

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 24, 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, Kirk Larson, Joy Thompson and Nick Sheppard. Mayor Don Dillman, City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Clerk Beth Kar, City Attorney Emily Bauman and Chief of Police David Vincent were also present. Several members of the public attended. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall on July 21, 2017. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda – Joy Thompson motioned to approve the agenda as posted. Connie George seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Minutes – July 10, 2017 – Mayor Don Dillman asked if there were any changes to the minutes. No changes. Minutes stood approved as submitted.

Public Testimony -- Josh Prater reported the football booster club fundraiser is Wednesday, July 26th, 5 to 8 p.m. at J. Howard's restaurant. From increased activity on their Facebook page, it appears there may be more people than previously expected. Additional tables will be set up in the courtyard to expand the seating area. He asked what to do about parking and traffic. Mayor Don Dillman asked City Administrator Bruce Lundy for his feedback. Should Main Street be blocked off for that time period? Lundy recommended it was better not to close the street. There is extra parking available at the City lots behind J. Howard's plus in the lot next to the library. What about closing the north side down for 3 hours? Main Street between 4th and 5th? Chief David Vincent asked about the crosswalk. Lundy was concerned about vehicles leaving the parking lot to the east side of the Square. The bar is the only business open on the Square's north side at that time. The street would not be closed to parking; only to thru traffic. Joy Thompson motioned Close Main Street from 5 to 8 p.m. to thru traffic. Connie George seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Chamber of Commerce Fall Carnival – Mary Ingersoll, Kim McKean

Mayor Dillman said either could go first. Kim McKean suggested Mary Ingersoll go ahead so everyone could hear the Chamber's updated carnival proposal.

Mary Ingersoll, Chamber of Commerce, addressed concerns about the fall carnival on the Square. She recapped when she started at the Chamber and surveyed what people wanted. Events and carnivals specifically were asked for by many people. The Chamber attempted to get a carnival for Andrew County Fair. The fair date was not available but would be for the fall. The September street closure was approved by Council in April. The biggest concern raised has been about parking. The Chamber is offering solutions: 1) delaying set up on 5th street to 5 p.m. on Monday and on Court Street to 5 p.m. on Tuesday; and 2) time limited to 30 and 60 minutes parking. She listed a variety of parking lots. There will be a public information campaign highlighting businesses that will be open and where people can park. She distributed a list of signatures supporting the event. Mayor Don Dillman mentioned that another concern is who will manage the time on the parking. Ingersoll addressed the issue of courthouse traffic. Bailiff Barb Noellsch told her most likely the trial will be delayed because the current judge is retiring.

It will be the first trial for the new judge. She talked with the court clerks about the best way to get information to people who would be coming to court and decided it would be through their lawyers. Regarding the high school Homecoming parade route, she talked with Deb Wetzel and Chad Dreyer. The parade distance will be the same and end in the same place and it was chosen to try and be the least disruptive. She has heard a lot about considering alternate carnival locations. There are a lot of reasons they think the Square is the best. They want to draw people to the core of the town. Cliff Carter wanted to speak. Mayor Dillman asked him to wait until the speakers on the agenda were done. Ingersoll lives in an apartment on the Square. She mentioned why other proposed locations would not work: Messick Park, Duncan Park, fairgrounds, Third Street, private property, parks and school all have drawbacks. The carnival location will need electricity, running water and parking. Nick Sheppard asked if the board had voted. Ingersoll reported the Chamber board had a work session but did not have quorum. The board meeting will be next week. She is under the impression her board is very favorable. She passed out photos on another location where the carnival also set up. It shows that the carnival used jacks and not stakes. They did safety checks. It is the Southern Fun Carnival Company. Sheppard asked where the carnival crew will stay. They have asked to stay at the lot at First Christian Church and are waiting for a decision. How many trailers do they have? Ingersoll thought 8 or 10. Her second choice is the city lot next to the library. The crew would prefer to be in viewing distance of their equipment. Connie George asked where they would get water and electricity. They would get it from the church. County commissioners have allowed the carnival to use power from the courthouse.

Lundy mentioned that not all of the streets will be closed during the week. The only two are 5th Street and Court Street. For Saturday Ingersoll would want the whole Square closed. Kirk Larson asked about if handicapped parking would be impeded. The Chamber will need signage and include additional for handicapped. Ingersoll is not familiar with ADA standards. Council reviewed the current handicapped parking spots on the Square. Connie George asked about volunteers with golf carts to help people get into town. Ingersoll replied that they are considering carts or having a shuttle. She thought with Main and 4th Streets open, there will be enough parking for anyone doing business. Kelly Terry asked how they would implement the timed parking. Ingersoll will research any suggestions. She hoped the city police could. Connie George asked Chief Vincent if the police had enough manpower to cover to do that. Vincent supports events; however, he said coverage is already tight. He does not have a parking person available. Mayor Don Dillman added that the City does not have an ordinance to enforce it either. He hoped people would be open-minded enough to follow the timed parking.

Kim McKean, Ivy Cottage, commented that if the event had been handled differently, and issues addressed in the beginning, there would not be this discussion. Someone needed to talk to the people it affected. Mayor Don Dillman mentioned it will be a learning process. She is not against having a carnival; wants parking that their clients can get to. She does not want an elderly lady have to walk 3 blocks. Mayor Dillman addressed that there are no fantasies the event will come up without a hitch. The Chamber has done their best to try and get out the carnival information the second time. McKean described that when she has an event, she thinks of how other people will have to deal with it. Mayor Dillman commented that if the Chamber has a good event, it could benefit the businesses too. If there are problem areas, they can look at where it failed and do something different next year if the carnival is successful enough. Mayor Don Dillman asked if Council wanted to retract the motion to close the streets or any concerns to change the approved motion. Nick Sheppard described that when he was a Plattsburg police officer, they hosted a fall festival every year. He worked the event and returned even after he no longer did because his family enjoyed it. Mayor Dillman reiterated it was Council's decision if anyone wished to change the approval motion. No one made a motion. Cheryl Mitchell asked who would pay for the electrical and other utilities. Mayor Dillman responded that would be

between the Chamber and entities. Cliff Carter asked where carnival semis would park. One of the options is 3rd Street. Deputy Clerk Brooke Bell added that the City Hall parking has openings too and would be available for other people. She recommended there is better lighting downtown. City Administrator Bruce Lundy mentioned the possibility of gaining five or six parking spaces if they would create a false curb. Mary Ingersoll mentioned more parking could be by adding in the alley next to Barnes Heating if they allowed that. City Attorney Emily Bauman addressed that if the motion was brought up for reconsideration, it would have to be one of the ones that voted in favor. It could not be Nick Sheppard or Kirk Larson since they were not on Council at the time of the motion. If chosen, it would be to make a motion to reconsider the original motion. Then it would have to make a new motion. Joy Thompson felt bad for businesses that are on the Square. Mayor Dillman provided the option she could make a motion. Mary Ingersoll addressed that the semis are self-contained. The sides come down and that is the trailer used in the carnival. There will not be semi-trucks sitting around town. Thompson was concerned about ADA compliance. Bauman will email the ADA chart on parking to Ingersoll. ADA has a lot of suggestions for temporary events. Kirk Larson recommended creating a map with the proposed parking places. Eventually the map will get published in the paper instead of trying to describe it in text. Mayor Dillman asked one more time for any motions. No action would leave the motion in place. No motions were given. Cliff Carter commented someone else had a question. Mayor Dillman asked to wait until the Second Testimony section. She will.

Police Chief's report – Chief of Police David Vincent provided the officer report statistics. All the statistics are up. Chief Vincent has a proposal on the police officer holiday leave schedule. He distributed a copy. Council can discuss it after reviewing it. It is difficult to schedule officers around holidays, especially if there are two together. The department ends up paying out a lot of overtime. Other police departments distribute holiday hours so the officer can take and use them during non-holiday times. He estimated about \$3900 had been paid in overtime since September to cover officers for the holidays. Joy Thompson asked about having reserve officers cover holidays. It is hard to get part-time to cover especially when pay rates are not high. Nick Sheppard asked if there was a holiday pay rate. No. He also asked if there was seniority for getting off a holiday. Not really. Whoever puts in to get it off, does? Council will review it.

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

MIRMA -- City Clerk Beth Kar and he are attending the MIRMA conference (City's loss prevention training) later this week in Branson. Jeff Arp from MIRMA will be in town on August 10th to help provide the yearly police firearms training.

Missouri Municipal League -- Alderman Nick Sheppard and Lundy attended the Missouri Municipal League (MML) Northwest Region meeting at the Remington Nature Center last week. MML staff talked about what the organization does for cities and talked a lot about legislation that they worked for and against in Jefferson City earlier this year. There was a large turnout with Mayors and Aldermen present from several communities in Northwest Missouri (St. Joseph, Oregon, Maryville, Chillicothe, and Maysville, to name a few). It was a very informative event. They extended an invitation to the MML Conference coming up in September if anyone is interested in going.

Park Board -- Mike Yuille, the Park Board President, resigned due to time restraints. A motion is required to accept that resignation. There are two open positions on that Board. Nick Sheppard motioned to accept the resignation. Kirk Larson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Deffenbaugh / Waste Management -- is working on rolling out the recycling schedule to the public. He has heard some backlash about less recycling. However the decision was made based on the fact recycling numbers are down. Every other week recycling pick up is a way to keep from having to raise fees. Deffenbaugh would raise fees \$3 each if pickups were not switched to every other week. If it does not work as planned, it can be reviewed again. Joy Thompson asked how the public will receive the information. Deffenbaugh will do mailings and other methods. Joy suggested recycling could be put in a box too. It only needs to be contained. There is no limit on recycling.

SCEAPP Grant -- This grant is nearly completed. The City hired Trekk Engineering to look at inflow and infiltration sources, hydraulic modeling, as well as evaluating our treatment and collection processes. An extension was required to complete this process. With a new mayor a resolution is required by (DNR) Department of Natural Resources with the new mayor's name on it.

Sidewalks – Lundy has been contacted by a few people about sidewalks. The St Joseph Metropolitan Planning Organization has an intern mapping sidewalks for the City of Savannah. Savannah has areas with good sidewalks, areas where sidewalks need repaired or replaced, and areas where there are no sidewalks. The Million Dollar Question is: when Transportation Alternative money becomes available again should the City replace bad sidewalks or build sidewalks where they do not exist? He thought it will depend on the location and its proximity to schools, the town square, park and other locations. What about a sidewalk to the middle school? He would like to see a sidewalk to the high school and sports complex, and sidewalks along business highway 71 the way it is along the Belt Highway South of County Line Road in St. Joseph. He will be applying for funds at the next application process for these types of projects. Currently the City does have a sidewalk cost share program in the code that very few people take advantage of. He provided the information from the City Code on the Sidewalk Incentive program 510.200. Mayor Dillman asked if a resident is doing a sidewalk, does it have to be ADA compliant. Joy Thompson would like to see sidewalks redone on 1st Street. Sidewalks are expensive. Lundy provided that when the City did 6th across Price to Minnie Cline Elementary, 1800 linear feet cost \$120,000 (4 maybe 5 blocks).

City Attorney's report – City Attorney Emily Bauman reported she had updated the sick leave policy ordinance. It has been changed with immediate family including parents as well. She attended the MMA conference and is processing police tickets for August.

Kirk Larson motioned to approve the reports. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Resolution 2017-7 Readopt SCEAP Grant Wastewater Agreement -- The City was awarded a grant in 2015. It has been progressing slowly. The resolution needs updated with the new Mayor's name in order for him to be able to sign grant documents. Nick Sheppard motioned to approve Resolution 2017-7. Kirk Larson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill No. 2017-17 Amend Sick Leave Policy was read for first and second reading. Kirk Larson motioned to adopt ordinance no 2730. Connie George seconded. Vote: George: aye; Sheppard: aye; Larson: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried. Nick Sheppard mentioned he would like the City to look at a PTO (paid time off) leave policy.

Second Public Testimony: Cheryl Mitchell commented that events on the weekends affected businesses less because the Square is dead on the weekend. Her concern was the carnival affected the rest of the week. She would love to see a carnival. Mitchell listed her concerns including safety with her alcove in the alley, noise to those living in the apartments above the Square; busses traffic on 5th Street and other items. She would like the carnival only Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. She mentioned the County bus picks up a man on 5th Street. She is not a Chamber member and does not have the money to join. Mitchell has an electrical plug hookup outside her building where people can tap into it. She is concerned that during the carnival it will be used and she will have to pay for the extra. She thought things like that needed to be discussed and looked at. The carnival will disrupt the lives of the people that live and work on the Square.

Shelly Carter commented she wanted to make a statement that she had never been contacted by anyone on the event on the Square. She mentioned the issues she deals with when the Square is closed: parking, tenants, deliveries, customers, and more. She would like those issues considered when the Square is closed for days at a time. .

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's report – Mayor Dillman did not have anything of issue.

Council Discussion – Joy Thompson received a complaint about tree branches on Park Avenue obstructing drivers' view; the mitigation area with trees on the south side was the same way. She asked if golf carts were allowed on the streets in the dark. When she delivers newspapers at 2:30 a.m. she has seen carts and they did not have tail lights. Carts are required to have lights. Kirk Larson asked when the Wastewater grant would be finished. It will be finished in 60 days. Nick Sheppard questioned: is South 11th street zoned as single family or multi family? City Administrator Bruce Lundy will check. There is a resident on the street renting the basement. Sheppard also stated that his own house is listed for sale. It is his intention to stay on Council as long as he can. However, the house he would like to purchase is outside the City limits on Eden Drive. Connie George received calls regarding limited driver's visibility: hanging tree limbs on Swenson, plus bushes on Benton and 4th street. Chief of Police David Vincent reported the limbs had been trimmed back. Connie George had received the complaint recently that someone was almost hit.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 8:27 p.m. on a motion by Joy Thompson and seconded by Connie George. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Don Dillman, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk