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**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 4, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.  
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Budget Work Session – Goal Setting**

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 Minde Dreher called roll. Council members: Pam Kessler, Than Wagers, Joy Thompson, and Keven Schneider. City Officials/Employees: City Administrator Brooke Bell, City Clerk Minde Dreher, Police Officer Darren White, and Director of Public Works Tyler Swink attended. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall on May 1, 2026.

**Approval of Agenda-** Pam Kessler made a motion to approve the agenda as amended by adding Lift Station Fencing. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Testimony: -**

Jamie Baker – Baker reported that significant progress is being made at the pool. Shade sails are being installed, and the interior glass coating walkthrough was completed, resulting in a noticeably brighter pool interior. Installation of pumps and piping for the mushrooms and slides is also underway. The project remains on track for a ribbon cutting on May 21, with the grand opening scheduled for May 23.

**Emergency Bid Approval: Pro Shop Air Conditioner** – Bell reported notice from Asst. Golf Pro Emily Hummer regarding emergency purchases for an air conditioner for the Pro Shop. Hummer provide three bids for the unit; Johnson Heating and Cooling for \$6,357.00, Barnes Heating and Cooling for \$9,011.00, and Four Seasons Heating and Cooling for \$9,930.00. Keven Schneider made a motion to proceed with Johnson Heating and Cooling for \$6,357.00 for the unit. Than Wagers seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Lift Station Fencing Bid Approval-** Director Swink has been in contact with the other companies. Keven Schnieder would like to have him meet with the gentleman again. Than Wagers made a motion to accept the bid provided from Clark Fencing for \$26,325.00. Pam Kessler seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Reports:**

Minutes from April 20, 2026.

**City Administrator Report:** Bell reported that she had attended Andrew County Health Coalition, Chamber and Rotary meetings. Bell also reported attending the Northwest MO Facilitation Annual Banquet, MIRMA HR Seminar in Columbia on Monday, and MCMA (Missouri City Managers Association) Annual Meeting at Margaritaville. Bell also reported that more work has been completed on City Hall basement. More wire shelves have been built; had to re-box a lot of files as the boxes were wet and damaged. Bell met with Matt Proffer today to discuss the sidewalks around City Hall. The sidewalk project will start on May 11 or 12. Brad Jarvis met with Bell regarding the northwest corner of the Courthouse. Plans are being considered to remove the existing concrete and install new concrete pads. He requested that the City evaluate and address the drainage issue in that area while it is exposed. The City indicated that if the sidewalk is removed, they will investigate the drainage issue at that time; if not, they will plan to review the issue in the fall.

Officer Alexis Reagan came in at 6:26 p.m. to replace Officer Darren White

Joy Thompson made a motion to accept reports as presented. Keven Schneider seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**BILL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**BILL 2026-7:** Evergy Electric Franchise – First Reading.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS' DISCUSSION**

**Mayor Report-** Mayor Larson announced that due to significant changes in his professional role, he no longer feels he can adequately serve the citizens of Savannah. He submitted his resignation as Mayor of the City of Savannah, effective immediately. Mayor Larson expressed pride in the accomplishments achieved over the past six years and confidence that the City is in a position to continue moving forward.

**Council Members Discussion:**

**Pam Kessler-** Kessler expressed thanks to Mayor Larson for all he has done for the City.

**Than Wagers-** Wagers expressed congratulations to Mayor Larson.

**Joy Thompson-** Thompson expressed thanks to Mayor Larson for setting the City in the position to move forward. Thompson also reported that she would like to have the decorations picked up from the cemetery disposed of.

**Keven Schneider-** Schneider expressed thanks to Mayor Larson for all he has done for the City since his time began on the Planning and Zoning Board.

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

**CLOSED SESSION: Personnel 610.021(3)**

Mayor Larson left the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Keven Schneider took control of the meeting.

Discussion on personnel.

No motions made

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

**Adjournment** -- Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m. on a motion by Than Wagers. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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Keven Schneider, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Minde Dreher, City Clerk