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**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
MAY 18, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

BUDGET WORK SESSION – Public Works / Cemetery

Mayor Pro Tem Keven Schneider presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call meeting to order – Mayor Pro Tem Keven Schneider brought the meeting to order. Roll Call – City Clerk Minde Dreher called roll. Council members: Pam Kessler, Than Wagers, and Joy Thompson. City Officials/Employees: City Administrator Brooke Bell, City Clerk Minde Dreher, Chief of Police Zach Long, Sewer Superintendent Bobby Moore, and Director of Public Works Tyler Swink attended. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall on May 15, 2026.

Approval of Agenda- Pam Kessler made motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Picnic License and Emergency Sewer Repair after Robert Davis, and Closed Session: Contracts 610.021(12). Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Public Testimony:

Randy Wilt – Wilt was in attendance to discuss Andrew Street at the end of 15th Terrace. Wilt stated that in 1995 an agreement was made between the County Commissioners, the City, and Ben Wilt regarding Andrew Street. Wilt would like to see the City address repairs to Andrew Street, as the roadway is in need of maintenance.

Linda Hayward- Hayward was in attendance, as her residence is located on Andrew Street. Hayward reported that school buses use the roadway regularly, along with agricultural equipment from Sur Ag. Semi-trucks also utilize the road for Sur Ag operations.

Rhonda Harrison – Harrison also resides on Andrew Street and reported speaking with Lundy about installing a street light in the area. Harrison stated she feels the street should be paved, noting concerns that the current condition could create a health issue for her granddaughter.

Robert Davis- Davis was in attendance to discuss the flag pole located at the ball fields in Messick Park. Davis reported that his son, Tim, passed away in 1999 due to an accident. Tim had participated in many ball tournaments, and in 2000 Robert Davis appeared before the Council to request permission to install a flag pole in Tim’s memory. Davis noted that the flag pole remains standing today and would like to see a flag placed on the pole once again.

Davis also requested consideration for a memorial stone to be placed at the base of the flag pole in memory of Tim.

As a third concern, Davis discussed the condition of North 10th Street north of Highway 71. Davis stated that the two blocks are deteriorating and would like to see the roadway added to the City's paving list for future repairs.

Picnic License – Administrator Bell reported being contacted by Patrick Turner with Pizza Shoppe regarding a request for a picnic license for the Fair on the Square event.

Kodi Moore with the Bunker Club is also in attendance to request approval for a picnic license for the Fair on the Square as well.

Pam Kessler made motion to grant a picnic license for The Bunker Club and Pizza Shoppe. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes and one abstention.

Emergency Sewer Purchase- Sewer superintendent Bobby Moore was in attendance to discuss the failure of a pump at the sewer plant. Moore reported that the controls on the line had failed. R/S Electric responded to repair the controls for the new pump in order to keep the plant operational. Joy Thompson made the motion to approve the purchase from R/S Electric. Pam Kessler seconded. Motion carries on 3 yes votes and one abstention.

Council Appointments- Joy Thompson motioned to appoint Keven Schneider as Mayor. Pam Kessler seconded. Motion passed on 3 yes votes

Keven Schneider would like to appoint Jackson Jones to the West Ward Alderman position.

Pam Kessler motioned to appoint Joy Thompson as Council President. Than Wagers seconded. Motion carries on 3 yes votes.

Payment of Bills & Financials:

Joy Thompson made a motion to accept payment of bills and file for audit. Than Wagers seconded. Motion passed on 3 yes votes.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Resolution 2026-2: Resolution for Mitigation Plan. Than Wagers motioned to accept Resolution 2026-2. Pam Kessler seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Joey McLiney: Financial Advisor – McLiney was in attendance to discuss the purchase of the new Police Department building. McLiney reported that financing for the purchase was secured through Nodaway Valley Bank in Savannah.

BILL FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2026-8: An ordinance authorizing the City of Savannah, Missouri Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement and authorizing and approving certain documents. – First & Second Readings.

Ordinance No. 2894 – An ordinance authorizing the City of Savannah, Missouri Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement and authorizing and approving certain documents. Joy Thompson motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2894. Pam Kessler seconded. Vote: Kessler- aye; Wagers- aye; Thompson- aye. Motion carried.

Reports:

Minutes from May 4, 2026.

Chief of Police Report: Chief Long reported attending Chief Training as well as assisting with the Community Block Party. Long also reported being appointed to the 911 Board. Long stated that officers are being sent to several in-person training opportunities. Long also met with Jeff Arp from MIRMA regarding grants, training opportunities, and policy updates. Long further reported that the department is in the process of implementing less-lethal training for officers. Long announced that Cadet Macaulay will graduate on July 12th. Long also noted that issues have been reported involving dirt bikes and side-by-sides being operated at the reservoir.

City Administrator Report:

- Bell attended Andrew County Health Coalition, Golf Committee, Chamber and Rotary meetings.
- Bell attended a finance seminar in St. Louis.
- Bell attended the Andrew County Block Party with Oren, Tyler, Minde, and Keven; Tyler and Oren cooked 500 hotdogs. There was not as big of a turn out this year.
- Sidewalk Project has been started. The ones completed look good; City Hall sidewalks were started today. City Hall will have to close to the public for one day when the section in front of the door is completed.

Director of Public Works Report: Swink reported visiting with Mason with Conservation regarding the pollination plots. The plots are progressing as expected. Public Works has utilized 23 tons of cold patch so far this year. Swink reported they are currently obtaining cold patch material from Kansas City, as Keller's has been unable to keep up with demand. Swink also assisted at the pool last week to help prepare it for operation. Grass was replanted along the sidewalks on E Highway, and sidewalk work around the square is progressing well, with work beginning around City Hall today.

Pam Kessler motioned to accept the reports as presented. Than Wagers seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' DISCUSSION

Mayor Report- Mayor Schneider expressed his appreciation to the Public Works and Parks Departments for their efforts in getting the pool operational last week in preparation for the ribbon cutting ceremony and opening day.

Council Members Discussion:

Pam Kessler- Kessler reported that the cemetery is looking very good and expressed appreciation to Tyler's crew for keeping up with the maintenance. Kessler also commented that it was good to see everyone out working.

Than Wagers - Nothing

Joy Thompson – Thompson stated that the City has many positive things happening and expressed a desire to stay on track and continue moving projects and improvements forward.

Joy Thompson motioned to go into Closed Session for reasons of Personnel 610.021(3) & Contracts 610.021 (12). Pam Kessler seconded. Vote: Kessler: aye; Wagers: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: Personnel 610.021(3) & Contracts 610.021(12).

Discussion on Personnel

Discussion on Contracts.

Joy Thompson motioned to go back into Open Session. Pam Kessler seconded. Vote: Kessler - aye; Wagers - aye; Thompson – aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment -- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Pam Kessler and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Keven Schneider, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Minde Dreher, City Clerk