

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 7, 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. 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 agenda was posted at City Hall November 3, 2016. The meeting was audio recorded.

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

Minutes – October 19, 2016 – Don Dillman motioned to approve the October 19, 2016 minutes. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carries on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony: None.

Jeff Arp, MIRMA – Arp presented the City with the Risk Management Awards. The risk program helps to offset the cost on safety equipment. City Administrator Bruce Lundy applied for 4 items. All were approved. Police car camera, Handi-Clamp, Gas Detector, and Security System City Hall equaled \$5298 total.

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

MIRMA Police Seminar - Chief Vincent and Lundy attended the MIRMA Police Seminar in Columbia on Monday November 7th. MIRMA is the City's loss prevention company. The one day seminar each year covers Police Issues. It started at 9 a.m. Depending on the time class is done and traffic, Vincent and Lundy may or may not make it back in time for this Council meeting. Topics this year were Emotional Support for Police Officers, Racial Profiling, and De-escalation of 21st Century Civil Disobedience. This was a POST Certified training so officers received 5 hours of required continuing education credits. One of the most interesting meetings had videos of what really happened at Ferguson and then what CNN reported. The seminar also dealt with officer wellness and ways to combat stress. In 2017 the laws changed increasing the required officer training hours to 24 hours every year.

Sidewalk Project – Hoggatt Construction reported that the sidewalk project is done. On Friday Morning at 9 a.m. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance and Lundy met with engineer Randy Mendenhall from Snyder & Associates, and a Hoggatt Construction employee to do the final walk-through of the project. A few places need cleaned up; cross walks need painted, and there is one old pole to be removed, but for the most part it is done. The sidewalks are complete.

Proposed Sales Tax Increase -- At the last meeting it was decided the City would mail out the Sales Tax Increase Information to the registered voters in Savannah. Lundy picked up the list of registered voters and found there to be 6,500 names on the list. Savannah's population is approximately 5,100. Letters were mailed out to the City's Utility Customers who have a Savannah address. This brought the number down to about 1,800. He also put an ad in the Savannah Reporter newspaper. Leslie Speckman was very helpful with that process. Lundy's

Mom pointed out that the sales tax at North Shoppes in St. Joe is higher than Savannah's even with increase. So he added that to the information handout.

Cemetery Good Work -- On October 27 Lundy received a call from Shelly from Omaha Nebraska that had recently buried her Aunt in the City Cemetery. They had a small grave side service. She called to say how impressed they were with the service provided by Cemetery employee, Davey Poland, and how well the Cemetery was maintained. He thanked her for her call; told Davey and thanked him for the job that he does.

Water Leaks -- This last weekend there were water leaks on Saturday afternoon near 6th and Duncan and on Sunday afternoon near 4th and Christy. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance was out of town but City employee Tim Spoonmore was able to find enough help who were able to come in to work on a moments notice. Lundy appreciated the employees and their dedication. It is great to know that when there is a job that has to be done they will be there.

Underwriters -- There were five proposals for the 2007 water bond refinancing underwriters which have been sent to the City's financial advisor Tionna Pooler for evaluation. It has been narrowed down to 2. Phone interviews were held with both of them a couple weeks ago. The City is waiting on some information from Standard and Poor's before Pooler talks about the best way to proceed with this refinancing.

Auction Results -- Jeff Pitman from West Central Auctions last week settled up on the sale that was just completed. The four acres at the old water plant sold for \$31,000. The 1998 Ford Taurus sold for \$720. The concrete saw sold for \$380. The Generator sold for \$320. The Concrete drop inlet sold for \$2. The concrete boxes did not get any bids but when the man came to pick up the concrete drop inlet he bought the other two boxes as well for \$5. Parks and the Water Departments have expressed interest in getting rid of some property as well. When Lundy has the complete list he will bring it so Council can declare the items as surplus and they be sold as well. Council will need to decide what to do with the property sale.

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

City Attorney's report -- City Attorney Emily Bauman had a few things. Lt. Josh Smith and Chief of Police David Vincent brought up concerns about parking on the Square. Drivers back into the parking spots, instead of pulling in, and it causes accidents when they pull out. There are exceptions when loading vehicles, etc. She is creating an ordinance to address the issue. The City will adopt an ordinance on the new state criminal code that takes effect January 2017. She is attending the Golf Committee on Thursday to go over disciplinary rules. John Parker motioned to approve the City Attorney's report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Resolution 2016-6 Change 2017 meetings due to holidays -- John Parker motioned to approve Resolution 2016-6. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2710

This ordinance approves the voluntary annexation of the Knorr property. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no 2710. Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2016-28 Election 2017 was read for the first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2711

This ordinance provides for the annual April election. Joy Thompson motioned to adopt ordinance no 2711. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2016-29 Sale of Surplus Old Water Plant Property was read for the first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2712

This ordinance approves the sale of the old water plant shelter 4 acres of property to Charles W. Potts. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no 2712. John Parker seconded. Vote: Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye. Motion carried.

Second Public Testimony: Mary Ingersoll, Executive Director Chamber of Commerce, described the Chamber meetings schedule and participation. The monthly meetings have changed. This month it will be the second Wednesday of the month. She has arranged for sponsors so attendees do not have to pay for lunch each month. It is part of the standing agenda to ask for a report from each organization. To sponsor a Chamber meal costs approximately \$350 based on 35 people. The fall festival went well. The Chamber will be holding it again next year along with Homecoming. December 5 there will be a Jingle Mingle social event at Jodi Nellesen’s office. Sunday December 11 is the Holiday Homes tour. December 14th is the Chamber lunch at LaVerna Village in the main dining area. Two big events are discussed for next year: art in the park event at Duncan Park and a craft beers tasting festival. She is attending the statewide carnival convention in January to see what is available to expand the county fair.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Connie George reminded everyone that Wednesday is the employee appreciation lunch at Clasbey, Noon. She also mentioned to not forget to vote tomorrow.

Council Members Discussion –

John Parker questioned any follow up from Deffenbaugh’s charges. City Attorney Emily Bauman spoke with Deffenbaugh’s. The issues on billings were clarified. There are not discrepancies in the billing. The City was told to disregard any explanations by John Blessing as not accurate.

Don Dillman had a few people ask about the sales tax on the ballot. They had not realized the City only received a small part of the total tax.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Don Dillman and seconded by Kenny Maxwell. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk