

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 7, 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 August 4, 2017.

The meeting was audio recorded.

Approval of Agenda – Kirk Larson motioned to amend the agenda and add the Fire Chief to discuss the repairs before the City Administrator’s report. Nick Sheppard seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Joy Thompson motioned and Nick Sheppard seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Minutes – July 24, 2017 – Mayor Don Dillman asked if there were any changes to the minutes. No changes. Minutes stood approved as submitted.

Public Testimony – None.

Sharron Curran – Request Extended garage sale -- Curran was not present at the meeting.

Fire Chief’s report – Fire Chief Brian Roarty reported that the company that built the fire truck is no longer in business. The company fixing it does not have a schematic to know what parts need to be fixed without opening up the truck. They want to be billed on time and materials. The estimated top level on time would be 40 hours \$5000. Materials that need repaired could be made in St. Joseph which would save money. Roarty asked if Council still wanted to go with that company. The representative will be in town in September doing the annual firetruck pump tests. They could do the repair then and save money since they will already be in town. The other option is to take the truck to the company in Springfield. The problem is that the truck could break down. The tires are originals from 1989 and it would be easy to blow a tire. Joy Thompson asked if there was a rough estimate on cost of parts in addition to the \$5,000. They can’t give a figure until they get inside and see what needs fixed. The parts such as cylinders can be repaired in St. Joseph at Golden Hydraulics which is cheaper than bringing them from the fire repairs company. It will also save money labor wise to do it while other things like the pump testing are being done. The original repair bid was \$6500; the total cost could still be similar. Mayor Dillman did not think there really was a choice. There would be the additional cost of employee time plus possible break down if we go to Springfield. Connie George motioned to repair the firetruck here with the company that the fire chief suggested. Kirk Larson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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

Deffenbaugh – Waste Management – Reminder: as of the first of August, Recycling pick up has been reduced to every other week. He has had a few calls and wants customers to understand that Council decided to go with this new plan during the contract renewal time period. Waste

Management said that recycling is down. If the City changed to recycling being picked up every other week the new rates would be increased by about \$.70 per customer but if the City continued recycling pickup every week the increase would be closer to \$3 per customer.

Eclipse August 21st – The eclipse day is drawing nearer. The experience is a total solar eclipse starting at approximately 1:06 p.m. for just over 2 minutes. The City of Savannah is not having any formal camping or viewing locations. However the parks are open to the public that day. City Clerk Beth Kar posted on the City's website and Social media pages that City Parks are located at 12th and Main, and South off E Hwy on Cypress and Ironwood. The Andrew County Museum is hosting an event and will be utilizing Duncan Park at Arbor and Duncan Streets. The Eclipse meetings suggest that local residents fill up their gas tanks the week before and make trips to the store that week before. Any appointments like doctors should be rescheduled as traffic in the St Joseph and surrounding areas may be so heavy that traveling may be difficult or at least to expect significant delays. The increased people will likely jam up cell phone service so it is possible that cell phones may not work that day. Joy Thompson asked what everyone needs to be doing that day. The City departments have been told they may need to provide service to help. The City has first aid kits and radios since cell phone service is not supposed to work. Extra toilet paper was purchased for the parks. There has not been a ruling if the local schools will be open or not. The police will patrol at the schools if they are open.

6th Street Project – Anyone who has been down 6th Street will have noticed some activity. The Gas Company has been working in that area for a couple of weeks moving gas lines. Next the power company will relocate a couple poles and wires. Lundy spoke with the School Bus Company about what can be done with school bus traffic. The City will speak with the contractor about it. When work starts, the City recommends that traffic going to the middle school should avoid Price Street in the area of Minnie Cline and use Swenson or Park streets to DD Hwy then to T Hwy on West, or travel Main or Chestnut Street to 14th South to T Hwy. KCPL will also need to remove poles.

Council Meeting Reminder -- Just a reminder the next Council Meeting was moved to Tuesday August 22nd to avoid any problems with traffic following the eclipse on Monday the 21st.

AED for Golf Course -- The ladies of the Thursday Morning Golf Group at Duncan Hills Golf Course have agreed to donate an AED (defibrillator) to the Course. It has been ordered. The City appreciates their contribution, concern for others, and desire to help.

MIRMA Health Care Insurance -- Within the last couple of years MIRMA has created a pool and has organized health care insurance for this pool. They currently have Cities that have joined the group with employees on the policy. MIRMA estimates they have saved their member cities many dollars. They are offering to draw up proposals for anyone interested. Lundy believed their rates went up 3.3% this year. Savannah's is increasing 14%. Currently 13 cities are in the pool and approximately 1300 people insured. He knew the City had already renewed for the next year with Blue Cross.

Garage Sale – He received a call from a lady about having an extended garage sale on East Harvey Drive. She asked about the Garage Sale laws. He explained the code allows each resident to have 2 sales per year and each sale can last up to 3 days. She asked to be put on this week's agenda. Section 605.220 Yard Sale Defined

Pictures – Joy Thompson had pictures. The tree branches at 1st and Main need trimmed. She also had complaints about the condition of the Welcome to Savannah sign north of town. She was asked if there was any way to fix the sign before people arrive in town for the Eclipse on the

21st. The sign is owned by the Chamber of Commerce. Lundy contacted Mary Ingersoll at the Chamber about the sign and maintenance.

Police Chief Holidays Given – Chief of Police David Vincent has created a new law enforcement holiday schedule he previously provided to Council. It created a bi-annually holiday list where the days off are distributed to officers and used at their own discretion. Mayor Don Dillman asked if the schedule eliminated overtime on holidays they had to work. Chief Vincent responded it would and be a savings for the city. Chief Vincent reported that it was difficult to get everyone off on holidays. Joy Thompson asked if the officers liked the schedule. Lt. Josh Smith had suggested the schedule changes. Connie George motioned to accept the holiday schedule for the police. Nick Sheppard seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Attorney's report – City Attorney Emily Bauman has researched the issues on the upcoming carnival. There are several issues. The only issue she is concerned legally with is the ADA compliance. She talked to the county government officials at the courthouse. She described the response. Overall the individuals wanted the carnival but there were mixed reviews. The carnival location and closing the Square is a hot topic. City Administrator Bruce Lundy took an inventory of what could be done to alleviate the headaches during the carnival week. Mayor Don Dillman recommended working with the Chamber to make sure court employee Tena Christmas had a space near the wheelchair ramp. The County Commissioners want at least two additional spots added somewhere on the Square (handicap/van accessible). Those van spots have to be at least 8 foot wide plus 8 for the carnival event, not permanent. Currently there are two spots on Court Street. Bauman shared more information from the ADA web site. Lundy talked about creating temporary parking across Court. It would be the ideal spot for the temporary spots. Bauman informed that per regulations, it had to be less than 2 % slope to meet ADA. Commissioners wanted the crosswalk open for access to the elevator. Commissioners also brought up reimbursement for utility costs. The courthouse will be locked after 5 so those restrooms will not be available. The Chamber will need portajohns for the carnival. Bauman described all of the ADA regulations including that handicap spots had to be the shortest possible accessible route in the point of parking to the entrance. She will send all of the information to the Chamber. Bauman recommended that nothing be approved that was not compliant with federal ADA law. Council discussed Chamber's responsibility to provide ADA compliance. Businesses need to be in the loop. Bauman spoke with Pam Vohs. Businesses may want to increase their insurance. Joy Thompson asked who could afford that. Extra insurance can be high. Emily described the confusion over the carnival; it is not a City event but the Chamber. Mayor Dillman responded that the Chamber had the responsibility to do these issues and report back. Kirk Larson wanted a layout of what the Chamber would do during the carnival. Bauman reported there were many details including posting ADA compliant signs. The City's involvement is as simple as approved the location. If the requested information is not provided, the City can reconsider the motion. Joy Thompson asked for the information in writing. Bauman will email with all the details along with temporary event pamphlet to the Chamber. Her concern is if anything goes wrong, the City could be sued. The City needs to be listed as additional insured on the Chamber's event insurance. Thompson recommended a date by which Chamber needs to provide the information. Kirk Larson thought it should be by the next meeting. Bauman reminded everyone that City Administrator Bruce Lundy had provided several alternate locations. Nick Sheppard asked if the carnival was not held the same night as Homecoming. Bauman's main concern was Court Street and a concern about meeting the slope requirements. Lundy reminded everyone that it is the same slope the current parking spots use. It would be the closest they could get to the elevator. Mayor Dillman mentioned that Dr. Becky Wells suggested writing up plans in the future so business owners could read and sign them. Bauman will email the Chamber tomorrow with ADA regulations and the basics of what commissioners are requiring.

Kirk Larson motioned to approve the reports. Nick Sheppard seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Nick Sheppard asked if Council needed a motion to approve a Chamber deadline on the carnival request. Mayor Don Dillman recommended reviewing what the Chamber presents before having any ultimatums. What seems strange to Kirk Larson is why the carnival has to start the set up so early. The carnival in Maryville starts on Thursday and has to be packed up by Sunday. Bruce Lundy reminded everyone that the City also needs to know the carnival's hours of operation and what time it will close each night.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Resolution Lot Split 2017-8 Aaron Sill and Corey Hughes – Joy Thompson stated she was leaving the room to avoid any potential conflict of interest. The lot split went before the Planning & Zoning Commission which voted and recommended approval. The lot is behind Thompson's Garden Center. They already have a lot split. Once the purchase is made, the lot will be split and each of them will build a home. Kirk Larson motioned to approve Resolution 2071-8. Nick Sheppard seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes; one abstention Thompson.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill No. 2017-18 Re-adopting Procedures to Disclose Conflicts of Interest was read for first and second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2731

This ordinance is required by the state every other year to adopt the procedures to disclose conflicts of interest. Connie George motioned to adopt ordinance no 2731. Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: George: aye; Sheppard: aye; Larson: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Second Public Testimony: None.

ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report – Mayor Don Dillman reminded everyone that Thursday is the Golf Committee meeting. He asked if the new meeting rules were posted. The rules have been updated and will be sent to the printer.

Council Members Discussion -- Joy Thompson had a couple of nuisance notice pictures. She offered to deliver the Council meeting packets if the police are unable to deliver them. Mayor Dillman asked if everyone would be okay with only receiving the electronic packets through email. Joy Thompson and Nick Sheppard prefer the paper versions. Connie George reported there were two mattresses in front of the property at Pearl and 10th. Joy Thompson reported he likely thought the trash truck would pick them up. George had several ask about the changes in the recycling schedule to every other week instead of every Thursday. She provided copies of the information article in the Savannah Reporter newspaper.

Adjournment -- No further business to discuss. Council adjourned at 7:54 p.m. on a motion by Connie George and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Don Dillman, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Beth Kar, City Clerk