

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 20, 2017
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:30 P.M.**

Purpose: Proposed Sales Tax

City Administrator Bruce Lundy explained what the proposed ½ cent sales tax would supplement in the General Fund including police, fire, city hall, and other functions. From the public, Tommy George replied that people did not understand why the City wanted sales tax. Rob Elam suggested finding a medium to talk to people like at the Senior Center. Council discussed the challenges to get the information out to the voters. City Attorney Emily Bauman agreed there were only so many options since statutes limit what can be done. Cites cannot take out ads to say how to vote; only provide facts. Don Dillman talked about how on the Water rates increase there was a committee formed that reviewed the data and decided the City needed to be more aggressive in rates.

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Mayor Connie George presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Members: Don Dillman, Kenny Maxwell, John Parker and Joy Thompson were present. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Clerk Beth Kar, and City Attorney Emily Bauman attended. Chief of Police David Vincent was absent. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall March 10, 2017. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda – Don Dillman motioned to amend the agenda and change Bill 2017-6 to Resolution 2017-6; to remove the police chief’s report since he was on vacation and to accept the agenda as amended. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Minutes – March 6, 2017 – Don Dillman motioned to approve the March 6, 2017 minutes. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Proclamation for Softball Players – Mayor Connie George presented a proclamation to Savannah High School Softball Players who attained the Academic All-State Team. The proclamation included: Chloe Walker, Jordyn Burnett, Mady Lytton, Madi Bruner, Masyn Burnside, Bailey Merritt, Makayla Schweizer and Coach Karla Burnett.

Public Testimony: None

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

Muni Sign Up – Municipal CMS created the City’s website. They recently added a new service. Cities can put a link on their websites where customers pay their utility bills. Savannah currently

has several customers that phone in their payments but there would be customers who might prefer this option. Lundy inquired further information about the costs. There is no additional cost to the City but there is a \$1.30 plus 3.9% of the total charge that is added to the customers cost. So a \$100 utility bill would be \$105.20. He thought that sounds high but it is a convenience fee and an option for the customer to consider. If it is something Council is interested in the City can find out what would be the next steps. Council discussed it but no decisions were made.

Bid Openings

1. On March 15th the City opened bids for the paving of Savannah Streets. Keller Construction was the only bidder. They came in at \$75 per ton, \$5 less per ton than what Director of Public Works Kenny Lance had budgeted (\$80) so the City may be able to add some additional paving. Keller's can do the work when weather and their schedule allow.

2. Duncan Hills Golf Course put out for bids to sell a greens mower. Those bids were due on March 16th. There was only one bid received; it was from the Bedford Iowa Country Club for \$2000.

Don Dillman motioned to approve both the Street and Greens mower bids. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes

Trash and Recycling Contract – The last time the City signed a contract with Deffenbaugh it was an extension in April of that year. The City will need to decide whether or not to put trash/recycling pick up out for bid or stay with Deffenbaugh. Deffenbaugh already submitted a proposal last month. Company Representative John Blessing will be at the next meeting. City Attorney Emily Bauman will confirm the contract's renewal date.

Mo-Dot Approval – He recently received an email from Mo-Dot giving permission to proceed with tearing down the house on 6th street to clear the path for the 6th street project. That corner at that location will be reworked so it is not so sharp and visibility will be much improved. There will be curbs and gutters built along with new sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Emerald Ash Borer Work Shop -- He received information from Lonnie Messbarger of the Missouri Dept of Conservation about this April 6 workshop coming up. With communities facing widespread losses of street trees to emerald ash borer over the next decade or more, there is a symposium coming up that focuses on getting proactive for what lie ahead. Topics span from "What to do once it's discovered," to "What to do with all the waste." Registration is \$30 per day or \$50 for both days.

MML Newly Elected Officials Training -- This training is coming up again and is scheduled for June 8th and 9th. He included a copy of the training announcement. Classes include: budgets, sunshine law, liability and risk, economic development, and others.

Wastewater Force Main -- He received word that the surveying crew will be in town working on the area to relocate the Force Main that is at 16th and Chestnut. That sewer line that runs from the pump on 16th street to the man hole in front of the pool has been repaired several times and is going to be replaced. It appears the best location for this new line is through the back yards that are along a drainage ditch.

North Andrew – At a previous meeting it was discussed briefly about North Andrew wanting to use our Duncan Ball Field for their High School baseball team. The Park Board approved it, as well, and the infield has been enlarged to be a 90 foot field. North Andrew paid for the dirt work and our parks guys have been working to improve the dug outs, concession stand, and press box. The scoreboard does not work, the announcing system does not work and the lights do not work

but the park is looking better. He thought it is great that it is getting used more. Savannah and North Andrew worked out a schedule so both were able to use the field as needed. If anyone is interested North Andrew's first home game it is coming up on March 21st.

Leadership 2017 -- He had the privilege of speaking to the Leadership 2017 class last week about Municipal government. There were about 25 that visited city hall. He enjoyed sharing experiences of what local government does as a Municipality. Alderman Dillman and Lundy spent the afternoon with the group at the Savannah Rural Fire Department as the participants worked through a Community Proposal/ Council meeting scenario.

Passing the Tax Conference -- Lundy pointed out a couple of training opportunities coming up. He had not received the training announcement for the Passing the Tax Conference that he heard so much about. The City has stated that this sales tax increase would generate an estimated \$200,000 per year. This revenue would insure the continuation of services provided to the citizens of Savannah and could help potentially fund the cost of a Fire truck. All City services have a cost. Some services the increase could help fund would be filling pot holes, paving more streets, replacing or repairing more sidewalks, mowing the right of way and median along business 71 highway, maintaining the yard waste recycling center, Cemetery Maintenance, 24 hour Police protection, fire protection, street lights, street sweeping, textcaster, Drug Abuse Resistance Education, snow removal and salting streets, trimming and removing dangerous street trees, and continuing training.

Dangerous intersection -- Lundy had a gentleman come in asking about a stop sign for west bound traffic at 8th and Duncan. The man was approaching the stop sign headed north on 8th at Duncan Street. A lady headed west and turned south, cut the corner short and nearly caused an accident. It appears it may have been careless driving and not require a stop sign at this time. John Parker 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 has been reviewing documents. She put the verbal agreement with the municipal court into writing in the Resolution on this agenda. Country Club Village also had to create one since they did not have it either. The state now required a printed copy of the agreement. She has the new golf rules ready for the Golf Committee. She looked at intoxicating liquor in parks for Joy Thompson. There are different options to control liquor permits. Intoxicating liquor could be defined in the City code, an exception permit if the Chamber wants to pursue having a craft beer festival in Duncan Park. John Parker asked if there needed to be an intoxicating definition between beer and hard liquor. John Parker motioned to approve the City Attorney's report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Resolution 2017-6-- Agreement with Court --- This resolution formalizes the current verbal agreement between the City and the Andrew County Court. Don Dillman motioned to approve the Resolution. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Second Public Testimony -- Rob Elam thought the proposed Chamber of Commerce beer sampling in the park was not a good idea. He was concerned about opening a floodgate. The Chamber is for business; if it is going to hold the event, he thought it should be on the Square in the business district.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report – Mayor Connie George reported she attended the Park Board meeting. The burning ban is still in effect.

Council Members Discussion – Joy Thompson had been asked if the burning ban was still in effect. Don Dillman was visited about the report on the pit bull in his neighborhood.

Joy Thompson motioned to go into Close Session for real estate 610.021 (2). Don Dillman seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION Real Estate 610.021(2)

No motions were made in closed session.

John Parker motioned to go back into open session. Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a motion by Don Dillman and seconded by Kenny Maxwell. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk