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**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 1, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Budget Work Session – Sewer

Mayor – Keven Schneider presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call meeting to order – Mayor Keven Schneider brought the meeting to order. Roll Call – City Clerk Minde Dreher called roll. Council members: Pam Kessler, Than Wagers, and Joy Thompson. Officials/Employees: City Administrator Brooke Bell, City Clerk Minde Dreher, Sewer Superintendent Bobby Moore, Police Chief Zach Long, Police Lieutenant Travis Casteel, Police Officer Alexis Regan, Fire Chief David Vincent, and Director of Public Works Tyler Swink attended. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall on May 29, 2026.

Approval of Agenda- Pam Kessler made a motion to approve the agenda as amended to add emergency sewer purchase after cell tower. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 3 yes votes.

Public Testimony: -

Kritin Murphy, 601 S 3rd – Murphy expressed concerns regarding the recently planted pollination plots. Administrator Bell and Public Works Director Swink will meet with Conservation representatives to review the plots and discuss any concerns.

Alyson Fisher – Fisher, serving as ACAI Treasurer, provided an update on the pool. The pool is now open, and the water temperature continues to rise. Pool pass sales have been strong, and swim lessons are filling up quickly. Fisher reported that the pool reached capacity and expressed appreciation for the community's support. Fisher also requested further discussion regarding employee timesheets.

Tyler Wheeler – 108 N 16th Street- Wheeler inquired about the West Ward Alderman position and how the vacancy would be filled. Thompson expressed support for amending the ordinance to allow interested individuals to apply for open council positions rather than relying solely on the current appointment process.

Swearing in of West Ward Alderman, Jackson Jones- City Clerk Minde Dreher swore in West Ward Alderman Jackson Jones.

Golf Cart Policy- Administrator Bell reported being in contact with Assistant Golf Pro Shop Manager Emily Hummer and representatives from MIRMA regarding the use of golf carts by young children. Following discussion, Than Wagers made a motion to table consideration of the Golf Cart Policy provided by MIRMA concerning children ages four and under to allow more time to review the policy. Pam Kessler seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Cell Tower- Administrator Bell reported being contacted by Harmoni Towers regarding the City's current lease agreement for the property on which the cell tower is located. Bell provided council members with correspondence outlining potential buyout options that Harmoni Towers would like the City to consider and review.

Emergency Purchase- Superintendent Moore reported the need to replace a grinder pump. A previous quote from ASC totaled \$11,336.00. Moore subsequently located a pump through Letts, Van Kirk & Associates that meets all required specifications for \$7,207.86. In addition to the lower cost, the pump has an estimated lead time of only a few weeks compared to the 8–12 week lead time previously quoted. Joy Thompson made a motion to approve the emergency pump purchase from Letts, Van Kirk and Associates for \$7,207.86. Pam Kessler seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Reports:

Minutes from May 18, 2026.

City Administrator Report:

- Bell attended Andrew County Health Coalition, Extension, Chamber and Rotary meetings.
- Sidewalk Project is still going on around the square, but City Hall portion is done and looks great.
- Bell extended her appreciation to Matt Proffer as well as Swink and the city crew for working evenings and weekends to be sure the sidewalks would be completed with as little disruption to businesses as possible.

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

BILL FOR CONSIDERATION:

BILL 2026-7: Evergy Electric Franchise – Second Reading.

Ordinance No. 2895 – An ordinance granting to Evergy Missouri West, Inc., a Missouri Corporation, its successors and assigns, an electric franchise, prescribing the terms thereof and relating thereto, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with the terms hereof. Than Wagers motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2895. Joy Thompson seconded. Vote: Thompson- aye; Jones- aye; Kessler- aye; Wagers- aye. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' DISCUSSION

Mayor Report- Nothing

Council Members Discussion:

Pam Kessler- Kessler received compliments on cemetery and how well it looked. Kessler also reported a pot hole in the area of 1st and Market

Than Wagers- Nothing

Joy Thompson- Nothing

Jackson Jones- Nothing

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

CLOSED SESSION: Personnel 610.021(3)

Discussion on personnel.

Than Wagers made a motion to hire Gail Hawkins for the Police Administrative Assistant/Utility Clerk position at \$19.00 per hour. Pam Kessler seconded. Vote: Thompson- aye; Jones- aye; Kessler- aye; Wagers- aye.

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

Adjournment -- Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. on a motion by Pam Kessler. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Keven Schneider, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Minde Dreher, City Clerk