

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
PROCEEDINGS REGULAR SESSION  
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016 7 P.M.  
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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, Chief of Police David Vincent and City Clerk Beth Kar were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall April 14, 2016. The meeting was audio recorded.

**Approve Agenda** – Joy Thompson motioned to approve the agenda as presented. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Minutes April 4, 2016** – John Parker motioned to approve the April 4, 2016 minutes as submitted. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Testimony** – None.

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

**MIRMA Inspection** – At the City cemetery, there are two dirt piles. During the last MIRMA inspection it was suggested that the area needed to be fenced in to keep kids from playing there. The City uses the piles on a regular basis; a fence may not make sense. John Parker asked if a sign could be posted. City Attorney Emily Bauman noted it would be considered an attractive nuisance because dirt piles attract kids.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing** – Savannah School District wants to apply through the City for CDBG grant funds for an Early Childhood Education Development Facility. To start the process requires a public hearing. It is set for 6:30 p.m., May 2<sup>nd</sup> before the Council meeting.

**Savannah Fire Department** – May 7<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 10 a.m., Community Breakfast at the Fire station, \$7.00 for pancakes, sausage, and a drink.

**Missouri Municipal League** -- There is still time to register for the MML Conference. No one from City Hall is able to go this time so it would be good if someone from Council could attend. The event is in Columbia on June 9th and 10th. The agenda shows classes on Budgeting, Ethics, Economic Development, Planning and Zoning and more. The cost is \$130.00.

**Drug Take Back Day** -- Another Drug Take Back Day is planned for Saturday, April 30th. An officer will be available to take prescription medication or over the counter drugs to dispose of at the Apple Market Grocery Store in Savannah.

**Vehicle Damage** -- When the guys were mowing the median a couple weeks ago one of them hit a piece of metal and it flew out and struck the door of a passing car. Lundy asked the owner to obtain a couple of estimates. The driver brought in one for \$579.00 and refused to get a second. He wanted the money instead of repairing the car. Lundy forwarded the claim to MIRMA.

**Storm Siren** – The storm siren by Minnie Cline Elementary was struck by lightning and does not work. The company took back all the electronic parts for testing and found the majority of it was damaged. They estimated it would cost \$21,000 to fix it. New one: \$23,000. Lundy forwarded that claim to the City’s insurance carrier, MIRMA, as well.

**Golf Committee Meeting** -- Last Thursday evening was the Golf meeting. The board voted to charge a 10% late fee to members who do not renew their memberships before June 1st and continue to keep golfing. If they continue to play, the course loses money. Back in December Lundy had a gentleman provide a letter from Golf Course Members who are pleased with the way the Course is being operated, thanking the City and the Course employees. Lundy included a copy of that letter with the packets.

**Arbor Day Celebration** -- The 4th grade classes at Minnie Cline Elementary will help the Tree Board plant four trees at the City Cemetery next Friday, April 22nd at Noon.

**MO-Kan** – Rebecca Thacker will be at this Council meeting regarding the resolution to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is updated every five years. Lundy attended several meetings to update this document which covers any disaster, man-made or natural.

**Electronics Pick-up day** -- Region D will be in town from 8 – Noon, May 7<sup>th</sup>, to pick-up household electronics. The drop off location is the City Lot at 3rd and Price.

**Trash Service** -- Lundy contacted Marilyn Abarr at Joy Thompson’s request regarding the question about the trash service on the Square. Abarr lives over her business on the Square and has had an independent trash hauler that she paid on her own. Deffenbaugh had taken her trash three weeks in a row so she cancelled her own service. The City’s Policy is that businesses in town provide for their own trash pick-up and for any renters that live onsite. One of the reasons is that City’s contract with Deffenbaugh is for the pick-up of residential trash only. Deffenbaugh only pick up six bags per resident and businesses will likely have more than that along with any trash from their renters. Abarr asked him to bring it to Council. He did not think the policy should be changed. His feeling is that with the entire staff turnover at Deffenbaugh, they took the trash before because it was out; not realizing it was not for them to pick up. He thought it made sense for her to pay her independent trash hauler.

**Sidewalk Ordinance** – City Attorney Emily Bauman worked very hard at creating the sidewalk ordinance. It has been expanded and is quite lengthy and detailed. Before it’s put on the agenda to approve, Lundy would like Council to have extra time to look over it completely.

**Cemetery** – The City’s Cemetery has dandelions and other weeds. He spoke to City employees, Mike Clark and Davey Poland, and they agree the Cemetery needs sprayed with weed killer. The City owns a pull behind sprayer and already has herbicide. We will do our best to avoid any plants next to headstones. He apologizes in advance if any are harmed in the process. The Cemetery plans to spray before Memorial Day.

**Lime Sludge Removal** -- Nutri-Ject has been in town hauling lime sludge out of the lagoons at the water plant. Last fall the City accepted their bid to do that job. Now retired Water Superintendent Dale Watson estimated that there were 4000 cubic yards that needed hauled. However now that Nutri-Ject has started the job, they have already hauled the 4000 yards and more is left. In the past Watson set aside \$65,000 each year for hauling. Then \$130,000 is available when the lime is hauled out every other year. In 2013 when it was hauled the estimate was a bit short as well. The City ended up paying \$134,000 for the clean out. Nutri-Ject bid \$24.85 per cubic yard x 4000 = \$99,400. Lundy spoke to the owner who had his employees

estimate how much was left. The estimate is about 1200 cubic yards to have the two lagoons completely cleaned out. Nutri-Ject said they are out of fields near the plant where they can dispose of the waste so he would have to haul it further which means the rate would increase to \$36 a yard or an additional \$43,000. However, if the City waits until fall after the crops are out he can have land near the plant again and the price would be \$24.85 or \$29,820. Lundy talked to Water Superintendent Jason Mercer who said that it was fine to wait until fall to remove the rest.

**From the City Code: 400.910 Building Permits requirements and rates schedule.** Lundy asked that when someone calls with a question to please direct it to City Hall or the appropriate department. Joy Thompson responded that she likes to have an open door policy. She remembered that it used to be that portable sheds did not require a permit. She was not sure when that changed.

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

**Police Chief's Report** – Chief of Police David Vincent handed out the officer summary statistics from the new computer system. He reminded everyone about the annual Drug Take Back. Sgt. Josh Smith and Police Clerk Minde Dreher are working on a bulletproof vest grant. No money was budgeted for the 50/50 match. The entire department needs vests. The department hoped to use money saved on salaries when Officer Gary Cook left if they receive the grant. The City is the first to be able to use the new speed sign from Troop H. It is on Hwy 71. If a vehicle is traveling over 45 mph, the sign will start flashing blue and red lights.

**Hiring of police officer** – Officer Cook resigned a few weeks ago. The City received two applications for the open position. One is from an intern who used to ride with the department but is still in the police academy so is not eligible yet. Matt Eiman used to be a Savannah reserve officer two years ago. He left on good terms. His full time job left no time to be a reserve. Matt and his wife own a home in Savannah. Chief Vincent recommended hiring Eiman as a full time officer at \$13/hour. Joy Thompson motioned to approve hiring Matt Eiman as a full time police officer at \$13/hour. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Don Dillman motioned to approve the Police Chief's report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**City Attorney's Report** – City Attorney Emily Bauman attended the Golf Committee meeting. She will attend the next meeting and provide a variety of documents including a hold harmless agreement, property damage release, and certificate of insurance. She attended the Savannah Leadership meeting and provided a presentation. She will have something on land sale; an outline of procedural steps. She is finishing up the solid waste update for the code which includes a clarification on the definition of residential pick up. Joy Thompson asked about the minutes for the different boards such as park, golf, and zoning. Each board has its own minutes. Thompson asked when the minutes have to be available for the public. Bauman answered the minutes needed to be available by the next board meeting. Thompson asked how soon a request had to be responded to. Three days. Don Dillman asked if the question had to be from a citizen. No, anyone can ask. John Parker heard on Channel 2 TV news that the city of St. Joseph has announced that they take their sewer bills for Jan, Feb, and March and average them; that is the most they will be charged for high usage for the rest of year. Those months are used because it is figured that is the least amount of water for the year. Parker asked to write a letter and see how they do it. Joy Thompson asked if the other months did not help out the wastewater department. Don Dillman thought the expected usage would be part of what was figured by Tionna Pooler into rate increase. John Parker commented that it may be something that does not benefit the

City. John Parker motioned to approve the City Attorney's report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Resolution 2016-2 Andrew County Hazard Mitigation Plan** – This plan is in case of natural or manmade disaster. John Parker motioned to approve Resolution 2016-2. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

## **BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**Bill 2016-10 Election Results** was read for first and second readings.

### **ORDINANCE: 2693**

This ordinance approves the results from the April 2016 election. Don Dillman motioned and John Parker seconded to adopt ordinance no. 2693. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

**Amend Agenda** -- Joy Thompson motioned to update the agenda to reflect the correct bill numbers: Bill 2016-11 for bidding and Bill 2016-12 for contract with Keller construction. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Bill 2016-11 Bidding Requirements** was read for first and second readings.

### **ORDINANCE: 2694**

This ordinance updates the City Code for the minimum formal bid amount to be increased from \$2500 to \$5000. Joy Thompson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2694. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye. Motion carried.

**Bill 2016-12 Keller contract for 2016 Street program** was read for first and second readings.

### **ORDINANCE: 2695**

This ordinance approves a contract with Keller Construction to provide the City's 2016 Street Program. Joy Thompson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2695. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye. Motion carried.

**Second Public Testimony:** Chief of Police David Vincent reported he will be gone to the SEMA conference this week. Kenny Lance will be in charge at the fire department while Vincent is gone.

Rebecca Thacker thanked everyone for signing the mitigation sign-in sheet. She commented that Mo-Kan recently received a grant regarding storm siren inventory.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Mayor's report** – Mayor Connie George reported she read the proclamation at Special Olympics track meet, read to Headstart program kids, and attended the Golf Committee meeting. She welcomed Don Dillman and Joy Thompson back to Council. .

**Council discussion** -- Joy Thompson received a complaint that the bushes at the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut in the blue house were obstructing driver's view. Savannah and Andrew County are 175 years old this year. A group is getting together for the celebration. She would like to see the City involved.

John Parker received a complaint on the road damage at 5<sup>th</sup> & Park. The road has settled where

the tube was put in. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance responded that part of 5<sup>th</sup> Street is on the street program list for this year. When Keller asphalts it, hopefully they can fix that section.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Adjourn Sine Die

**NEW SESSION**

City Clerk Beth Kar provided the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials: Don Dillman – East Ward Alderman and Joy Thompson – West Ward Alderman. Chief of Police David Vincent suggested swearing in new police officer, Matt Eiman, since he was present. Eiman also received his oath.

Mayor Connie George called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

**ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

**Elect Council President** – Joy Thompson motioned to approve John Parker as Council President. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes; 1 abstain (Parker).

**Select the Council’s representative to the Planning & Zoning Commission** – Joy Thompson motioned to approve John Parker. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes; 1 abstain (Parker).

**Mayor’s Appointments:** Mayor Connie George made the following appointments: Andrew County Extension Council – Joy Thompson, Golf Committee – Don Dillman, Park Board – Joy Thompson, Nuisance Committee – All of them, Tree Board – John Parker. Mo-Kan and Region D – Don Dillman. She asked Kenny Maxwell about Mo-Kan and Region D but he is unable to make them. Don Dillman motioned to approve the appointments. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Testimony:** None.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Mayor’s report** – Nothing new.

**Council discussion** – Don Dillman reported his granddaughter won first in the state water.

**Adjournment** -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:12 p.m. on a motion by Don Dillman and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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Connie George, Mayor

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