

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 21, 2016
PROCEEDINGS REGULAR SESSION
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Connie George presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present: Don Dillman, Kenny Maxwell, Joy Thompson and John Parker. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Clerk Beth Kar and Police Officer Matthew McMillen attended. Chief of Police David Vincent was absent. City Attorney Emily Bauman arrived a few minutes after roll call. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall November 18, 2016. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda – Joy Thompson motioned to remove the Police Chief’s report, add the officer resignation under the City Administrator’s report, and approve the agenda as amended. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Minutes – November 7, 2016 – Joy Thompson motioned to approve the November 7, 2016 minutes. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony – None.

Brothers Market – Request for Liquor License (old Applemarket store) – Matt Stockdale was present to request a liquor license that is the same as the previous store at that location. The store hopes to open the first part of December depending on when all of their state license applications are approved. This is their first store in Missouri; on applications like food stamps the state requires the store to provide a license in order to obtain a license. Don Dillman motioned to approve the liquor license request. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Treasurer’s Report – City Clerk Beth Kar provided a summary of the October financial reports. The Golf Course made its final debt payment early. It saved money but will make the fund tight until the weather improves and golfing season begins. John Parker motioned to hold off until March for any golf course administrative payments including monthly rent to the Clasbey Center and the administrative fee to the General Fund. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Don Dillman motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report and file for audit. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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

Resignation: Seth Allen, Police Officer – Don Dillman motioned to approve the resignation. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Fire Truck Grant -- Lundy completed the fire truck grant application. The truck the Fire Department hopes to buy is a \$667,000 Rosenbauer Viper Aerial with a 78 foot Smart aerial. Lundy heard that in the past these grant funds are typically awarded to larger full time fire departments but it was worth a try. This is a 5% cash match grant determined by population. The City’s portion if this project is federally funded would be about \$34,000.

Savannah Main Street -- This local organization has been voluntarily closed out. They donated their final funds \$4,266.11 to the City and requested that it be used to maintain the downtown clock and the three flower beds on the Square. He enclosed a copy of their letter in the Council packets. City Clerk Beth Kar and he thanked Gary Swanson and Twyla Barr for their efforts as part of the organization and the contribution to the City of Savannah. The City needs to create a new fund for this money and that requires a motion. Don Dillman motioned to create a new fund for the Main Street donation. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. John Parker asked about maintenance on the clock. It was fixed. He suggested the flower beds maintenance could be a Boy Scouts project.

Audit – The auditors at Clifton Larson spent the week at City Hall collecting the data they need to complete the City’s annual independent audit.

Park Board -- There was a Park Board meeting last Thursday evening. The Park Board is still officially short one member. Anyone interested in the position must live in Savannah and will need to fill out a short application at City Hall.

Golf Committee -- The Golf Committee had a meeting last Thursday November 10. Much of the meeting dealt with course rules and rates. An incident occurred last summer that Golf did not have the rules to deal with; it has been corrected. The board voted to raise golfing fees at their last meeting and was confronted about why rates were raised after the course paid off its debt. The rates had not been raised for years and they are still competitively priced with other courses in the area. Golf General Manager Mark Christopher and Lundy have talked about the course including updating equipment, some of the cart paths need replaced, plus a few pond walls and dams are washing away and need to be shored up. There is a lot of work to be done but the course looks great. The board also asked me to draft a letter to the Savannah High School and relay how well the relationship with the golf teams went this year and thank them for that and their cooperation.

Holiday Trash Schedule -- Trash and recycling pick up will be delayed one day for the Thanksgiving Holiday but will be picked up on the regular schedule for Christmas and New Year.

Water Plant-- Back in September the water plant got struck by lightning and a couple devices were destroyed by the surge. Those items have been replaced at a cost of \$5017. MIRMA, the City’s loss prevention company, has agreed to pay for the repairs minus a \$1000 deductible. With Council’s approval, the agreement will be signed and MIRMA will send the reimbursement check. We have also paid for the Siren parts and Outdoor warning and they will be coming in the near future to make the repairs.

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

City Attorney’s Report – City Attorney Emily Bauman reported the ordinance is on the agenda to adopt the new criminal code that will go into effect in January. The second ordinance addresses no backing into parking spaces on the Square; it was created at the request of the police officers. She looked at parking ordinances from other cities. Bauman is working on the sunshine law policy update ordinance. She is also finalizing the updates to golf disciplinary policy which will be a resolution. She will have a resolution to adopt on the meeting rules for Council meetings, also. Council discussed the backing-in policy. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the report. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2016-30 Update City Code on Criminal Offenses was read first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2713

This ordinance updates the City Code on Offenses to match the updated state regulations that go into effective January 1, 2017. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no 2713. John Parker seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2016-31 Adds a Section on Parking Downtown on the Square was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2714

This ordinance states no person, except fire and police personnel, shall park any vehicle on the city square by backing said vehicle into a parking space. John Parker motioned to amend the wording on the ordinance to include exceptions for any emergency personnel and approve ordinance no. 2714 as amended. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye. Motion carried. City Administrator Bruce Lundy suggested purchasing signs.

Lundy asked to go back to his report. MIRMA needed approval on the water plant settlement agreement. Don Dillman motioned to approve the settlement. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Second Public Testimony – None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Connie George reported there was a good turn-out for the employee dinner. She attended the Park Board meeting. She thanked the city crew for putting up the Christmas lights. She thanked Gary Swanson and Twyla Barr for the Main Street donation.

Council Members Discussion -- Joy Thompson mentioned that all the windows were broke out in the old Mexican restaurant on the Square. City Administrator Bruce Lundy reported that the Building Inspector Mike Malhiwsky sent out a certified letter, no one accepted it, and the letter came back. The City could have the sheriff’s service, knock on the door and serve notice. Council discussed the building. It has been declared a nuisance property; declaring it a condemned building is a different level. City Attorney Emily Bauman described the differences between nuisance and condemned buildings. The property has been up for sale at the courthouse twice. After the third time, the owner does not have the possibility to pay taxes and get it back..

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:40 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