

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
MAY 16, 2016
PROCEEDINGS: REGULAR SESSION
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 May 12, 2016. The meeting was audio recorded.

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

Minutes – May 2, 2016 – Don Dillman motioned to approve the May 2, 2016 minutes as presented. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony -- Mary Ingersoll, Chamber of Commerce Director, described the 175th anniversary celebration of the City of Savannah and Andrew County. She is working with the Andrew County Museum and Savannah School District. The event will occur the weekend of the Savannah High School Homecoming October 14-16, 2016. Ingersoll asked permission to close the streets of the Square and use the Clasbey Center for the evening event, waiving the fee for the community celebration. She checked and the Clasbey Center was available so she has it reserved. Saturday will include a tour of the Andrew County Museum and continue as a progressive event then over to the high school for a dinner theatre. Sunday there will be an old fashioned church revival. Joy Thompson motioned to close the Square and to allow the event to use the Clasbey Center including clean up. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Muhammad Khan requested a liquor license for the new Conoco gas station at 305 N. Hwy 71. It had previously been Miller's gas station. Don Dillman motioned to continue the liquor license for the gas station under the new owners and John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Police Chief's Report – Chief of Police David Vincent reported that the high school seniors last day was Friday and graduation was on Sunday. There were no issues. Tuesday will be the Torch Run for Special Olympics at Noon. The Mayor will read a proclamation and meet on the East side of the Courthouse. Officer Wanda Williams submitted her resignation. Her last day will be May 30th. When Officer Cook resigned full time, there were two applicants. The City hired Matthew Eiman. The second applicant, Elliott Barton, will graduate the last part of June. He has applied to another police department which may hire him. If that falls through, however, Chief Vincent asked if Savannah could hire Barton to fill the opening from Williams. Vincent would want to bring Barton on part time; as soon as he graduates, he would be trained and be ready to go on the streets. Barton can go through training now but will have no powers of arrest until he completes the police academy. Barton anticipated he would know within a week whether or not he will get the other job. John Parker motioned to approve the Chief's request, to hire Elliott Barton, conditional on that he passes the academy. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion

carried on 4 yes votes. John Parker motioned to accept Officer Wanda Williams's resignation and Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the Police Chief's report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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

Region D Electronics pick-up -- Brenda Kennedy from Region D said the electronics collection in Savannah went well. There were over 200 vehicles that came through to drop off electronics. They filled a 53' semi-truck and a 26 foot box truck.

Golf Committee -- Last week Golf Committee member Darla Millsap left a letter on his desk stating that her term on the Board has expired and she does not wish to continue. Golf Course General Manager Mark Christopher is aware of the resignation. A new board member has not yet been identified to take her place. Don Dillman motioned to accept the resignation of Darla Millsap from the Golf Committee. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

MIRMA Seminar -- Last Tuesday Lundy was in Macon for a MIRMA Seminar. The instructor was an attorney from St Louis who spoke about workers comp claims, whistleblower, retaliation, ADA and FMLA compliance, Social Media, disability accommodations, as well as the new gender topics.

MCMA - Missouri City Managers Training – The conference was in Osage Beach. Topics included how to build strong towns, retail recruitment, emerging issues in legislation plus wastewater and storm water management.

Sidewalk Grant -- Snyder & Associates had a pre-bid meeting with contractors interested in bidding on the safe routes to school sidewalk project for Price and 10th streets. Five contractors brought questions. The bids deadline is 10:00 a.m. May 20th.

South 6th Project – It is proceeding slowly. The survey is complete. The project has been drawn out a couple of times and it looks as if a plan is ready that will work for everybody. The City is still waiting for the approval to acquire the Right of Way. Lundy expects that will be the next step. This new portion of 5th Street will be 30 feet wide like the first part of the project that has been done from Main to Price.

Sale of City Property -- Lundy contacted Jim Jones, Appraisals Plus, to appraise the approximate 4.25 acres of land that the City owns across County road 427 from the City Lake in preparation of selling the property. Jones thought he could do the appraisal this month. Will the land need to be surveyed too? Director of Public Works Kenny Lance thought it was all fenced off to the south and to the west. Jim Jones will look at the legal description at the courthouse. City Attorney Emily Bauman thought if there is an accurate, detailed legal description that would be sufficient. A survey would not be cheap.

Drainage Ditch – Lundy received a call from a resident on south 5th Street. The drainage ditch that runs from DD Hwy east across 5th and on southeast towards Swenson is in his backyard. After a heavy rain there is a lot of water that flows through there. It is washing out his yard. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance, Building Inspector Mike Malhiwsky, and Lundy looked at it. At his property there is a sewer main that crosses the creek. In 1968 a thick concrete cover was poured over that line apparently to protect it. A chunk of that concrete on his side of the ditch has broken off, causing the water to flow around it and erode the bank on his side. Ditches are the responsibility of the property owner but in this case it is the City's concrete that appears to be what caused this washing. Lundy felt the City should put some rock in the area to keep the

ground from washing away. The resident also inquired about why this entire ditch could not be boxed like the other ditch that ran along Pearl Street and out near Sonic. Lundy explained that was a while ago and it is very expensive. If grants ever became available for that kind of project the City could certainly look into it. It is not a broken line. John Parker asked about fixing the concrete. The City could possibly put in some to protect the line.

DARE Graduation -- DARE graduation was last Friday at Minnie Cline Elementary. There were over 100 students that graduated. DARE covers a lot of topics but the two most important he felt were making good decisions and being a good Citizen.

Torch Run -- The annual Law Enforcement torch run for Special Olympics is at Noon, May 17.

City Wide Garage Sales -- The annual event is Saturday, June 4. Permits are purchased at the Senior Center.

City server backups -- Jeff Penland from Echo Cloud transitioned the server backups previously on Midwest Data. Echo is out of St. Joseph and has procedures with virtual servers available in case of emergencies.

City Code – This report’s code include the Cemetery regulations, Section 145.070.

2001 Backhoe – Director of Public Works Kenny Lance reported the City’s current backhoe needs tires, has an oil leak and other issues. A replacement was planned for next year’s budget. However it is having increasing problems, so he would like to go ahead and obtain bids to start the purchasing price. The City will look at financing options. He talked to dealers and a new one would be cheaper than a used one. He would trade in the current backhoe, which would essentially be the first year’s payment. Lance estimated \$125,000 without a trade split between the departments that would use it.

Housebill 1811 – Pit Bulls breed specific dogs bill did not pass. MML reported that there are some organizations that are trying to con cities into believing the bill had passed previously.

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

City Attorney’s Report – Emily Bauman’s computer crashed on Friday and is at the repair shop. She reported there could be a possible voluntary annexation. She drafted the petition and guidelines and sent the information to the landowners and City’s building inspector. There was a busy docket at City court last week. She drew up the CDBG agreement with the school, working with Rebecca Thacker, Mo-Kan. Don Dillman motioned to approve the City Attorney’s report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Second Public Testimony – None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Connie George read the proclamation for the health department. Tomorrow she will read the proclamation for the Special Olympics Torch Run.

Council Members Discussion

Joy Thompson asked for options to get the sofas, beds, and junk off the sides of the streets. City Administrator Bruce Lundy can send out nuisance notices. She was contacted about parking

issues by Park Avenue apartments where trucks are being parked in the ditch. What would need to be done to put up no parking signs? Council would need to motion to approve no parking on Park Avenue. Chief of Police David Vincent reported they were parking along the driveway until it was marked a no parking zone. Rick Davis told her that in the alley behind where he lives, water is going through the alley. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance described that it is ground water. Davis said when people are driving over it, they sink in. What will it take to put in a tube? Joy Thompson received a call on a property that needs mowed 909 W. Price. Also the old senior center location at Main and 4th needs mowing.

John Parker thanked the police department for rescuing the flag pole on Hwy 71 south. Officer Zeigler fixed it. Parker received complaints on mowing the pasture on Park Avenue by the cemetery.

Kenny Maxwell asked regarding alleys, who is in charge of keeping people from driving in your yard? A trash truck is rutting and driving over his yard. He put steel poles up once and ropes. The City does not maintain alleys. If a resident buys rock, the City will put it in. His neighbors who live on the north side of the alley are driving across his yard.

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