

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 5, 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, John Parker, Joy Thompson, and Kenny Maxwell. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Clerk Beth Kar, City Attorney Emily Bauman and Lt Josh Smith were present. Chief of Police David Vincent was absent. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall May 2, 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 – November 21, 2016 – John Parker motioned to approve the November 21, 2016 minutes. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony: None.

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

New Police Officer -- Brandon Taylor was interviewed last week for the open Police Officer position. He graduates from the MWSU Police Academy this Friday. Taylor is highly recommended and at the top of his class. He is from Iowa and has been living in St Joseph while going to school. Taylor mentioned the intent to move to Savannah if hired. He was present at the Council meeting. Don Dillman motioned to hire Brandon Taylor as a police officer and John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

16th Street lift station -- The force main or the sewer pipe, that sewage is pumped from the 16th street lift station to a manhole in front of the pool, is in need of replacement. There have been several leaks; last week there were two. Lundy contacted Randy Mendenhall of Snyder & Associates who design projects like this one. The line is about 1800 feet long. The black dotted line on the map in the Council packets is where the current line runs; however there are water and gas lines in that area that will complicate things. Lundy will ask about the option to put in a line straight east from the lift station across 14th street to a manhole that is in the City Park. Original cost is estimated about \$20 per foot. However, if the line can go where there are no obstructions (across to the park), the cost could drop to \$12 to \$15 a foot. Estimated construction costs: \$27,000 at \$12 a foot, not including the engineering. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance suggested installing a slow start on the pump, also. The pipe is older and may be brittle. When the lift station pump kicks on, the added pressure could be why the pipe is bursting. A slow start could be put in first to help slow down any deterioration of the pipe. Joy Thompson asked if the sewer fund had the money. The project is not in the budget but the Wastewater fund has optional items listed that can be delayed if needed. Joy Thompson motioned to proceed with the next steps of the project: speaking to the engineer and putting the project out for bid. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

6th Street Project -- He finally received word from MO-Dot that the City has received permission to proceed with the Right of Way acquisition for the 6th project. The Right of Way is

the house and part of the lot at 406 South 6th street where the sharp corner will be adjusted. This approximately \$770,000 project is funded by federal grant money; the City's portion will be about \$150,000. When the project is complete, 6th Street from Price south to DD Hwy will be widened with curbs and storm inlets with new sidewalks on both sides of the road. Construction is expected to begin next summer. Jim Jones' appraisal of the property was \$36,000. The project also needs a MO-Dot review appraisal which will be completed shortly.

City Hall -- City Hall's front entrance needs repair. The arch over the front door is metal and deteriorating with holes in it. Next spring he would like a bid to have the metal removed and replaced with stucco. It would likely be a pretty inexpensive fix and will look better. He recommended Council take a look at it next time they are at City Hall. He talked to a local contractor Alan Barr who also thought replacing it with stucco would fix it and be inexpensive.

Clasbey Center – Clasbey needs some work. The floors are in dire need of waxing but the only bid he was able to get was \$1400. He spoke to Harold Morgan who said he would strip and wax the floors for \$10.00 per hour at approximately 10 hours, if we supply all the material and machines. Lundy thought the work was worth more than that. The Clasbey Center is not a money maker but it is an important part of the City/Community. In the past it was mentioned we need to remodel the bathrooms which only have one stall in each room. The Clasbey fund will never be able to afford that type of project. He asked Council's thoughts on using the money from the old water plant property sale to make these improvements. Remodeling the Clasbey would include a new sink and counter top in the Kitchen in addition to the bathrooms being enlarged to accommodate more than one person at a time. Next would be an evaluation of the chairs and table inventory. He thought this type of investment might increase the number of Clasbey room renters. His guestimate is \$20,000 to renovate the bathrooms. Regardless of the renovations, Morgan will wax the floors. John Parker asked about adding a bathroom to the exterior of the Clasbey Center. Lundy thought that could be a cheaper solution since we do not know where the lines are. Joy Thompson asked about the rental rates and if they should they be increased. Police Administrative Clerk Minde Dreher was present and was asked the rental rates. Thompson suggested if money is put into the building, rates may need to be raised.

File for Office – April 4, 2017 is the annual City election. Up for election will be: Mayor and an Alderman from the East ward and the West ward in April. The first day to sign up to run for one of those positions is December 13th. Lundy included the qualifications for Mayor and Aldermen in his report.

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

City Attorney's report -- City Attorney Emily Bauman researched on whether or not water property funds have to be used for water or can be used for other items. The water fund is an enterprise fund because it is a utility fund. As long as all of the budgeted expenses for that utility such as water are covered for the year, then excess funds can be used to pay for other projects. One possibility is to improve an asset like the Clasbey Center. She is still waiting for response back from auditor Harold Ray to confirm. Joy Thompson mentioned she hated to spend money someplace else and then raise water rates. Bauman explained that \$30,000 compared to the money that would affect rates is a tiny amount compared to the water revenues. City Administrator Bruce Lundy mentioned attending bridal shows to try and increase rentals. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the City Attorney's report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2016-32 Amending Golf Course Rates was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2715

The rates were created by the Golf Committee and will help offset maintenance issues at the course. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no 2715. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Second Public Testimony: None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report – Mayor Connie George reported no board meetings since the last Council meeting.

Council Members Discussion – John Parker asked about the minimum age for running for the office of Alderman. The state minimum is 18 years old; the City's minimum is age 21 years. Parker stated he was approached by a few people who wanted to run who were younger than 21. City Administrator Bruce Lundy asked who. Parker mentioned his grandson. Don Dillman asked about residency requirements and what about students living on a college campus? City Attorney Emily Bauman described that case law may address residency requirements including for students. His grandson asked Parker why if he was old enough to vote, why couldn't he run for office? He has since decided he was not interested because he wants to be a City employee, pool lifeguard. Lundy thought 21 years minimum was appropriate because officials need education. Don Dillman asked about finding out the minimum for other cities. City Clerk Beth Kar will send the question on to the Clerks email group.

Parker's other concern was the sales tax that did not pass on the November ballot. He would like to see it added to the next election. He also asked about an update on North Andrew's request to use Duncan Park fields for its baseball. The concerns are that in order to make it regulation play, the field size would need increased as well as other added expenses. The option was suggested to see if North Andrew could use the high school field after Savannah's teams are finished. It is a regulation field. John motioned to accept the results of the November election on City sales tax. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. John Parker motioned to add the sales tax increase to the April election ballot. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. An ordinance will be created. Lundy suggested calling the ½ cent sales tax increase a public safety tax since it would be potentially benefiting the police and fire departments.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by John Parker and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk