

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 6, 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. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy and Deputy City Clerk Brooke Bell were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall on June 2, 2016. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda – Don Dillman motioned to approve the agenda as posted. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Minutes – May 16, 2016 – Don Dillman motioned to approve the minutes of May 16, 2016 as presented. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Public Testimony – None.

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

South 6th Street Project- proceeding slowly, the survey is done. Still waiting on for approval to acquire Right of Way. The hearing will be Tuesday, June 21st at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers. Lundy has sent letters out to those people who it will effect.

Sale of City Property- Jim Jones did appraisal of 4.25 acres of land that the City owns across from County Road 427 by the City Lake. The land was appraised at \$51,000. Lundy doesn’t know if it’s realistic to think the City would get that out of the land.

Councilman John Parker arrived at the meeting.

UTV/ATV Law- Since altering the UTV/ATV ordinance there have been multiple people in City Hall wanting permits. Lundy suggested having it altered to be only issued to Savannah Residents. Citizens that live in country are driving them into town and that is illegal. Emily will look over verbiage to see if it can be limited to Savannah residents or at least discourage people from driving them into the city limits. Emily will draw up an amendment for council to review.

Museum Event- Fabulous 50’s at the Hop. 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, June 18th in the museum parking lot. Band will be playing 50’s music, dancing, food, 50’s cars and lots of fun with a small admission fee.

Storm Siren- Every year MIRMA sends a property list to the City to have all new property added so that it is covered by insurance. Somehow the storm sirens were not added, so the damaged siren is not covered by insurance. The siren was grounded when installed, but not according to manufacturer requirements. The method used is a commonly used method, but not as effective as a ground rod. Lundy would like Steve from Outdoor Warning Consultants to come and install the ground rods correctly to all the sirens. They have accepted some responsibility and offering to give us a 50% discount on labor. Emily feels they need to accept more responsibility. Emily suggested to call around and see other places that have sirens placed in their community by this company and see if they installed them and grounded them correctly and have other communities had any issues with lightning?

Zoning Board- At the last meeting the Planning & Zoning Board discussed and decided it was time to enforce the City Zoning Code in reference to the non-conforming properties and the owners that ignore the code. The Planning and Zoning Board would like Council's support on the matter. Emily and Lundy will meet and determine the best way to go about addressing the issue.

City Code- This report's code include the Zoning Regulations, Chapter 400.

Bid Openings –

Back Hoe- Received three bids on four different machines. Three companies brought in demos. Two of the demos brought in were nicer than specs and one was matched to specs. All bids were 5 year, 1500 hour warranties, some charge service calls; others do not because they are built into warranty. The CAT back hoe was most expensive, but had the best options that Kenny was looking for. CAT offers financing at 2.89% for four years after the \$17,982 trade in on the old back hoe. Travis from Foley Equipment was in attendance to answer any questions. Don Dillman made a motion to go with Bruce and Kenny's recommendation for the CAT back hoe. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. John Parker made a motion to go with financing through CAT. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Sidewalk Project- the City received 6 bids ranging from \$121,000 to 258,000. Hoggatt Excavating was lowest bidder with \$121,068. Engineers, Snyder & Associates, has inspected the bid and made sure everything required was submitted. The bid has been sent to MODOT for approval. This grant is a 20% cash match; David Brax said school will be reimbursing a portion of the cash match as well. Don Dillman questioned whether we were already tied to Hoggatt. His concern was the time it took for project to be completed by Hoggatt on East Main Street. John Parker wanted to ensure there's something in the contract to make sure the project is finished on time. Lundy will look into it to make sure that verbiage is included in the contract. John Parker made a motion to accept Hoggatt's bid, pending the wording. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes; 1 no: Dillman.

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

City Attorney's Report- Emily has been working on a TracFone Wireless lawsuit. It is class action lawsuit regarding telephone license taxes and their failure to pay municipalities any of the taxes, fees or interests. The City has elected to take action. The lawsuit covers 2007-present. The trial is set for next week. Emily has been in contact with people who are trying to voluntarily annex property. The annexation should be coming in front of the Planning & Zoning Board soon. Municipal court is on Wednesday; no trials set. Should be a light docket. Emily reported her new office is now in St. Joseph with Joe Morey.

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

Second Public Testimony – None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report – Mayor Connie George attended the Planning & Zoning meeting and read a proclamation for the Torch Run. She also attended Park Board meeting at the pool.

Council Members Discussion

Joy Thompson reported that she attended Park Board meeting at the pool. Thompson has received complaints on low hanging trees on city right away on the corner of 6th/Market and 6th/Main. She also complimented the cemetery crew on how good it looked for the holiday.

John Parker commented on how well the cemetery looked.

Kenny Maxwell reported that he saw a golf cart out on a state highway, holding up traffic.

Don Dillman reported he attended a transportation advisory committee meeting on June 3; it was mostly just informational. American Legion Legacy Ride will be coming into town on June 25th. They're planning on having a 100 or more motorcycles in town on that day. The streets that Keller has completed look very nice.

Adjournment

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on a motion by John Parker and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Brooke Bell, Deputy City Clerk