

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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 Clerk Beth Kar, Chief of Police David Vincent and City Attorney Emily Bauman were also present. The meeting agenda was posted February 16, 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 – February 6, 2017** – John Parker motioned to approve the February 6, 2017 minutes. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Testimony** -- None.

**Police Chief's Report** – Chief of Police David Vincent reported that Officer Glidden submitted his resignation effective March 15. Sgt. Daniel Zeigler was injured on duty chasing a suspect. Lt Josh Smith found narcotics on subject who took off running. Zeigler tore ligaments in his leg. He will be okay with physical therapy. Bullet proof vests were ordered with expected 4 to 5 weeks delivery. The department is again participating in the annual youth seat belt grant as well as the DWI Enforcement grant in March. Don Dillman motioned to approve the Chief's report. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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

**Computer Glitch** - Last week there was a computer problem with the auto-deposit of payroll. City Hall was able to provide paper checks instead to avoid possible issues that could arise.

**Sister Christine** - Sister Christine Martin contacted him last week with a request to help with the La Verna's shortage of parking at their Center on Franciscan Way I on South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The paved road ends at their entrance. The Sisters asked if they could put gravel on the site of the planned road that is not being used to create more parking. He provided a picture of the area. He explained that he would ask Council and if approved it would be temporary until the road was completed on the south down to Swenson. She understood and was fine with that option. Don Dillman motioned to approve the request and John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. City Attorney Emily Bauman will create a resolution to approve the request since it is temporary.

**Clearwell Cleaning** – Water Superintendent Jason Mercer submitted a couple of bids he received to clean the clearwells at the water plant. He only knows of two companies that provide this type of service. The low bid was only \$2875 which is under the City's bid maximum so Lundy was able to approve it without bidding it out. He signed the bid and faxed it off to Inland Potable Services to get on their schedule. The City has two clearwells: one is an 80 ft. diameter tank that is 13 feet deep and the second is 12 ft. wide x 30 ft. long and 10 feet deep. This company has scuba divers that go into the wells to perform cleaning and inspections.

**MIRMA Inspection and Evaluation** - Jeff Arp was in town last week and did the City's annual inspection. The City scored a 93% again this year. This score is high enough to receive credits that will reduce the annual bill. Arp looks at vehicle maintenance records and building inspection records. He inspects the City's properties in an attempt to reduce accidents and liability.

**Light and Power** - KCP&L is replacing a pole and transformer in the alley behind City Hall on Sunday Feb 19th. They say the power could be off for as long as six hours for this block of Court Street.

**16th Street Force Main Replacement** -The surveying and design of the wastewater force Main on 16th Street has been approved and will begin soon. Lundy sent letters to residents in that area to make them aware of the project. Jason Long has expressed the need to have a new basin dug there as well. He said the current pump is still good and can stay but the new deeper basin would be beneficial. There is a lift station there. There was an issue in the tank so when it was repaired it went from 6 foot to a 3 foot depth. The pump runs more because the well is not as deep as it was. The pump is still good so can be transferred over to new 6 foot well.

**Wastewater plant** – Wastewater Superintendent Jason Long reported to him that a blower on the waste digester that has quit. This blower is vital to the wastewater treatment process. Long was able to locate one at a supplier in Kansas City at a cost of \$7600. This was an emergency purchase that was delivered Thursday and they are installing it themselves. Of course this emergency was not in the budget so it will have to be amended. The old blower is 13 years old.

**Waste Management** -- Deffenbaugh has contacted the City about extending their contract. Lundy attached a copy of their proposal. They say recycling is down and reducing recycling to every other week would help cut costs. If the City wants to extend its contract next year and reduce recycling to every other week the rate proposed is \$14.85 per household. If the City wants to extend their contract and keep recycling every week the rate jumps to about \$17.20 per customer per month. He also asked about the new totes: do they belong to Deffenbaugh? The totes belong to Deffenbaugh. If the City changes companies they will have to pick up the totes.

**Amazon & Use Tax** -- Lundy received verification that the website store Amazon will be collecting taxes on online sales. He included a copy of that report from MML. This document says tax will be collected for local jurisdictions that have adopted a use tax. A use tax would have to be approved by the voters but this would definitely help revenues. Andrew County does have a use tax so residents that live in Savannah will be paying a use tax of 5.925% to Andrew County and Missouri on purchases made on Amazon.

**Burn Ban On** – Wednesday, February 15th Mayor Connie George with the advice of the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief enacted a Burn Ban in the City of Savannah. The ban will be active until a suitable amount of precipitation is received.

**Code** – Included 210.2300, the section on Burn Ban. The only thing that can be burned is yard waste from 6 to 6 and not allowed to burn in the street.

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

**City Attorney's Report** -- City Attorney Emily Bauman reported she is working on a few more ordinances. She wrote the two on this agenda. She is updating the code on single lots for cemetery and has been researching regulations on cremains in Missouri. There aren't many

regulations on ashes. Full plots can have up to 2 burials and could accommodate up to 4 urns. She thought the City should issue deeds for single lots in addition to the double lots it currently provides deeds for. A statute would provide that deeds should be issued for all cemetery plots. She will have a sunshine law policy resolution too. The Chamber rules will be on the next agenda. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the City Attorney's report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Trash Contract and Sisters Request for Gravel were both already discussed earlier in the agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Resolution 2017-2 Street Light Requests: Aspen and Arbor – City Administrator Bruce Lundy had a person on Aspen, also, request a streetlight so he combined that with the request for a light on Arbor. John Parker motioned to approve Resolution 2017-2. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Bill 2017-3 Lowering Minimum Age for Alderman was read for first and second readings.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2719**

This ordinance matches the City Code to the state regulations on minimum age of Aldermen. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no 2719. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2017-4 Vacation and Comp Policy was read for first and second readings.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2720**

This ordinance allows employees to buy back 40 hours vacation and/or compensatory time earned. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no 2720. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Vote: Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye. Motion carried.

**Second Public Testimony** -- Brittany Glise requested a letter of recommendation on Paul Sanchez's behalf. Sanchez is the local business owner of Senior Barrigas restaurant and was deported.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION**

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Connie George reported City Clerk Beth Kar, Alderman Don Dillman, and she attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting. She also attended the Park board meeting. 150 kids signed up for soccer.

**Council Members Discussion**

Joy Thompson reported the Parks department was trying to get Duncan Park ready for North Andrew School. She went through city code and asked for legal opinion regarding if alcohol was allowed in the parks. The Chamber of Commerce is looking at holding an event at Duncan Park. She asked the City Attorney Emily Bauman to review the City Code on the issue as well as any permits required. Could the event be held on the Square or another location? Bauman will research it.

**Adjournment**

No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Joy Thompson and seconded by Kenny Maxwell. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Kar, City Clerk