

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL**  
**MAY 15, 2017 7:00 P.M.**  
**PROCEEDINGS REGULAR SESSION**  
**CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Don Dillman presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council members present: Connie George, Nick Sheppard, Kirk Larson, and Joy Thompson. Mayor Don Dillman, 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 May 12, 2017. The meeting was audio recorded.

**Approval of Agenda** – Joy Thompson motioned to approve the agenda. Kirk Larson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Minutes – May 1, 2017** – Mayor Don Dillman commented if there were no changes, they would stand approved. Connie George motioned and Nick Sheppard seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Testimony:** Bob White, Andrew County Lake Club, requested rock to be put on the Lake Club dam. Could they have rock at the old city dump? The issue is they do not have a way to haul it. Would they pay the city costs to do it? Nick Sheppard asked would the City have to haul off the rock anyway. It is not imperative that it is moved. When Keller is here asphaltting the City's streets, they will ask to take millings to Lake Club. It saves Keller going back to their plant. City Administrator Bruce Lundy's concern was how to get the rock to them. White offered that the Lake Club would pay fuel and any costs. Joy Thompson motioned to approve the request and charge for fuel and other costs. Nick Sheppard asked how much it would cost. Lundy answered it would be difficult to speculate but he expected it to be minimal fuel since the Lake Club is close to town. Motion carried on 3 yes votes; 1 abstention (George). Connie George abstained because she is a member of the Lake Club. Lundy will figure out a time when it is dry, see how much rock is needed and schedule it.

Cliff Carter talked about the cars that turn at the Dairy Queen off of the Hwy. Is that an actual legal turn? Chief of Police David Vincent answered that it is a legal turn. The line is designed to turn left. Carter mentioned in the news a 7 year old boy was killed on a carnival ride. He was concerned about the carnival coming to Savannah. He asked what kind of inspection is done on that type of equipment. Mayor Don Dillman will visit with the Chamber of Commerce regarding insurance and liability. Carter talked to the license bureau and they were told what it was happening, not asked how closing the Square would affect their business. It is the end of the month when the license bureau is busy. Dillman will visit with County Commissioner Bob Caldwell too since inmates go to court that week.

**Police Chief's Report** – Chief Vincent presented the statistics so far this year. It includes the annual report to the Attorney General and tickets issued. It is police week. Flags should be at half-staff. The Torch Run is Noon on Tuesday. Graduation on Sunday went well. Mayor Dillman asked if there could be one motion for all the reports. City Attorney Emily Bauman said yes.

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

**Upcoming Events** – City Wide Garage Sale is coming up Saturday June 3rd. Permits for sales this weekend are available at the RSVP Office at the Senior Center.

Special Olympics Torch Run will be at noon on May 23rd. It starts on the east side of the Courthouse.

Kenny Lance's Retirement Reception is May 20<sup>th</sup>, Clasbey Center, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**July Council Meetings** – Reminder the July meetings will be the 2nd and 4th Mondays due to the Holiday and Lundy's vacation.

**Pay on web-site** --A while back the City discussed having a link on the City web-site that will allow customers to pay utility bills with a card. The link is provided by the City's website company Municipal CMS. The fee is \$1.30 plus 3.9% on each credit card transaction. It is a fee charged and collected by the company not the City. He thought it was a good idea. It is convenient for customers and is a lot less than a reconnect fee if they get shut off for non-payment. On a \$100 water bill, it would be \$5.90 approximate convenience fee. City Hall does have automatic withdrawal. The convenience fee goes to credit card companies. Nick Sheppard asked how long it takes to accept payment over the phone. It takes a few minutes. Online payments could free up some staff time. Nick Sheppard motioned to accept the payments on website proposal. Connie George seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Savannah Lake Club** – Lundy has been contacted by Lake Club members about getting asphalt millings to put on their road and about rocks or concrete to put on the dam. The City does have big chunks of concrete from different projects that would be perfect for what they need but they do not have any means of loading or hauling it. Lake Club would pay for the hauling. On the millings he suggested to contact Keller Asphalt when they start milling the City streets this summer. Likely they will have their trucks dump the millings there at the club.

**Vacate the Alley** -- Last meeting Tyler Swink requested that the City vacate the alley next to his property off 8th Street between Main and Pearl Streets. One neighbor has a garage off the alley. The west end of the alley is graveled and is the access to the garage. Lundy contacted that property owner. The resident was fine with vacating that east end of the alley as well. So the process will start. Lundy thought it required zoning approval, publication, and a public meeting. Connie George asked if the two property owners can come to an agreement does it still have to go through the process. City Attorney Emily Bauman thought the property owners eventually

would want it surveyed. Nick Sheppard voiced concern about who maintains the alley once vacated. Lundy described the new vacating process. Bauman recommended the filing fee be the cost of publication and be added to the bill before approved as an ordinance. The vacated property would revert back to the owner. Lundy mentioned the last publication was around \$90. He wasn't sure if Swink would want to pay that. Mayor Dillman asked if it would increase property taxes. Bauman will check with the County. Dillman asked Bauman if the bill should be read at two separate meetings and allow her to revise it. She will revise it before the next reading, adding that the applicant will pay the cost of publication.

**Ride for Ryan** -- This is a yearly ride in memory of Ryan Consolver who was killed in a motorcycle crash. The Sheriff and Lundy met with Consolvers about this last ride. They will come in to Savannah at about 4 p.m. on June 3. They will stop on the Square for about an hour and a half. A band from Maryville has volunteered to play on the stage at the courthouse. The City already approved to close 4th street from Main to Market, Court Street, and 5th Street from Main to Market for the parking. The route into Savannah is from 71 Hwy and goes south on 5th Street. At about 5:30 p.m. the riders will go east on Main Street and south on Business 71 Hwy. The organizers were fine with not having a beer tent. Nick Sheppard asked if there were any idea on pre-registration numbers. Numbers will not be known until the event.

**Andrew County Museum Event** – Ag Heritage Day June 10, 1 p.m. –5 p.m. They would like to block Duncan Street in front of the museum. Jan Glenn has spoken to Golf Course Manager Mark Christopher who did not see a problem with it. There will be an antique tractor show, a super farmer event for kids and other events. At the conclusion they would like to parade the tractors south to E Hwy then right to 71 and right back to Arbor to the Museum.

**Rolling Hills Savannah Library Touch a Truck Program** – On Monday June 12 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. will be a touch a truck event. The library asked if the City will bring the street sweeper and a dump truck to this event. It will be in the parking lot of the library.

**Arbor Day Event** -- The yearly Arbor Day Event occurred on Wednesday last week. About 100 4th grade students from Minnie Cline Elementary walked over to the Cemetery and helped the tree board plant four trees. Mayor Don Dillman read a proclamation. The weather was fabulous. The City is a 20 year member of Tree City USA. Arbor Day is one of the items that maintains that status.

**City Attorney's Report** – City Attorney Emily Bauman has been updating the paperwork to reinstate the City's 5013C. She is working on the dangerous dog's ordinance. It is a quite long revision and she tried to cover everything. City Administrator Bruce Lundy is reviewing it. The vacating alleys ordinance is on the agenda. She is working on CDBG preschool documents for the school. Clifford Carter asked about the golden lab dog that bit his neighbor. She would need to look up the latest.

**Camping on the Eclipse** – In August, some organizations are having RV and camping sites in the days around the Eclipse. The possibility has been mentioned to renting RV sites on the west parking lot of Youth Complex. There would be no hookups for electricity or water. RVs would be allowed only; no tent sites. Tents would kill grass. Spots would be rented where cars could park for the Eclipse. Concession stands could be set up. Nick Sheppard asked about charging. Joy Thompson asked about allowing RVs at the reservoir. Lundy thought that would be tough to have police to watch it. Mayor Don Dillman mentioned Jerry Baker recommending checking with the City's insurance carrier about liability. Jeff Arp the City's insurance representative will be in town later this week. Sheppard asked where the money would go. It is still amazing to think of the number of people projected to come to the area for the Eclipse. Lundy had a call from a gentlemen in Los Angeles who wanted to rent a shelter house. Lundy let him know the City's shelter houses are picnic tables. If the school dismisses early, RVs could park there too. Dillman suggested it would be better to have parking organized in some fashion. He thought the Lions club and Legion could help with it.

Joy Thompson motioned to accept all three reports. Kirk Larson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes.

#### **BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Bill 2017-14 Deffenbaugh trash/recycling contract renewal was read for first and second readings.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2727**

This ordinance extends Deffenbaugh/Waste Management's trash and recycling contract for three years. Kirk Larson motioned to adopt ordinance no 2727. Nick Sheppard seconded. Vote: George: aye; Sheppard: aye; Larson: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried. The recycling will change to every other week. Deffenbaugh will publicize in the newspaper and other sources before the change.

Bill 2017- 15 Vacate Alley was read for the first reading. . Joy Thompson motioned to amend and revise the ordinance as City Attorney recommended. Nick Sheppard seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Administrator Bruce Lundy would like to go back to only doing the first reading on bills in a meeting unless the ordinance needs to be pushed through. City Attorney Emily Bauman commented that it allows time if there are any revisions unless it is an emergency. On any Code changes, two separate readings give the public more of a chance to weigh in.

**Second Public Testimony:** None.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION**

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Don Dillman attended the Arbor Day celebration. He commented it was amazing how interested the kids were. Next year it has been discussed to put in some of the trees on the courthouse if they haven't already filled them in. He mentioned the dedication of the new memorial in the courtyard was becoming a big event.

**Council Members Discussion** -- Joy Thompson reported that at the 8<sup>th</sup> and Pearl intersection, heading east there are big bushes and it for drivers hard to see. On Main Street next to the HNB Bank, there is a tree growing over the speed limit sign. She asked about bidding out the mowing at the cemetery. Mowing does not have to be re-bid out each year. As long as the guy who got the bid got it keeps paying. Kirk Larson asked about zoning in the city limits. Is it allowable to get hay if not zoned agricultural? City Administrator Bruce Lundy responded that if it was an unimproved lot it can be hayed.

Connie George reported that at the residence at 905 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Terrace there are inoperable vehicles and junk. A lady asked if her street could be swept. On Ironwood by Pearl Court, someone new purchased the property. It has high grass and weeds and needs mowed. Technically undeveloped property only needs to be mowed twice a year. Mayor Dillman asked if that could be updated to quarterly. City Administrator Bruce Lundy thought it made sense if it was a residential neighborhood. The City Code could be updated. Nick Sheppard asked for the definition of undeveloped? Kirk Larson described that there are different rules depending on zoning and land size. City Attorney Emily Bauman will work on updating the ordinance.

**Adjournment** -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:06 p.m. on a motion by Connie George and seconded by Kirk Larson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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Don Dillman, Mayor

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