

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 19, 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 Clerk Beth Kar and Chief of Police David Vincent were also present. City Attorney Emily Bauman was absent due to a death in the family. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall December 16, 2016. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda – Don Dillman motioned to amend the agenda and remove the City Attorney’s report and approve the agenda as amended. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Minutes – December 5, 2016 – Joy Thompson motioned to approve the December 5, 2016 minutes. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motioned carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony --None.

Police Chief’s Report – Chief of Police David Vincent reported that the officers helped county officers and school during the bad weather on Friday. He thanked Director of Public Works Kenny Lance and his crew for pre-treating the roads so they were less slick than other cities. He thanked Council for approving new officer Brandon Taylor who has been working out well. Two weeks ago Vincent attended the police chief’s conference. At the conference police training hours were discussed. The state has changed the requirement from 48 credit hours every three years to 24 hours every year. Virtual training is available online which allows for up to 22 hours per officer for \$80 per officer annually. The training would include reserve officers too. The training hours have to be POST approved; the online classes are approved. John Parker asked if the department had used the reserve ambulance or Hummer yet for bad weather or other occasions. They had not. John Parker motioned to approve the Chief’s report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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

Great Northwest Days – The Great Northwest Days event is when representatives from Northwest Missouri go the Jefferson City and meet with the lawmakers to discuss what is important. There are round table discussions about the hot topics, Capital and mansion tours, and a banquet that a large number of lawmakers attend. These additional opportunities are a chance to get to know officials and share what important is happening in the Northwest part of Missouri. This year the event is planned on January 31 and Feb 1st. It will be at the Capital Plaza Hotel.

Northwest MO Enterprise Facilitation Annual Celebration -- January 19th at 6:30 p.m. is the annual event that takes place at the Sisters of St Francis Mother Pia Ministry Center. There were several from the City that attended last year. Northwest has extended the invitation again. It is a catered meal and an opportunity to hear about everything that the NWMO Enterprise Facilitation has going on and what they have done for the community.

Leadership Savannah -- The 2017 Class is forming. He requested to register Utility Clerk Valorie Bush and Zoning Inspector Mike Malhiwsky. This is a great class that allows the

opportunity to get to know other leaders from the community and to build leadership skills. Last year City Attorney Emily Bauman, Deputy City Clerk Brooke Bell, and Lundy were in the 2016 Class and felt it was very beneficial. If anyone from Council would like to attend he can get them signed up as well. Lundy received word the class is full and the City's two have been added to next year's roster.

MML & Age for Alderman -- After the last meeting City Clerk Beth Kar emailed the City Clerks group to poll cities on their minimum age to run for Council. The majority of responses had 21 years of age. However, Stuart Haynes from Missouri Municipal League responded that the state law recently changed to 18 years of age and everyone is required to follow that same law. Only one of the responses had an Alderman that was under 21 and he was 20. It is Lundy's opinion that when this change is made to Savannah's code, the City should include that newly elected officials be required to attend a Missouri Municipal League Newly elected officials training. The two day class teaches about conducting City business, budgeting, sunshine law, zoning, and other issues. The next conference is June 8th and 9th in Columbia.

MO-Dot & City Sewer -- Mo-Dot contacted the City awhile back about hooking their maintenance building north of town to the City's sewer system. It appears they will have to run a line south along the highway to a main near the old Kitchen location. More information was included in the Council packets. Wastewater Superintendent Jason Long did not expect an issue except that actual bathroom sewage will run half mile or so to a manhole so will sit in the line and creates BOD. When it gets strong, this causes the plant to work harder. The City has other sewer customers that the Rural Water sends usage number and the customers are billed for their sewer based on the water usage. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance mentioned the maintenance building is already on city water. The line they put in to the manhole is their responsibility. The manhole is on 71 by the old Kitchen restaurant.

6th Street Project -- The Appraisal is finished. The Review Appraisal is completed and it approved the original appraisal valuing the property at \$36,000. The surveyor has created the legal description of the temporary and permanent easements. The City is almost ready to acquire the right of way for the project. A meeting is scheduled with the property owner, Vickie Saxton on Tuesday. When this is complete the City will be able to tear the house down and have the trees removed on the corner as well. This will increase visibility and make that a safer corner until construction begins.

TIF Discussion -- Lundy thought a decision needed made on Michael Puckett's TIF request. The developer has not been to the Planning and Zoning Meetings for months. It would be best for the current Council, who had knowledge of the proposal, to vote on the request before any changes that may occur following April's election. He thought City Attorney Emily Bauman's advice was needed. In her absence, the topic will move to the next Council meeting.

From the City Code -- With Public Works Director Kenny Lance retiring in May, he looked at that position listed in the code. Lundy found text that needs updated in the section under duties for Director of Public Works: 115.320. The duties listed include: "to inspect plumbing, fixtures and meters on the premises of consumers when he/she has cause to believe the same defective, and to take proper steps to have defects corrected; to inspect meters upon proper application of consumers and supervise tapplings." The City does not inspect private property like sinks, faucets, toilets and drains -- only the meters and connections. The Code needs updated by removing the section on plumbing and fixtures on the consumer's premises. Don Dillman asked if the whole section could be removed. Lundy will look at the other Code where the Director of Public Works is mentioned to see if the duties are mentioned there, making this part unnecessary.

John Parker temporarily left the meeting.

Joy Thompson asked about the flyer requesting advertising in the new Chamber of Commerce visitor's guide. Would it be possible to advertise for the Clasbey Community Center rentals and the City's Golf Course? January 16th is the deadline. John Parker suggested splitting between Parks, Golf, Clasbey and any other different groups. Don Dillman recommended touching base with the different departments and paying to have front or back cover.

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

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2016-33 Purchase Right of Way 6th Street Project was for read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2716

This ordinance approves the purchase of a portion of Vickie Saxton's property, 406 South 6th Street, for the 6th Street Project. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no 2716. 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 that with the holidays not much was going on.

Council Members Discussion – Joy Thompson asked would not it be easier to clear the roads in bad weather like last Friday if the cars around the Square were moved. She mentioned snow in front of Donnie's barber shop on Main Street. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance described it was not the snow fall this past time, it was the wind. Chief of Police David Vincent reminded everyone that the City code does not say vehicles should be removed for freezing rain; the Code lists two or more inches of snow. The accumulation happened Friday afternoon when it would have been difficult to get owners to move their cars. Thompson mentioned she had fallen by the church. Lance described how with ice they would have to have put it down early. The crew put down extra melt but what hurt was the low temperatures. The temperatures have to be above twenty degrees to melt ice, plus there needs to be traffic.

John Parker reported that he attended the monthly Chamber of Commerce lunch.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:34 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