

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 17, 2017
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 and Joy Thompson. Kenny Maxwell was absent. 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 January 13, 2017. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda – City Attorney Emily Bauman explained that the attorney Nancy Blake said the developer had withdrawn its application for the TIF project proposal. They may revise the TIF application and resubmit it at a later date. There is no ordinance to vote on because they removed the application. Joy Thompson requested the withdrawal be in writing. Don Dillman motioned remove from the agenda TIF Bill 2016-7. Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: 2 yes; 1 no: Parker. Motion carried.

Minutes – January 3, 2017 -- John Parker motioned to approve the January 3, 2017 minutes. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Public – **Public Testimony:** None.

Police Chief's Report – Chief of Police David Vincent reported it was business as usual. The new officer, Brandon Taylor, is sharp and energetic. John Parker motioned to accept the Police Chief's report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

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

Great Northwest Days -- Great Northwest Days is when representatives from Northwest Missouri go the Jefferson City and meet with the lawmakers and discuss what is important. There are round table discussions about the hot topics, Capital and mansion tours, and additional opportunities to share what is happening in this part of the state. This year the event is planned on January 31 and Feb 1st, Capital Plaza Hotel.

Northwest MO Enterprise Facilitation – The Annual Celebration is January 19th at 6:30 p.m. The event takes place at the Sisters of St Francis Mother Pia Ministry Center. There is a catered meal and an opportunity to hear about everything that the Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation organization does in the community.

Chamber Of Commerce 70th Banquet -- Friday February 3rd, Ol' MacDonalds Farm. Social hour will be at 5 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Mary Ingersoll from the Chamber of Commerce attended a Council Meeting previously and extended an invitation to this banquet and to their General meetings.

Storm Siren Repair -- The Storm Siren Company made repairs last week. They installed the ground rods in all of the sites bringing the grounding system into manufacturer's specifications.

The Minnie Cline Elementary siren has been repaired and is working. The electronics were fixed but it was only the top speaker that was damaged. Since not all the parts ordered were needed, the City will receive a small refund. The siren test after the repair worked well. John Parker asked about setting up a regular sirens schedule with the Sheriff's department.

CPR Training -- MIRMA requires that City employees maintain CPR Certification. He scheduled training with the Andrew County Ambulance on January 25th.

City Hall Surveillance System -- MIRMA awarded the City grant funds to purchase a Surveillance system for City Hall. It has been purchased, installed, and is fully functioning. Six cameras are inside the building that record video and audio. Cameras will likely be put on the exterior of the building in the spring.

Council Appointments -- The University of Missouri Extension Council contacted the Mayor and Lundy. The Council requested that the City have a representative attend their meetings. Meetings are one Thursday evening a month at 6:00 p.m. in the Jury room upstairs at the Andrew County Courthouse. Region D also notified the City there is a seat open for a Savannah representative and they would like someone to attend those meetings as well. Region D meetings are one Thursday evening a month at 6:30 p.m. in Clarksdale. Joy Thompson said she had been the representative but could not attend the Extension meetings because of a conflict with a job but she no longer has that job. Don Dillman would look into riding with Andrew County representative Bob Caldwell to the Region D meetings.

Missouri Municipal League (MML) Settlement – The City received a letter from the Missouri Municipal League regarding the class action suit against TracFone. MML's legal counsel helped secure cities past taxes. Savannah is expected to receive \$9,384. MML also blocked the passage of two telecom industry house bills. They are asking municipalities to assign 5% of the settlement back to MML for their costs of this process. He included that letter in Council packets. Don Dillman motioned to approve the 5% to MML and John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

New Fire Chief -- The Savannah Rural Fire Department has appointed Brian Roarty the new Savannah Rural Fire Department Chief. A motion is required to accept his appointment as the City's Fire Chief as well. Chief of Police/Assistant Fire Chief David Vincent did a great job filling in while they searched for a Chief after Tommy George retired. It was a lot of responsibility to take on. Roarty was present at the Council meeting. Council questioned Roarty. Joy Thompson asked clarification on the fire department. She wanted to make sure Vincent would retain a position in the fire department. The city and rural departments share a fire chief and an assistant chief. The city owns its own equipment. Vincent has been the interim chief since Tommy George retired. Per the agreement, the rural picks the fire chief and the city picks the assistant chief. John Parker asked what the delay in appointment was from when George left was. It was the Rural Board's decision. He has been a full time firefighter for 11 years and completed Hillyard's firefighters program. Don Dillman motioned to appointment Brian Roarty as the City's Fire Chief and continue Dave Vincent as Assistant Fire Chief. Joy Thompson seconded. Motioned carried on 3 yes votes.

Tree City USA -- Lundy completed the application process for Tree City USA. This will be the 19th year designated as a Tree City. The award correlates with the Trim Grant the City has received in the past. It is a lengthy application he will work on again this year. The Tree City USA program provides direction, assistance and national recognition for the community. It is the framework for a healthy, sustainable urban forestry program in your town. And the benefits are substantial.

Joy Thompson asked about the progress on the sewer issue off of 15th street. Lundy spoke with the engineer who is still working with surveyors to look at the properties.

Don Dillman motioned to approve the City Administrator's report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

City Attorney's Report – City Attorney Emily Bauman reported she prepared the two ordinances for the meeting. She updated the language a little from last time the sales tax was on the ballot. She has a few issues she is researching. Bauman is working on the documentation on the former Mexican restaurant building on corner of 5th and Main. She has a jury trial next week. John Parker asked about the TIF ordinance and why it would be important to not vote on it. Bauman explained that the City has no authority if an application is withdrawn. There is nothing left to vote on. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2017-1– Sales Tax on April Ballot was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2717

This ordinance places ½ cent sales tax on the April 2017 ballot. John Parker motioned to adopt ordinance no 2717. Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried. Don Dillman suggested having a public meeting to answer questions. City Administrator Bruce Lundy suggested having it the second meeting in March.

Second Public Testimony: None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report – Mayor Connie George reported there had been no new meetings. She appreciated all the work the employees did.

Council Members Discussion -- Joy Thompson thanked the street crew for filling in the hole at T Hwy and 6th street. John Parker thanked the employees stepping up when called on. Joy Thompson asked who had filed for the April election since the last meeting. Nick Sheppard and Shawn Shuster filed earlier this day.

Joy Thompson motioned to go into Closed Session for personnel 610.021 (3). John Parker seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Personnel 610.021 (3) – No motions were made in Closed Session.

John Parker motioned to go back into Open Session. Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Maxwell: absent. Motion carried.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:01 p.m. on a motion by Joy Thompson and seconded by John Parker. Motion carried on 3 yes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Beth Kar, City Clerk