

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
JULY 18, 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 and John Parker. Joy Thompson was absent. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Attorney Emily Bauman, City Clerk Beth Kar and Chief of Police David Vincent were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall July 14, 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 – July 5, 2016 – John Parker motioned to approve the minutes of July 5, 2016. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Public Testimony: Brad Chellew discussed the sewer charge on his City utility (water/sewer/trash) bill. He felt the charge was not fair especially when he fills up his pool. He researched online other cities rate's ordinances. He covered how the information would affect him if the City's sewer rates were based on a winter average. He found winter averages based on anywhere from 3 to 6 months with the most common average a 4 month average (January to April). He thought filling a pool was no different from a water leak. He asked if this was a decision Council would make to change the rates. He knew a financial advisor probably would suggested not changiHowever he did say there were other communities that billed in similar fashion. He thought using winter average would be an incentive for filling pools, washing the siding of one's home, and beautifying the city, as this would offer a slight reduction to utility bills in the summer months. City Administrator Bruce Lundy described that there were residents with irrigation systems that have a separate water meter which does not have a sewer charge. Chellew thought a separate meter was too costly an endeavor. He has been considering putting in an irrigation system and asked what a sewage meter was. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance answered it was the same meter. John Parker asked if there was a bottom drain in Chellew's pool. He answered that it is pumped into his filter system; if he wastes water, it goes into the yard. City Administrator Bruce Lundy described the differences between a water leak and filling a pool. A leak is beyond control. If a resident shows he fixed a water leak, there can be a reduction to the sewer charge. Don Dillman thought it was something that needed reviewed; however any reduction would have to be made up somewhere else.

Tonya Young, Triathlon -- Treasurer Camry Slagle was present to talk about the second annual triathlon on August 13. The money goes to the local Back Pack Buddies program. She asked for police to block the roads for the event. Don Dillman motioned to approve the request. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Barry Howell, Visu-Sewer, Presentation – Barry Howell, Business Development for Visu-Sewer provided a presentation on sewer rehabilitation and evaluation. His company reviews current facilities and what can be done for any that need brought up to compliance. The

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been visiting cities in the state. The sanitary sewer systems tend to be old and DNR is convinced the lines need to be rehabilitated. Infiltration vs. Inflow (I & I) is the item addressed. Inflow is fresh water through rain and other methods that flows into the sewer system and becomes treated when it does not need to be, which incurs unnecessary increased expenses. Infiltration is ground water that enters the system through defects or cracks. According to the EPA, almost half of treatment is unnecessary. What are the effects of I & I? There are many including: higher sewer costs, overloading at the treatment, and more. Howell showed on PowerPoint images of how his company evaluates the pipes and creates an inventory. Then they help create a budget on a rehabilitation plan. Through video analysis Howell detailed how the plan was developed. There are piggyback contracts that cities can take advantage of where the services have already been bid. Visu-Sewer just finished two projects with Maryville, and will be doing a lining project for Cameron, with another for Chillicothe.

Police Chief's Report – Chief of Police David Vincent reported everything has been fairly quiet locally even though not unfortunately on a nationally level. The City is fortunate that it has been safe where kids can go around town like to the parks. Citizens are lucky and he hoped they realized that. Vincent described an incident he posted on Facebook about a young man who thanked Chief Vincent for his service and shook his hand. There have been more kids on the Square lately with the Pokémon computer game. Vincent reported that Officer Matthew Einman had resigned, effective immediately and went back to working for the railroad. New officer David Glidden does not start full time until August. There will be four officers until then. John Parker motioned to approve the Chief's report. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

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

Power Outage - Last Wednesday a storm blew through town and knocked out the power. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance and his crew brought over the generator, hooked up City Hall and restored the power. The system worked perfectly which would be very beneficial in the event of an outing on a larger scale like the City had with the ice storm a few years ago.

Visu-Sewer -- Barry Howell is coming to this Council meeting to tell about his service. TREKK Engineering has been working in town as part of the SCEAP Grant that the City was awarded to help locate sewer infrastructure and I & I problems. Once problems areas are located, companies like Visu- Sewer can evaluate the issues and find the best way to fix them. DNR likes to see that steps are taken to maintain infrastructure and fixing any problems which is what Visu-Sewer does. It will be expensive but Howell said they can divide up all the trouble areas and then address particular sections each year.

Business Licenses -- Savannah Business Licenses expired on June 30. Businesses were notified in mid-May. The bulk of businesses responded and renewed their licenses. A business license in Savannah is \$15.00. Applicants must show a certificate of no tax due from the Director of Revenue and a proof of Insurance.

Budget -- It is time to think about a new budget again. Forms have been sent out to department heads. At the next Council Meeting in August a date can be planned for a Budget Work Session.

Storm Siren – Lundy communicated with Steve Cearlock, Outdoor Warning, about the storm siren that was damaged by lightning. Since it was not installed to manufacturer specifications,

the siren company should assume some of the cost for the damages. The siren manufacturer reviewed the photos of the damage and said no protection would have prevented the damage. Steve confirmed that they would change the ground system on all four of the sirens. The cost to repair the parts of the damaged siren was \$10,388.00; his cost for installation and equipment rental was about \$6000. What does Council want to do? City Attorney Emily Bauman said if the issue went to court, the siren company likely would not be considered liable for the full replacement amount. The company seems willing to negotiate the cost. She would recommend starting at more than a 50% share of the bill. John Parker suggested asking that they install what is needed on the other sirens and pay 80% of the bill. Lundy will negotiate the cost.

Golf Board -- At Thursday night's golf board meeting they approved an agreement between the City and the School for the use of the Golf Course for the girls and boys Golf teams. He attached a copy of that agreement in the Council meeting packets. Chad Dreher, new activities director, received the schools copy. The school did not request any changes to the agreement.

Sale of the property – The City is ready to proceed in selling the property across from the old water plant. It was appraised at \$50,000. There was a legal description with the appraisal. City Administrator Bruce Lundy will talk with Jeff Pittman to put up the property for sale like he did with the police vehicles.

Event Permit -- The hot topic this week is regarding vendors that come to sell their products at an event (Girls Night Out, Holiday Boutique, Homecoming, Alumni, and Candlelight Walk). Are these vendors required to have a business license? At first glance he said yes as they meet the definition of a business if they are selling goods. After being contacted by several folks he thoroughly searched the code and found in Section 605.085 that Council can grant an Event Permit that allows those vendors to participate and sell those wares during that event only, without requiring a Business License. The City does not currently have such a permit on paper but City Attorney Emily Bauman or he can draft one. Lundy asked Council to approve an Event Permit for Kim McKean of the Ivy Cottage on the Square for the 2016 Girls Night Out on the Square event Wednesday, July 27 from 5 to 8 p.m. McKean has worked hard planning and putting together the event. He thanked her for bringing business and people to Savannah. The Event permit covers everyone at that event and does not require the individual vendors to obtain business licenses. Don Dillman motioned to approve the event permit for Ivy Cottage. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Officer Matthew Eiman Resignation -- Don Dillman motioned to approve Officer Matthew Eiman's resignation. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

John Parker asked if the school had any problem with article 17 in the golf course agreement. Nothing was brought up. Don Dillman motioned to approve the City Administrator's report. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

City Attorney's Report-- City Attorney Emily Bauman attended the Missouri Municipal Attorney Association conference. There have been recent Senate bills that will affect municipal courts including changes to fines and jail time. She will be attending the MIRMA Conference this week. Bauman prepared several documents for the golf course including the agreement with the school, updating the hold harmless agreement and creating a liability waiver on golf carts. The ordinance on the contract with school will be on the next agenda. She reviewed businesses licenses and the event permit to make sure there was no conflicting language. Don Dillman asked what happened to Senator Lager petition initiative. It is law. The City of St. Joseph has

something similar. Don Dillman motioned to approve the report. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2016-16 Sales Tax on Ballot was read for the first and second readings.

ORDINANCE 2699

This ordinance puts a ½ cent Sales Tax increase on the November 2016 ballot. John Parker motioned to adopt ordinance no 2699. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: absent. Motion carried.

Second Public Testimony: none.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report – Mayor Connie George reported she attended meetings on 4-H and Golf Committees.

Council Members Discussion

John Parker officially thanked the city emergency responders and expressed sorrow for the police losses.

Kenny Maxwell described how he helped the City out on 4th of July weekend. A new couple had moved in, and didn't know the law against shooting fireworks on the street.

Don Dillman asked if the City still used Financial Advisor Tionna Pooler. He asked if she could evaluate pools and other things.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on a motion by John Parker and seconded by Kenny Maxwell. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk