

SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 17, 2023
MEETING- 6:00 P.M.
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Mayor Kirk Larson presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call meeting to order – Mayor Kirk Larson brought the meeting to order. Roll Call – City Clerk Brooke Bell called roll. Council members: Pam Kessler; Jerry Baker; and Joy Thompson. City Officials/Employees: City Administrator Bruce Lundy; City Clerk Brooke Bell, Deputy City Clerk Minde Dreher, Chief of Police David Vincent, and Director of Public Works Tyler Swink attended. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall on April 14, 2023.

Approval of Agenda- Jerry Baker motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Public Testimony: none

Alderman Keven Schneider arrived.

Hiring of Seasonal Workers- Eugene Wall and Austin Beattie have been rehired for seasonal help. Bruce would like to offer these gentlemen either \$12.50 or \$13.00 per hour since they made \$12.00 per hour last year. Pam Kessler made a motion to hire Eugene Wall to mow for seasonal for \$12.00 per hour. Keven Schneider seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Keven Schneider made a motion to hire Austin Beattie at \$12.00 per hour. Pam Kessler seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Dump Truck-Additional Repairs- The transmission in the dump truck has been fixed, but when driving it Rush Truck found it still had issues. Rush drained it and the rear end is going out. Rush Truck gave a bid to fix the rear end for \$3,954.90. City Code states that since it's under \$5,000 City Administrator Lundy can approve this without advertising, but needs two bids. Council directed Swink to obtain one more bid. When accepting a bid Swink must consider cost to have the vehicle towed if going with someone besides Rush Truck.

Proclamation- Charlie Phillips- Mayor Larson read proclamation for Charlie Phillips. Good luck in Berlin Charlie!

Square Dancers- Libby Gilbert, in attendance to represent the Savannah Sashayers and Jeannie Woodbury, owner. Gilbert was saddened to read the article in the newspaper about the Square Dancers and how it gives their group a black eye. The Savannah Sashayers have been coming to Savannah for 47 years; bringing revenues into the city. The Savannah Sashayers would like a retraction printed by the Savannah Reporter. They feel like they are due an apology because of the price change in the rental fees since they had already booked the Clasbey Center. Thompson would like Bruce to check on policy to why there's no cleaning supplies, brooms or mops

available to citizens. Vivian Hardin, Andrew County resident, questioned why it was misspoken and what we plan to do about it. City Clerk Bell explained how the conversation went and Mayor Larson explained price had to increase to cover expenses.

Savannah Alumni Committee- Clasbey Rental- Having a golf fundraiser golf tournament June 10th. They are asking to use the multi-purpose room for free because this event raises money for their Alumni Event on the Square and the money goes back to the community. Council said they must follow Clasbey Rental Rates.

Utility Clerk Position- good to proceed with running it in the paper.

Payment of Bills- Keven Schneider made a motion to accept payment of bills and file for audit. Jerry Baker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Reports:

Minutes from March 20, 2023

Minutes from April 3, 2023

City Administrator's Report –

With all due respect as the City Administrator & Administrative Assistant to the Mayor I wanted to take the opportunity to bring the following things to your attention and as always, any action related to these issues will be at your direction. Thank you very much, I appreciate all of you and your efforts as we all work to do what is best for the City of Savannah and its residents.

Proclamation for Charlie Phillips- Special Olympics Missouri is very excited to announce longtime athlete Charlie Phillips has been officially selected to represent Special Olympics Missouri and Special Olympics USA at the Special Olympics World Games in Berlin Germany, June 17-25, 2023. Before he was officially selected to compete for Special Olympics USA, Phillips had to prove himself at the Special Olympics USA Team Trials in San Antonio, Texas last November. He finished the weekend with the top squat – 182.5 kg – and the top deadlift – 227.5 kg – among all the Special Olympics USA powerlifters. He also benched 130 kg. The City of Savannah and its elected officials will be honoring Charlie and his accomplishments with a Proclamation. This will be our opportunity to show Charlie our respect and excitement for him and this great opportunity. I have contacted his mother and they are excited to attend this meeting.

Messick Park Bathroom- I received word from Austin Allen of CXT incorporated that the new Messick Park bathroom is expected to be delivered on Monday April 17th. This bathroom is provided by Funds from the Messick Trust. The Savannah Park Board and the Savannah City Council offer our sincere appreciation and thanks to those on the Messick Trust Board that made this possible.

Waste Management Trash & Recycling Tote Collection- Waste Management sent an email outlining their plan to end their service here in Savannah and plans to collect the existing trash and recycling totes that customers are currently using.

- For recycling, Waste Management's last scheduled service day is Thursday April 20th. They will remove recycling carts on the 20th and 21st. Residents should place their recycling carts out for regular service to occur on the 20th. Then, once the carts are emptied, they will begin removing them. Residents are asked to PLEASE LEAVE THEIR EMPTY RECYCLING CARTS CURBSIDE so they can be picked up.
- For trash, Waste Management's last scheduled service day is Friday April 28th. They will remove recycling carts on the April 28th and 29th. Residents should place their trash carts out for regular service to occur on the 28th. Then, once the carts are emptied, they will begin removing them. Residents are asked to PLEASE LEAVE THEIR EMPTY TRASH CARTS CURBSIDE so they can be picked up.

Redgate Disposal – I have been speaking with Joshua Petersen of Redgate Disposal, our new trash and recycling company. They anticipate new trash and recycling totes will be delivered to the city the week of April 17th then they will begin distributing those out to customers to take over services. The schedules for trash and recycling will remain the same.

Seasonal Workers- I would like Council to consider rehiring Gene Wall to help with the mowing of the median, around the ponds, at the reservoir, and other City properties again this year. Gene did well last year and kept up these areas so public works could focus on other tasks. I have approved the rehire of Austin Beattie at the cemetery, he worked out well last year as well. Minimum wage is \$12 this year, I would ask that you consider a wage slightly higher than that for these two gentlemen.

Savannah Alumni Association- I was contacted by Rick Hummer of the Savannah Alumni Association. They are hosting a golf tournament fund raiser on June 10th and he asked if we would consider waiving the fee for the use of the multi-purpose room at the Clasbey Center that day. I explained he would have to submit that request to Council for approval. This is on the agenda, and out of respect for Mr. Hummer and the Association I explained if they were not able to attend, I would speak on their behalf.

RSVP Board Meeting- I attended the RSVP meeting last Tuesday. The Savannah City Wide garage sale is scheduled for Saturday June 3rd. The permits are \$10 and sold as a fundraiser for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program at the Andrew County Senior Center. Last year they sold 153 permits.

Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation- My wife and I were invited and attended the annual NWMEF banquet last week at the Mother Pia Ministry Center. Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation is a nonprofit organization which offers free and confidential business coaching in Northwest Missouri. This Facilitation Board was created in order to assist rural entrepreneurs in creating or maintaining small business ventures. NWMEF has served 1233 clients, created 502 jobs, retained 93 jobs, helped start 144 new businesses, expanded & retained 48 businesses all with a total estimated annual sale of over \$29,000,000. This organization serves those in Andrew, Holt, Atchison, Worth, Gentry and Nodaway Counties.

Missouri Municipal League Newly Elected Officials Training- Is coming up in Columbia June 8th and 9th if anyone is interested in going. This Conference provides a nuts-and-bolts review of the myriad of important issues municipal officials face on a regular basis, from Sunshine Law to fraud, ethics and budgets to leadership and more! While the Conference focuses on providing the knowledge base that newly elected municipal leaders need to govern effectively, the changes that continually occur in the municipal arena make this a Conference that all officials should attend. Brooke also had a couple of training announcements coming up hosted by Lauber law and the Missouri Ethics Commission.

Chief of Police Report- The Police Chiefs Conference is the first week of May; Chief Vincent and Lt. Zeigler will be attending. The department is having car issues; drive train issues with Chiefs' car and then radiator blew gasket; the 203-car drive shaft was about to come loose. The new K9 Tahoe should be done this week and hope to have it picked up next week. A few meetings ago Chief Vincent talked about difficulty getting vehicles, so Chief Vincent met with City Clerk Brooke Bell about finances. The police department currently has approximately \$110,000 from CARES Act Money and Public Safety Tax. Vincent and Lundy are unsure on prices, but Tahoe's may be around \$45,000. Chief Vincent spoke with Brian Kennedy at Walton Motors and was quoted \$50,000 at the manufacturer rate. The current white Chargers are 2014 and the grey/red Chargers are 2018. Once vehicles come available, they are gone within a week. Chief Vincent would like to ask council to approve a limit so that a car/SUV can be ordered as soon as the state bidding is open. Keven Schneider motioned to approve up to \$95,000 on two vehicles or \$37,500 for one vehicle. Pam Kessler seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Chief Vincent left a summary of all police calls from 2022 and from first quarter of 2023.

Director of Public Works Report- The Public Works Department has been working at Messick Park; getting the new water line and gravel ready for the new bathroom. Public Works started a project at the sewer plant- trying to find a 2" water line. The line was hard to find, but finally found it. Swink and his crew are going tie onto it so the sewer plant can wash their UV and clarifier. Swink and his department have replaced several driveway tubes, as well as the large tube on Swenson. Swenson had more utilities under it and was a lot deeper than expected, so they had to hire John Jackson for bigger equipment. The Public Works Department is also fixing pot holes in between rain storms. The moisture in the ground in helping with water leaks; not having as many. Swink is in Leadership Savannah this year and really glad he did it. He's learned a lot.

Jerry Baker motioned to accept the reports. Pam Kessler seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2023-6 Amend Solid Waste Service Fees was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2839

An ordinance amending solid waste service fees. Keven Schneider motioned to accept ordinance no. 2839. Jerry Baker seconded. Vote: Kessler: aye; Baker: aye; Thompson: aye; Schneider: aye. Motion carried.

Second Public Testimony: none

ELECTED OFFICIALS' DISCUSSION

Mayor's Report- Commend Public Works; has seen them around and working on the tube replacement on Swenson; Mayor Larson appreciates all their hard work. Larson mentioned he likes the bright red fire hydrants; they look nice. Larson knows council has had to raise a bunch of stuff, but Larson believes council is being more proactive because we got behind on things. Inflation is going to be rough as we move on.

Council Members Discussion:

Pam Kessler- previously talked about not knowing about Park Board and how it's regulated. Curious about the annual report city code says Parks Board is supposed to provide. The Park Board has not supplied this as of recently. Bruce Lundy will speak to Park Board President, Brant Melvin about presenting this to council. Kessler also appreciated the work on Swenson, along with everything else Swink and his crew does.

Jerry Baker- all departments are very busy. As the MU Extension Liaison for Council Baker reported the Extension will be adding another part time person for the region in the office. The city parks have been very full.

Joy Thompson- received a complaint about a pile of brush behind Parks shed. It's golf courses brush from dead trees. Thompson and Kessler didn't like that it can be seen from C Hwy and Duncan Drive. Administrator Lundy will speak to golf about this. Teresa Stanton keeps asking when the yard waste facility will be open and Stanton thinks the city need a new security system and a signed contract for those residents who use it. Bruce reported that Director Swink did have someone working at it last week but it was so wet they couldn't get it accomplished, so waiting for it to dry up.

Keven Schneider- all the employees are doing well and making council look good.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn Sine Die

NEW SESSION

Election results read. Keven Schneider motioned to approve the results. Pam Kessler seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

City Clerk Brooke Bell presented the Oath of Office to newly elected officials: Mayor: Kirk Larson and Council Members: Pam Kessler and Joy Thompson.

Call meeting to order –Mayor Kirk Larson brought the meeting to order.

Roll Call – City Clerk Brooke Bell called roll. Council members: Pam Kessler; Jerry Baker; Joy Thompson, and Keven Schneider. City Officials/Employees: City Administrator Bruce Lundy; City Clerk Brooke Bell, Deputy City Clerk Minde Dreher, Chief of Police David Vincent, and Director of Public Works Tyler Swink attended.

Appointments:

Elect Council President – Pam Kessler motioned to approve Keven Schneider as Council President. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes. (Baker briefly stepped out)

Discussion: Pam Kessler motioned to keep the same appointments as before. Keven Schneider seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Appointments are as follows: Keven Schneider: Zoning & Golf Committees; Jerry Baker and Joy Thompson –Parks Liaison; Pam Kessler – Tree; Jerry Baker- University of MO Extension.

Keven Schneider motioned to go into Closed Session for reasons of Contracts 610.021(12). Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: Kessler: aye; Baker: aye; Thompson: aye; Schneider: aye; Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: Contracts 620.021(3)

No motions were made during Closed Session.

Pam Kessler motioned to go back into Open Session. Keven Schneider seconded. Vote: Baker: aye; Thompson: aye; Schneider: aye; Kessler: aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment -- Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. on a motion by Keven Schneider and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Mayor, Kirk Larson

ATTEST: _____
Brooke Bell, City Clerk