

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016
PROCEEDINGS REGULAR SESSION
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Connie George presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council member present: Don Dillman, Kenny Maxwell, John Parker and Joy Thompson. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Clerk Beth Kar, City Attorney Emily Bauman and Chief of Police David Vincent were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall October 13, 2016. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda – Joy Thompson motioned to approve the agenda with the amendment to remove Bids for underwriter. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Hearing: Annexation of Knorr property -- No questions.

Minutes – October 3, 2016 – John Parker motioned to approve the minutes of October 3, 2016. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony: Robert Elam appeared regarding last Friday night's Moonlight bike ride. He had called the Mayor and Council members. Elam complained that the bike ride was not given permission to play loud music. He thought it was wrong to ride late and play loud music. He filed an official complaint with the police on sound. The bike riders came by his house around 11 and the music woke him up. He thought if a ride went through residential areas, the residents should be notified. If he had received notice, he might have participated or watched it. Elam thought the music was uncalled for. John Parker received 8 separate calls about the loud music, not the bike ride. Parker thought it was poor planning and that the people who organized the event should make a public apology. If Council had known music would be played, they could have suggested the sound be kept low. Mayor Connie George asked if there had been any complaints about fireworks. No one had received any. Joy Thompson asked if the event could have been earlier. Chief Vincent described the ride started about as early as it could, pretty close after the fireworks. Council discussed how sound expectations could affect future events. Chief Vincent remarked that the whole Homecoming/Anniversary celebration weekend was successful with as many people as attended. He hated to see it marred for one incident. Don Dillman suggested stipulations could be added on what time the noise stops. Lundy asked what kind of action Elam would like to see. Elam said he wanted a public apology and future warnings.

Savannah Mart – Request for Original Package Liquor License, 305 Hwy 71 – Joe Heidi, Mart's accountant, was present to present the liquor license for the new business. John Parker motioned to approve the request. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Treasurer's Report & 6 Month Statement – The 6 Month Statement will be in the newspaper this week. John Parker asked about the Golf Course's lower cash balance compared to the previous year. The Golf Course answered there were more maintenance items plus the golf cart payments started this year. Don Dillman motioned to receive and file the financial reports. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Police Chief's Report – Chief of Police David Vincent distributed a statistics report covering June to October. The new reporting system provides more detailed reports. This year went even smoother getting the cars to move out of the way for the Homecoming parade. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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

CDBG Grant for School – The Savannah School District was awarded the CDBG Grant for the new preschool. The City will be the pass through for those funds. This step requires opening a separate non-interest bearing checking account for the project. A motion is needed to create the account. Mo-Kan will be keeping track of all the records. The State said the preschool will not likely open until fall of 2019. Joy Thompson motioned to create a non-interest bearing account for the Savannah School's CDBG grant once grant administrator Mo-Kan Regional Council gives the go ahead to open one. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Candlelight Walk -- The Candlelight Walk is back on again this year. It sounds like it will be the same weekend as Andrew County Museum winter event the first of December. Kodi Moore, Andrew County Alliance is the contact. It does not look like they will need any streets closed.

Sidewalk Progress -- The phone company and the cable company were able to pull the pole on 10th and Price plus take of the utility wires on 9th and Price. They will continue working to finish the project. Pine Valley came and sprayed their fertilizer and grass seed next to the sidewalk.

Sidewalks on the Square – Director of Public Works Kenny Lance's street crew cut out and replaced the two bad spots of sidewalk on the Square in front of Dr. Buck's and the License Office. Next the same will be done to a small portion of sidewalk that has broken up in front of the Shelter Insurance Office at 5th and Main. There is a busted up piece of sidewalk at 3rd and Pearl that will be completed at same time since it requires a yard of concrete ordered anyway.

El Cimarron Corner -- Building Inspector Mike Malhiwsky has received information that water leaking into this building is now running into the building on its East side (Steve Stevenson's office). There are also some windows that are missing from the upstairs. Malhiwsky inspected what he could and sent a letter to the owner about the complaint and violations. The building will be posted as a Nuisance Property. City Attorney Emily Bauman will recommend higher fines. Don Dillman asked if a summons could be written every day and how many tickets would pile up before they do something about it. City Attorney Emily Bauman has been hired on civil matters like this before. She asked if the owners had been asked to sign the property over to the City. No one had. If it was signed it over, the City would have more options on taking care of the problem. City Administrator Bruce Lundy thought through the Brownfield program the City could possibly have any hazardous issues identified and cleaned up. He will follow up with the representative on the process. Don Dillman asked if the health department could do anything. Bauman described that to condemn a building it had to rise to a certain level. Bauman will contact the health department and see what they need before they would come in.

Sales Tax Increase -- Lundy offered a variety of suggestions of how to get the information out about the sales tax increase to citizens in as affordable way as possible. The pamphlets can be distributed in the Savannah Reporter newspaper for \$275. A banner could put up over Main Street. The City could do a bulk mailing of the pamphlets. An ad could be run in the Reporter. Joy Thompson had some of the cemetery employees ask why the cemetery wasn't on the list of items the sales tax would help. The Cemetery is a separate fund. Lundy had a couple of people come in and say an increase would be bad for the sales in the City. However, ½ cent will not

increase costs more than fuel to drive to another city. The other person said the economy should grow enough we should not have to increase sales tax and Savannah is too close to St. Joseph's shopping. John Parker asked to get a mailing list for registered voters in Savannah and mail out pamphlets and also put an ad in the newspaper. Don Dillman wondered if an ad should be put in the Reporter if columnist Guy Speckman was putting down the sales tax. Speckman had questioned what the tax was for since the ballot question was not detailed. John Parker motioned to approve the report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Attorney's Report – City Attorney Emily Bauman attended the Golf committee meeting. It was a good conversation on the rules that need added. She will create general rules that will apply to the parks memberships too. She has been working with Lundy on sewer release issues around town. The new Missouri Criminal Code update was re-written and will be effective January 2017. There will be an ordinance to adopt the changes. City Administrator Bruce Lundy and Chief of Police David Vincent are going to police training at MIRMA. MIRMA is recommending no police pursuit in most cases. Lundy described that makes it difficult because cars can be stolen with the criminals knowing there will be no pursuit. Council discussed concerns about the no pursuit policy. What happens if the City does not approve the policies? Don Dillman motioned to approve the report. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Duncan Hills Golf Course Rates-- John Parker had one question: how many people does a family golf membership cover before the \$50 dollars add on per person. Is it the same for corporate family membership? Parker would like the student rate added and a definition of what is family added to the top the ordinance to increase rates. Don Dillman motioned to approve going forward with an ordinance to increase the rates. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2016-27 Annexation of Knorr property was read for the first reading only.

Second Public Testimony: None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report – Mayor Connie George attended the Planning & Zoning and Golf Committee meetings as well as the Homecoming parade.

Council Members Discussion:

Joy Thompson received complaints regarding the parking at the funeral home the other night. Is there anything the city can do to help with parking when it overflows the parking lot and starts up the street? When the new street section goes up along 6th Street, it will help traffic. Chief Vincent reported that cars were parked all the way to 5th. The house next to the funeral home is empty. The funeral home is considering purchasing it. He gave them information on contractors who tear down houses. However the owners talked like it would be too expensive. She thanked everyone for the Homecoming parade. She asked when the next Park Board meeting was. It is tomorrow.

Don Dillman described the two lights out at Benton and 1st Streets. KCPL electricians Black and McDonnell had come out to work on the lights but they still are out. There is one light on the

west side and one on east side. Barry Robertson and Gene Sutton's apartments are the two locations. The electric company KCPL needs to be contacted again.

Grants – Chief Vincent reported they received notice that their grant was approved. City Administrator Bruce Lundy received notice that the City received MIRMA grants for several items: handi-clamp, police camera, city hall surveillance and gas sniffer. He came across FEMA national firefighter's assistance grant for firetruck funding and he will apply.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on a motion by Joy Thompson and seconded by Don Dillman. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk