

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 6, 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, Kenny Maxwell, Joy Thompson and John Parker. 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 February 3, 2017. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda – Don Dillman motioned to approve the agenda as posted. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Minutes – January 17, 2017 – John Parker motioned to approve January 17, 2017 minutes. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony: Nick Sheppard was present. He is running unopposed on the West Ward in the April election. Sheppard provided a brief history of his Andrew County/Savannah connections as a resident and alum of North Andrew. After a few years living away, he returned to the area and now wants to contribute to the community.

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

Great Northwest Days – It was a successful event with over 300 attendees from the Capital. There was time to speak with and express concerns about what is happening in Northwest Missouri. Lundy included a description of the Legislative Priorities that need support.

MIRMA -- Jeff Arp from the City’s insurance carrier, MIRMA, will be in town this Friday to do the annual evaluation and inspection. He will meet with all department heads and tour the City to look over its properties.

Refinancing Bonds – He and City Clerk Beth Kar had phone meetings with Tionna Pooler, the City’s financial advisor. Ameritas Investment Corp of Kansas City was selected as the underwriter for the Series 2017 Combined Waterworks/Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bonds - Outstanding Bond Debt Service. There will be more information in the future and we hope to close the sale in April.

Audit -- Representatives from Clifton Larson will be at the March 6th Council Meeting to go over the annual Audit.

Council Meeting -- The next meeting will be Tuesday the 21st of February due to Presidents day.

Cemetery regulations – The Code needs changed in reference to Cemetery plots. In the code it needs added that single plots can only be purchased at the time of need and not for pre-arrangements. Council discussed the procedure on single plots and pre-planning. There are no

deeds currently on single plots. Deeds are for double or greater spots. The question also arose about establishing a maximum number of cremains on a space. City Attorney Emily Bauman will research the issue and create an ordinance on the new regulations.

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

City Attorney's report -- City Attorney Emily Bauman reported that municipal court was on Wednesday. It tends to be a slower time of year. She prepared the final revisions to the golf rules and regulations. The document will go before the Golf Committee and then will come before Council. She will also have a resolution to adopt rules of conduct for meetings. She will have the updated ordinance to match the state's minimum age requirement for Aldermen. John Parker motioned to approve the City Attorney's report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Administrator Bruce Lundy added that the annual Ride for Ryan event had a request. This will be the last year for the event and there are some proposed changes. They would like the City to close part of the Square the first Saturday in June for the event. They talked to the Pizza Shoppe about the restaurant getting permits to sell alcohol at the event. Lundy had reservations especially since the stop is not the last one on the ride's route. Should there be alcohol sales allowed for motorcycle riders to drink beer and then continue on their route? Lundy wants to research the details more. Nick Sheppard said he had ridden before and normally the riders don't really drink until the last stop.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Resolution 2017-1 Confirming Updated Amount Landfill Contract of Obligation – Department of Natural Resources asked the City to update the resolution regarding the obligation to set aside money for the closure of the old landfill. Don Dillman motioned to approve Resolution 2017-1. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2017-2 Agreement with Ameritas as Underwriters was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2718

This ordinance approves the agreement with Ameritas as underwriters. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no 2718. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Second Public Testimony -- Cliff Carter, East Pearl Street, reported that the street intersection at Arbor and Pearl Streets is rough. He asked for someone to take a look at it. He thanked Council that Main Street looks much better without the trash cans on it since Deffenbaugh switched to picking up trash in the back.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report – Mayor Connie George stated she attended the Andrew County 4-H meeting. They will be putting up a building for meetings and will rent it out.

Council Members Discussion – Joy Thompson attended the Missouri Extension Council. She noticed that the Chamber of Commerce mentioned a beer event listed at Duncan Park. She

thought alcohol was not allowed there. Alcohol is not allowed on the fields. The event has not been confirmed. The Chamber is still working on it. She reported that at 9th Street Terrace and Benton, the street is breaking apart at the corner. City Administrator Bruce Lundy noticed it and thought the City may have to tube the corners and fill it in. Thompson commented that there was trash in the alleyway by the health department. Lundy had sent the owner a letter and a text. The owner complained other people were using it for a dumpster. The elderly resident at 508 W. Hwy 71 is having problems with her trash not getting picked up. Deffenbaugh does have provisions that residents can have pick up in their driveway if they fill out a document.

Kenny Maxwell had a question about his neighbor across the street that put a driveway in the yard that crosses over the sidewalk. Did it need to be asphalted and can it cover the sidewalk? If it had never been asphalted before, the zoning code requires concrete has to be put in the driveway.

Joy Thompson asked if the large pile of dirt at 14th and Chestnut was part of a sewer problem. No, the owner is doing foundation work on the home.

Don Dillman attended the Mo-Kan Council meeting. The highway department was there and mentioned upcoming projects in spring and summer. City Administrator Bruce Lundy reported that repaving Business 71 clear to the interstate was mentioned at the last MPO meeting. It would help to have a central turn lane on Main street North to 3rd or 4th or farther.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m. on a motion by John Parker and seconded by Kenny Maxwell. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk