

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 2, 2024 AT 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, Joy Thompson, and Keven Schneider. City Officials/Employees: City Administrator Bruce Lundy, City Clerk Brooke Bell, Deputy Clerk Minde Dreher, Chief of Police/Interim Fire Chief David Vincent, Utility Clerk Meagan Phillips, and Director of Public Works Tyler Swink attended. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall on November 27, 2024.

Approval of Agenda- Jerry Baker motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony:

Jacob Cliff- Cliff wanted to thank the Savannah Fire Department for coming back and decorating the tree on the square after they weren't happy with the way it looked. Cliff would also like to publicly state he would like to see Brooke Bell become the new City Administrator.

Ralph Stanton- Stanton stated safety concerns around the city. The city currently has a trailer park owned by someone from Colorado. The Savannah Code states these trailer parks are non-conforming. Stanton has spoke to Mike and Bruce and no action has been taken. Stanton feels they're not safe- one caught fire on a couple weeks ago. Stanton feels a committee could be formed to look at this issue and have a lawyer look over it afterwards. Stanton feels LaVerna Village is another issue; Stanton voiced his opinion that it must have sprinklers and fire escapes. Stanton provided packets of information to Mayor and council with flash drives and city code.

Chamber of Commerce- Bell presented budget numbers along with the Chamber proposal. Bowles and Cliff were in attendance for questions.

Redgate Disposal- Jacob Peterson from Redgate was in attendance to talk about a possible large raise in landfill rates in St. Joseph. The landfill rate increases are not set in stone, at this time they're just proposals. Redgate is currently picking up approximately 121 tons/month. With proposed rates there would be an increase of \$125/ton for cost of \$15,122.50, which breaks down to \$6.39 increase per household. Redgate has been speaking with other landfills and transfer stations. Another option would be going with a transfer station. Going this route would make an increase of \$2.26 per household. There is a working group tomorrow to discuss this, as well as the board meeting on December 9, 2024. Peterson wanted to be upfront and get information out so there's not any surprises.

Reports:

Minutes from November 18, 2024.

City Administrator's Report:

Filming a Christmas movie in Savannah- We have been selected as a location for the filming of a Christmas movie. The Production Manager and the Director was in town on November 20th to make final selections of venues and make connections for final detail. The film crew will arrive December 4th and plans on filming at City Hall on December 16th and 18th. This is a great opportunity for our community and the Chamber feels this will bring thousands of tax dollars to the city and county.

Landfill Rate Increase- I received info from Redgate, our trash collector, about the possible 300% rate increase for them to dump at the St. Joseph Landfill. Of course, if that goes into effect in January, they will require an increase as well to cover those costs. Jacob Petersen, with Redgate, has requested to be on the agenda for this week's meeting and provided a couple of options in the event the proposed increase at the St Joseph landfill goes into effect.

Minimum Wage Increase- We received notification from the State of Missouri that On November 5th, Missouri voters approved Proposition A, amending Chapter 290 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri to provide an increase to the state's minimum wage. A minimum wage of \$13.75 per hour will take effect on January 1, 2025, and a minimum wage of \$15.00 per hour will take effect on January 1, 2026. Thereafter, all future annual adjustments to the minimum wage will be based on the Consumer Price Index. Attached is that document.

Route E Sidewalk Project- Larry Jacobson with Snyder & Associates dropped off some contracts to sign on Friday. Bishop, the concrete contractor, has signed and once ours is signed they will be ready to get the process started.

Planning & Zoning- I attended the Planning and Zoning Meeting last week; they moved to adopt the 2024 version of the ICC building code, with the exception of requiring sprinkler systems (fire suppression) in new homes. They also moved to change some language prohibiting the use of, metal buildings, shipping containers, pole barns, tool/garden sheds, garages, and other accessory structures for human occupancy (living quarters).

One of the members also brought up the issue with cars parking on 6th Street at Benton and how it creates a hazard with school traffic. I explained we had discussed that but with the funeral home doing business there it would be difficult to make it a no parking area. They asked if it would be possible to make the area no parking for the hour or two before school and the hour or two when school lets out. I told them I would bring that up with council and see what they think.

Keven Schneider made a motion to approve the reports. Jerry Baker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

2024-14- Annual Municipal Election was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2864

An ordinance to provide for the regular Annual Municipal Election of the City of Savannah, Missouri, to be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, designating the polling places therefore, providing for giving notice of such election, for the purpose of electing a mayor for a two-year term, an alderman from the West Ward for a two-year term, and an alderman from the East Ward for a two-year term. Joy Thompson made a motion to accept ordinance no. 2864. Keven Schneider seconded. Vote: Schneider- aye; Kessler- aye; Baker- aye; Thompson- aye. Motion carried.

2024-15- Contract Renewal with Rural Fire was read for first and second readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 2865

An ordinance amending ordinance NO. 2511, authorizing the Mayor to renew the cooperative agreement with Savannah Rural Fire Protection District. Pam Kessler made a motion to accept ordinance no. 2865. Jerry Baker seconded. Vote: Baker- aye; Thompson- aye; Schneider- aye; Kessler- aye. Motion carried.

2024-16- Amend Building Codes to ICC 2024 was read for first reading.

2024-17- Prohibition of Metal Buildings was read for first reading.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' DISCUSSION

Mayor Report- Hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving. We're approaching the holiday season and I hope everyone has a good time. Larson asked Swink about status of street in front of Clasbey. Lundy said he spoke to SHS Superintendent and Hansen said it was a city street. Lundy has reached out to City Attorney about this issue.

Council Members Discussion:

Pam Kessler- nothing

Jerry Baker- Baker reported the normal things- lots and lots going on. The city had a lot of people driving through town. It's very nice to see this kind of thing going on and Baker is hopeful it will continue.

Joy Thompson- nothing

Keven Schneider- In the last meeting there was a conversation about the Savannah Vet Clinic. Schneider did some digging and he was adamantly against it at first. Now Schneider wonders about giving some money to the relocation of the sewer. Schneider doesn't believe the contractor looked at the plans closely, but at the same time the city didn't acknowledge that the plans were over the city sewer. Schneider feels the city has some responsibility by not telling the

contractor the building was on the sewer. Schneider felt the city should pay for some of the cost, but not all.

Pam Kessler motioned to go into closed session for reasons of Personnel 610.021(3). Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: Baker- aye; Thompson-aye; Schneider- aye; Kessler-aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: Personnel 610.021(3).

No motions made in closed session.

Pam Kessler made a motion to go back into open session. Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: Baker- aye; Thompson- aye; Schneider- aye; Kessler- aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment -- Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. on a motion by Pam Kessler and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Kirk Larson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Brooke D. Atha Bell, City Clerk