

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2017
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 notice was posted at City Hall December 29, 2016. The meeting was audio recorded.

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

Minutes – December 19, 2016 – Don Dillman motioned to approve the December 19, 2016 minutes as presented. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony -- Lynn Grabill described the recent water leak. He realized he was without water and got ahold of Director of Public Works Kenny Lance who was already working on the leak. Grabill was pleased how it turned out and appreciated Lance answering his questions. Grabill saw Chief of Police David Vincent help by opening up the fire hydrant. He commented he didn't realize that was in Vincent's job description. Vincent replied he had no job description. Employees do what needs to be done. Grabill was grateful and thought things like that should be more appreciated. Grabill did suggest that there should be published an emergency phone number where to call on after business hours, weekends and holidays. Joy Thompson suggested calling the dispatcher at the Sheriff's department for emergencies so the appropriate City employee could be contacted.

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

Great Northwest Days -- Great Northwest Days will be January 31 and February 1st. Representatives from Northwest Missouri go to Jefferson City and meet with the state lawmakers and discuss what is important. There are round table discussions about hot topics, Capital and mansion tours, and a banquet of lawmakers. It is a great opportunity to get to know the lawmakers and relay what is happening in this part of the state.

Northwest MO Enterprise Facilitation Annual Celebration -- January 19th, 6:30 p.m., Sisters of St Francis Mother Pia Ministry Center. Several City officials attended last year. The invitation was extended again. The annual event includes a catered meal and an opportunity to hear about NWMO Enterprise Facilitation activities in the community.

6th Street Project --The agreement has been signed with owner Vickie Saxton, \$36,000, matching the appraisal amount. The City now owns the house. The calls have been made to disconnect the power and gas. Director of Public Works Kenny Lance and his crew will be doing the tear down and disposal of the house as weather permits. Acquiring this right of way was the last process before the project can go out to bid. The construction is expected to begin about the time School lets out for summer break 2017. This project is designed to rebuild Sixth Street from Price South to State Route T. The road will be widened, with curbs, storm inlets and sidewalks.

It is an approximately \$770,000 project funded by grant funds; the City's 20% portion is expected to be approximately \$154,000.

Chamber Of Commerce 70th Banquet -- Ol' MacDonalds Farm, Friday February 3rd. Social hour will be at 5 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required. The City has the opportunity to be a sponsor again this year. The upcoming Chamber general meeting is at Noon, Wednesday Jan 11th at the Andrew County Ambulance Office.

Water Main Break -- Lance and his crew worked pretty much all day Monday on the holiday fixing water main breaks: first at E Hwy near Dogwood Street and later one on County Road 427 near the City Lake. Lundy commented that he greatly appreciates "that is a great group of guys that are willing to drop what they are doing even on their holiday and come to work to take care of business." He offered a big thank you to the crew.

Run for Office -- The last day to sign up to run for office is January 17th. The April election is for Mayor, an East Ward and a West Ward Alderman.

Chamber banquet sponsorships -- John Parker motioned to do the platinum sponsorship and Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

7:08 p.m. --The Clasbey Community Center temporarily lost power. It came back on after a very short time.

John Parker asked if any items at the 6th Street house were salvageable. Kenny Lance thought there might be a few items like the air conditioner and hot water heater. Anything of value, his crew will set aside and the City will hold an auction at a later

TIF -- Lundy wanted to put the TIF development proposal to be decided while the current Council is still in office, the people who have attended all of the meetings related to it. The developer, Michael Puckett, has not been to any more Planning & Zoning meetings. The last update was that he asked if he could put in storage sheds, but the property is not zoned for that usage. City Attorney Emily Bauman said to put the ordinance back on the agenda because it has only had a first reading. There needs to be a second reading and vote. Bauman can call Nancy, the attorney and let the developer know it will be on the next agenda.

Mexican restaurant on Main and 5th Street -- The owner spoke with Lundy on the telephone. The City will meet with her and look into acquiring the business and make repairs to protect the integrity/ structure of the Square. She asked about the possibility of donating it to the city. Don Dillman asked if there would be any grants or funding available through Mo-Kan. An estimate will be obtained on repairing the roof before the City gets involved.

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

City Attorney's report -- City Attorney Emily Bauman reported that the two issues she planned to address, TIF and Mexican restaurant were both already covered in the City Administrator's report. Two of the trailers are gone behind Arbor and Williams. Bauman has been working on the other trailer issue. She thanked the City for their support and care in the last few weeks. John Parker motioned to approve the City Attorney's report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Second Public Testimony: Ethan Herbek, 1209 S. Arbor, wants to have a streetlight added to his corner, Arbor and Fox Den. There is a streetlight at the other intersection. The City will start the process to add a light. Chief of Police David Vincent reported that at Duncan Park by the volleyball courts there is a street light that is out. Herbek also reported that the stop sign at Fox Den and Arbor was down.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report -- Mayor Connie reported she appreciated Grabill coming and she also thanked employees for fixing the leaks on their day off.

Council Members Discussion -- Joy Thompson commented there still seemed to be problems with Deffenbaugh not picking up well. City Administrator Bruce Lundy had not had as many complaints. Lynn Grabill commented that Deffenbaugh varies the pickup time on trash. It used to be picked up around the same time each week.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:30 pm. 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