

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 4, 2016 7:00 P.M.
PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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 April 1, 2016. The meeting was audio recorded.

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

Minutes – March 21, 2016; March 29, 2016 – Don Dillman motioned to approve the minutes of March 21 and March 29, 2016. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony: None.

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

Asphalt Bids -- Director of Public Works Kenny Lance and Lundy discussed what streets should be paved this year. One bid was received and opened March 30. Keller Construction bid \$151,275 to provide milling and paving, which was about \$25,000 less than Lance’s estimate. A little was added to the original list, keeping within the \$180,000 budgeted.

1. 3rd Street from Main North to Duncan Street.
2. Price Street from 71 Hwy west to 6th street.
3. 5th Street from Market to Price then from Park south to Swenson.
4. Aspen Street cul-de-sac.
5. Nelson Street from T Hwy west to 14th.

Joy Thompson motioned to accept Keller Construction’s bid. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Thank You – Lundy appreciated Council’s willingness and ability to meet last week to take care of the rezoning issue for Victory Chevrolet so it could close on the purchase of the property.

Missouri Municipal League (MML) -- There is still time to get signed up for the MML Conference. No one at City Hall is able to go this time so it would be a good for someone from Council to attend. This event is in Columbia on June 9th and 10th. The agenda includes: classes on Budgeting, Ethics, Economic Development, Planning and Zoning and more. The cost is \$130.00.

Nuisance Violations -- With the arrival of spring, he sent out approximately 40 letters to business owners and residents. Business owners have been asked to evaluate their properties and see if there is anything they need to do to spruce up their properties. The letters sent to residents were Nuisance Violation notices pointing out what the violation is; how the code reads; and required compliance within 10 days.

Chamber Breakfast – Reminder: the Chamber of Commerce meeting is breakfast at 8:00 a.m. April 6th at J. Howards on the Square. Lundy was not available that day but hopefully one of the officials will be able to represent the City.

Changed the locks -- Utility Clerk Valorie Bush's car was stolen from a gas station out on the Highway last week. The keys to City Hall were in her purse. The locks have been changed at City Hall. The car was found a couple days later burnt in Southern Buchanan County.

Drug Take Back Day -- Drug Take Back Day is planned for Saturday, April 30th. An Officer will be available to take prescription or over the counter drugs to be disposed of. The officer will be at the Apple Market Grocery Store in Savannah from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vote -- Reminder: Get out and your cast vote on Tuesday, April 5th.

Small Community Engineering Grant – Wastewater Superintendent Jason Long, Building Inspector Mike Malhiwsky, and Lundy met with representatives from the engineering company, TREKK, last week. They are in town working on flow studies, hydraulic and organic capacities, and Inflow & Infiltration. During the meeting with the City, they talked quite a bit about inflow and infiltration. It is believed that when several of the homes and businesses in town were built, gutter downspouts and sump pumps were run into the sewer system. When there is a heavy rain that causes rainwater to flow to the sewer plant, the City ends up paying to treat it. The City may have to require Michael Puckett to make larger sewer lines in the area for the TIF proposed development. The cost can come out of the TIF. John Parker asked if that would mean new piping to the plant. No. Lundy described the sewer pipes in the area that vary from 8 inch lines to 10 inch lines. The developer would need to increase to a 10 inch line near south that would go to the next manhole with the larger size line. Lundy's question regarding the inflow and infiltration is how to approach the problem. He felt a lot had been asked of the public lately but he would encourage everyone to just think about their properties and any changes such as:

1. If your gutter downspouts run down into the ground and not out onto the ground they are likely connected to the sewer. Simply putting on an elbow so the water can run out onto the ground and plugging the hole in the ground would be a quick inexpensive fix.
2. If you have a sump pump that does not pump to daylight, it is pumping into the sewer. This fix is a bit more challenging and may require a plumber or carpenter.
3. If you have an outdoor floor drain on your driveway or patio, it is likely connected to the sewer.
4. If you have a sewer service line clean out in the yard or next to the house, is it capped? It is in violation of the City Code 710.040 for these connections to exist. When TREKK gets more into this process, their workers and City workers may be looking at some properties around town, asking for voluntary compliance before any other steps are taken. Don Dillman asked if smoke testing was done a few years ago that showed similar results? Director of Public Works Kenny Lance confirmed that the study by Wade and Associates showed several residential issues. The City pays more to treat the rainwater. If some was cut down, it would help costs.

From the Code: Section 710.040. Building Sewers and Connections -- No person shall make connection of roof downspouts, exterior foundation drains, areaway drains, or other sources of surface runoff or ground water to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

House on South 6th – The house has been declared a nuisance. The owner was sent a letter requesting within 60 days to come up with a plan to take down the house or to fix it. He contacted Lundy that he and his wife are discussing what to do.

Water Meter -- John Parker asked about the email regarding the new water hook up for the Sisters of St. Francis. Has that been taken care of? Lundy reported he had not heard back. Parker had heard there was someone who offered to pay for the meter if necessary. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance reported that the contractor, Brandt, put in the full amount \$750 and the project was proceeding.

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 worked on a variety of ordinances. The sidewalk ordinance is ready to go for the next meeting; it is pretty detailed. She had updated the ordinance to change the formal bids amounts from the current \$2,500 but needs to know the new amount to put in. Don Dillman asked for suggestions. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance said \$5,000 would be appropriate and cover most routine maintenance costs like tires. Don Dillman motioned and John Parker seconded to change formal bid minimum to \$5,000. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Bauman is also updating the solid waste/trash ordinance. She will have an ordinance regarding people putting trash in other people's dumpster. She has been in contact with Young Life regarding their upcoming 5K in May and updating the hold harmless agreement for the event. They refused to sign the original hold harmless. She talked to them and why the City cannot sign a mutual release which would result in an unauthorized waiver of sovereign immunity. She now has new hold harmless agreement she sent that was agreed upon. Next week she will be providing one of the presentations at Savannah Leadership on the subject of City Government. There is a trial set for April 13. Bauman mentioned she saw on the news where a City did a fundraiser for its Cemetery fund with a pancake dinner. She shared the idea. Joy Thompson had talked about handing out flyers and information on donations around Memorial Day at the City's cemetery.

City Administrator Bruce Lundy asked about the sale of the old dog pound property at the Reservoir. Bauman reported the City has the authority to sell it according to regular policy regarding surplus. There is no separate policy for selling property. The City has to declare it surplus. Bauman suggested a motion to proceed. John Parker asked if the City needed to obtain an appraisal with the fairmarket value for the property. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance agreed it would help to know how much the property was worth. Don Dillman motioned to proceed with the sale of the old dog pound with an appraisal requested. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Don Dillman motioned to approve the City Attorney's report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

April 22, Noon: The City will hold the annual Arbor Day tree planting with the local 4th graders. The trees will be planted in the Cemetery.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2016-8 Amend Date Renewal Animal Tags was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE: 2692

This ordinance approves the annual animal tag renewal date as January 1st each year. Joy Thompson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2692. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Second Public Testimony: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report — Mayor Connie George reported she signed proclamations for 1) the DAR ladies on the Vietnam Veterans anniversary and 2) the Special Olympics track meet on Saturday. The annual Law Enforcement Torch Run will be May 17.

Council Members Discussion –

Joy Thompson asked about Marilyn Abarr and her trash issue. City Administrator Bruce Lundy will follow up with her. Thompson received a complaint about trash but it was taken care of. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance mentioned Tim Spoonemore used to pick up the trash at that place when it was rented out.

Don Dillman reminded everyone that the next Golf Committee meeting will be April 14. It would be good for anyone who can to come in case there is more discussion. There is still turmoil over an unsigned complaint letter that no one is supposed to take seriously because it is unsigned.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:40 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