

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 1, 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, John Parker and Joy Thompson. City Clerk Beth Kar, City Attorney Emily Bauman and Chief of Police David Vincent attended. City Administrator Bruce Lundy was absent. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall July 29, 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 – July 18, 2016 – Don Dillman motioned to approve the July 18, 2016 minutes. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony – None.

City Administrator's Report -- Mayor Connie George presented the report in the City Administrator Bruce Lundy's absence.

Bid Opening for Auditor -- One bid was received. Clifton Larson Allen who has been doing the Audit and is very good to work with bid \$22,000 for the next two years, then slight increases to \$22,600 in 2018, \$23,340 in 2019, and \$24,040 in 2020. The requirement to bid auditors recently changed from every three years to every five years. The cost for the 2015 Audit was \$21,000. Don Dillman motioned to approve Clifton Larson Allen's bid. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Storm Siren -- Lundy has been in contact with Steve from the siren company, Outdoor Warning, via email so he can include City Attorney Emily Bauman in the conversation. He told Outdoor Warning that the City agreed to pay 25% of the cost for the parts which would be \$2,597.00. The City will also allow Outdoor Warning to use the City's lift fire truck to make the repairs thus avoiding the cost of renting a truck. Lundy has not received a response yet.

Girls Night out on the Square -- Lundy and his wife attended the event last Wednesday. It was very well put together and well attended. They walked around the Square and tried to hit every booth but some were so crowded inside they went on by. He thanked the ladies of the Ivy Cottage for putting on the event. He knew it was a lot of work but it brought a lot of people to town.

Planning & Zoning Meeting -- He attended the Zoning board Meeting last Monday. There was not much on the agenda but there was discussion of Gerald Terhune's rezoning issue. Terhune wants to open an antique business behind his residence at 405 South 71 Hwy. He has approached zoning about this request a few times and has had quite a bit of opposition from his neighbors. There is also concern about the entrance to the property being wide enough to get cars in and out at the same time. Mr. Terhune is collecting the requested documents and will attend the next meeting.

Pool leak -- The pool contractors made a few repairs to that seal around the top of the wall. The pool leak has reduced from about 35,000 gallons/day to 12,000 gallons/day. Lundy notified Ellison Auxier, the

pool engineers, about the results. The contractors will come back after the pool is drained once it closes for the season in a couple of weeks.

Council Meeting Dates -- The City needs to change a couple of Council meeting dates. Mayor Connie George will be unavailable for the September 19th meeting date. City Clerk Beth Kar will be at training on Monday Oct 17th. Joy Thompson motioned to change the Council meeting dates to September 29 and October 19th. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Sidewalks --The sidewalks are coming along quickly.

Demolitions -- The Methodist Church has acquired the old Richelieu Building and taken it down to make room for parking or expansion. He has not heard what the plans are. Titan Builders has purchased and taken down the house at 8th and Market. It was empty for years. No plans have been announced yet for the lot.

Complaint -- Ms. Davies was at the recent Council meeting and shared her concerns about her neighborhood. She came to City Hall and expressed her gratitude to the Council. She said that the problem was resolved very quickly and she was thankful.

Proposed Tax increase – City Clerk Beth Kar has submitted all the required paperwork to the County to put the proposed tax increase on November’s Ballot. The City’s General Fund operates on a 1 cent sales tax that has not been increased since 1996. The City is asking voters to approve a ½ cent sales tax increase to benefit the General Fund that pays for Police and Fire Protection, Administrative Services, Streets and sidewalks, Storm Sirens, and more. The City is not desperate because it has been effective at managing and budgeting. We will do our best in the future but it is time to ask for that increase.

From the Code: Opportunities to Serve on City Boards and Committees. Chapter 140. Boards, Commissions and Committees – This section was included in the City Administrator’s report. Don Dillman noticed that there was a language conflict under Article II Golf Committee. In the first sentence it states “all” appointees must be residents and in another sentence it says 3 of 5 must be residents. City Attorney Emily Bauman will write an ordinance to update the section; and remove that “**all** shall be residents.”

John Parker motioned to approve the report. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Attorney’s report -- City Attorney Emily Bauman reported she wrote the ordinances on tonight’s agenda: ATV amendment and golf course contract. She added language to mirror the state law on ATVs. She has a few more ordinances coming up on the business license exemption and Golf committee. Meanwhile the storm siren negotiations continue and the voluntary annexation is moving along. Bledsoe will be in municipal court on September 14th. She will be sending a copy of a similar letter with an explanation on grandfathering and non-conforming to all remaining trailer owners in Savannah. Don Dillman motioned to approve the report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2016-17 Contract with School on Golf Course Use was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2700

John Parker motioned to adopt ordinance no 2700. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2016-18 Clarifying the Requirements Regarding Operation of Utility Vehicles Within the City was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2701

Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no 2701. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Vote: Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye. Motion carried.

Joy Thompson asked about the social hour tent for the 175th Anniversary celebration that will be outside of the Clasbey Center. Thompson wanted to make sure the event was aware that alcohol regulations mean events cannot be within a certain distance of schools. City Attorney Emily Bauman will double-check the regulations on the number of feet and contact the Chamber of Commerce. Chief of Police David Vincent reminded everyone that the back of Clasbey is the School's, not the City's property. John Parker asked to take a brief break. Parker returned.

Second Public Testimony: None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report – She attended the Planning & Zoning meeting. She visited Ms. Zahnd next to Bruffy's property and showed some of the issues. The sidewalk next to Zahnd has been scarred when the neighbor ran over it with a lawnmower. The neighbor, Bruffy, goes to court this month for nuisance violations. The sidewalk issue would be between homeowners. The police are working on the issues.

Council Members Discussion -- Joy Thompson reported that Mary Lou Young called regarding her neighbor's dogs. Chief of Police David Vincent responded that the resident was issued tickets. Part of the problem is that the fence goes around the neighbor's yard and it is not Young's fence.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:43 p.m. on a motion by Joy Thompson and seconded by John Parker. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk