase will require \$18,000 per year in payments over the next five years. Lundy reminded everyone that the Duncan Hills Golf Course fully funds its own operation and purchases; there are no tax dollars spent at the course.

TIF Commission -- The TIF Commission met Thursday January 26. Attorney Nancy Blake represented the developer and presented their plan to the Commission. After her presentation the Commission asked questions. There were 13 members of the public that attended and were also allowed to make statements or ask questions. The main concern Lundy heard was the increased traffic on Price and Cedar with the addition of 28 homes. After all the questions were asked and answered a vote was taken. There were 6 Nay votes and 5 Yay votes. Council has the final say taking into account the advice of the Commission. Nancy Blake will attend the upcoming Council Meeting. City Attorney Emily Bauman took the official minutes. Don Dillman asked did anyone give a reason for voting no. No one did. The TIF ordinance will come before Council with first reading February 22 and second reading on March 1. As long as there are two separate readings, it does not have to be advertised.

Sale of old dog pound property -- Charlie Potts inquired if the City would be interested in selling the old dog pound property across from the City Lake. He will be speaking at this Council meeting.

Police Cars -- Lundy read in the Savannah Reporter that the City bought five new Police Cars. It was four new Police cars.

Great Northwest Days at the Capital (GNWD) -- Lundy had a great time attending the GNWD. He spent time with County and City Government employees from the area. Lundy attended roundtable classes about Economic Development, Community Betterment, USDA Rural Development Funding, and the Heartland Foundation. He visited with Delus Johnson and Dan Hegeman as well as others. Critics say citizens can talk to local legislators about issues anytime but there are 33 other Senators and 162 other State Representatives that vote on issues every year that affect Savannah and Northwest Missouri.

Auction Service -- The City has four police vehicles to sell. Lundy spoke with Jeff Pittman regarding his online auction service. Pittman has sold police cars for Harrison County. The information would be provided on Facebook and the City website so local people can bid on the vehicles. What is the cost? Pittman charges 10%. In the past, the City does not normally receive much on regular bids for vehicles.

Cemetery mowers -- The City had previously purchased a few Kubota mowers for the Cemetery. They turned out not to be commercial grade and are not holding up. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance has been checking prices and found a dealer estimating \$5600 for each mower.

From the City Code: 310.060 Emergency Vehicles — Lundy said this report includes a section on the use of lights and sirens.

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 she attended the TIF Commission meeting. She will provide the official minutes in the Council packets. Nancy Blake will be at the next two Council meetings as TIF is discussed. Bauman has a trial coming up on Wednesday. She will be attending the Savannah Leadership program.

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

Second Public Testimony: None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report – Mayor Connie George reported it had been quiet.

Council Members Discussion -- Joy Thompson attended the University Extension Council. There will be a grief session on February 25 at the Senior Center. She has received a lot of complaints about the house on South 6th. City Administrator Bruce Lundy has been in contact with the owner who is looking for a buyer. It was also mentioned the building on the end of the Square has some broken windows. Lundy will contact the owner.

John Parker has been recuperating.

Kenny Maxwell mentioned that the bus company is looking to hire more drivers. He asked if anyone knew about the bus building fixing the wall. It will not be fixed until spring. Both engineers from Durham Bus Company and the Baptist Church looked at it. Mike Malhiwsky, the Building Inspector, has looked at it and been involved since the beginning. The engineer signed a document saying it was not an immediate safety hazard.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:41 p.m. on a motion by John Parker and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk