

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 3, 2017
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, and John Parker. Joy Thompson was out sick. Mayor Connie George, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Clerk Beth Kar, City Attorney Emily Bauman, and Chief of Police David Vincent were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall March 31, 2017. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda – John Parker motioned to approve the agenda as posted. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Minutes – March 20, 2017 – Don Dillman motioned to approve the March 20, 2017 minutes as submitted. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Public Testimony – None.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2017-8 City Administrator contract was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2722

This ordinance approves the City Administrator contract with Bruce Lundy. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Maxwell: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: absent.

Bill 2017-9 Rezoning on the Terhune property was read for the first and second readings. The Planning and Zoning Commission included a public hearing at its meeting to rezone Terhune's property. The Zoning board voted against approving the rezoning request. Terhune was not at that meeting. He had planned to open an antique shop. All of the public that showed up for that meeting were against the request and raised concerns about the driveway and other issues. Council made no motion to approve the ordinance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Deffenbaugh Industries – John Blessing presented the program renewal points. Cost per resident would increase \$14.18 to \$14.88. The annual renewal cap would decrease from 4 to 3.5%. The plan includes fewer recycling pickups in a month. The level of recycling has been consistent; however there are a lot of cans that are half full. If the City decides to continue recycling each week, the rates will increase more to compensate. Blessing described other aspects of the pickups. The drivers use logistic software which increases safety standards. With the new standards they cannot pick up both sides of street at the same time. Mayor Connie George mentioned the dumpster at the 3rd street apartment complex. The Deffenbaugh trash truck used her alley and it dug a hole. Blessing will look into it. City Administrator Bruce Lundy had asked about what the increased cost would be to keep recycling every week. It would be approximately \$17 per customer. Lundy asked if the City bid out the trash/recycling contract would Blessing expect the rates to be about the same as the proposal. Blessing answered that it

would depend on the bid specifications and any differences. He also said that even though the contract is technically up as of May 1, Deffenbaugh would work with the City.

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

Solar Eclipse -- August 21, 2017 will be a complete solar eclipse. The complete eclipse will last a couple of minutes but the entire event will last about three hours. It will not happen again in this area for 189 years. Planners are estimating that anywhere from 50,000 to 500,000 people will be coming into the St Joseph area to witness the event. The City of St Joseph has put together RV camping spots near Rosecrans and at Heritage Park. Jan Glenn from the Andrew County Museum has been attending meetings with the St Joseph planners. She is planning an event at the Museum and asks if they could use Duncan Park for overflow. She has kept the City informed about plans. Glenn, Chief of Police David Vincent, Fire Chief Brian Roarty, City employees: Tim Spoonemore and Jason Smith; Chamber of Commerce Director Mary Ingersoll and Lundy have met a couple of times to discuss the possibility of providing some RV camping spaces at the West parking area of the Youth Complex. There would be a lot of details to consider right up to the event. He wants to have Council's thoughts.

Greens Mower -- The Duncan Hills Golf Course sold a greens mower that had a lot of hours and planned to replace it. They found a refurbished 2011 greens mower with 975 hours that is about half the price of a new one. The Golf Committee voted to buy this used mower and asked about financing options. David from the US Bank has been very competitive with rates and has financed other purchases for the City the last few years. U.S. Bank returned financing options. The two payments per year option for 5 years appear to be the best. It will allow for a smaller payment that will be easier to make and allows the course to pay more when they are able. They expected they will be able to get 10 years of use out of this mower. Since then, the company selling the mower called and reported that the initial mower had been sold but they have another one the same year with a few more hours but is a diesel motor and has electric reel motors rather than Hydraulic. They will sell it for the same price. Don Dillman motioned to approve the purchase and financing on the golf course mower. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

6th Street – Director of Public Works Kenny Lance and his crew have gotten the house taken down on south 6th. Lundy spoke to the engineer for the project and he said Mo-Dot just submitted a couple of questions he needs to respond to and they expect to be putting it out for bid shortly. The City hopes to get the street portion of this finished during the summer while there is no school traffic.

16th Street Force Main – Director of Public Works Kenny Lance, Wastewater Superintendent Jason Long, and Lundy met with surveyors and engineers in the 16th and Chestnut area on Thursday to discuss the layout of the new force main. This new line will be replacing the one that runs south on 16th and east along Chestnut to the manhole. The area is not conducive to a gravity flow sewer so it all runs to a pump station on 16th Street. Then it is pumped by force up hill to a point that it will then become gravity flow. It appears that running the new line along a drainage ditch behind the homes on the South Side of Chestnut from 16th to 14th has been determined to be the best option. The surveyors started working the area on Thursday. When that's done, it will go out for bid. The City crew was repairing another break in the line at the same time on Thursday.

Light on the square -- One of the period lights on the Square was struck by a car last week and broken. A report was made and the insurance company has already been contacted about it. The City has begun the process of replacing the light.

Cemetery Help -- With the rain and the warmer weather it is time to start mowing again. Both of the part time workers at the Cemetery want to work again this year. Lundy spoke to Cemetery worker Davey Poland. He has already started mowing. The part time workers will begin too. Josh Brandon from the Golf Course will spray the dandelions and other weeds.

Nuisance Violations -- Spring is here and it is time to get things cleaned up. He has been sending out nuisance violation letters and will continue to do so. Nuisances include inoperable, unlicensed vehicles in yards, trash, brush, debris, furniture, appliances anything that “detracts from the appearance of the neighborhood is a nuisance violation.” If anyone has a call from someone who received a letter, they should contact Lundy so the violation can be discussed and what they need to do to correct it.

Burn Ban – It went from dry, dry, dry conditions to what appears to be a never ending rainy pattern. The grass has greened up and the burn ban has been cancelled.

Scholarship – City Clerk Beth Kar was at Clerks training at the Spring Institute. She recently learned that she received the Patty Spindler Memorial Scholarship. Patty was a well-respected City Clerk around the state and by receiving this, the City got back Kar’s \$210 registration fee.

Region D Electronics Disposal -- Region D is planning their next electronics pick-up event here in Savannah on May 6th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The turnout in Savannah is always very large. This year they have extended the time from four to six hours to allow more people to get rid of unwanted items.

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

City Attorney’s report-- City Attorney Emily Bauman reported that she researched breed specific bans on dogs after Joy Thompson brought up the topic. Bauman described the different issues between service animals and emotional support animals. ADA applies to local government service. Fair housing act is on emotional support animals. There are people who try to get around breed specific bans by saying the dog is a service or support animal. If it is a service animal, it would require specialized training. Savannah’s Code needs added ADA specification. She wants to do more research with MML and MMA. Nick Sheppard asked about privacy restrictions on support animals. Bauman described the process. There is concern about fraud and internet websites with certification. On another topic, Bauman reviewed the City Administrator’s contract; COBRA is 18 months instead of 12 – based on the number of current Savannah employees. Don Dillman motioned to amend the ordinance. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes. Don Dillman motioned to approve the City Attorney’s report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Second Public Testimony: Hunter Bailey described the Andre Lance Memorial scholarships. In 2015 there was the first event; a 5K run/walk that started at the park. This year there will be a 5K run/walk at the Clasbey Center. He has reserved the Clasbey Center room for the event April 8th from 7 to 11 a.m. He asked if he could use the Clasbey Center at a reduced rate so more of the funds can go to the scholarship. Don Dillman motioned to allow free rental for that date if the building is cleaned up after the event. Bailey will also provide a copy of the hold harmless agreement. Kenny Maxwell seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report – Mayor Connie George attended the Planning and Zoning meeting. She reminded everyone tomorrow was election day.

Council Members Discussion -- Don Dillman reported he attended the Mo-Kan Regional Council meeting. The Director Tom Bliss is leaving and moving to Nebraska. Memorial Day contribution: an individual is donating funds for a memorial that will go on the courthouse for veterans and first responders. The Lt Governor might come out for the event. The dedication will be after the Memorial Day Service at the Cemetery.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8 p.m. on a motion by Don Dillman and seconded by Kenny Maxwell. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Connie George, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk