

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012
CLASBEY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Dave Ingersoll presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Members present: Vernon Townsend, Don Dillman, John Parker, and Joy Thompson. Mayor Dave Ingersoll, City Administrator Jill Cornett, City Attorney Ron Holliday, Chief of Police David Vincent and City Clerk Beth Kar were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall on December 14, 2012. The meeting was audio recorded.

Approve Agenda

Vernon Townsend motioned to approve the agenda with removal of Kenny Gilbert's place on the agenda; Gilbert is no longer asking for a liquor license. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried of 4 yes votes.

Minutes – December 3, 2012

Vernon Townsend motioned to approve the minutes. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Dave Ingersoll reported the City crews were preparing for the predicted snow fall.

City Administrator's report

City Administrator Jill Cornett reported:

UPDATED ORDINANCE TO AMEND PURCHASING POLICY IN CITY CODE -- The ordinance in the Council packets authorizes the establishment of a pre-approved list of qualified Architects, Engineers, and Surveyors. It does not include any changes to levels of purchasing authority. This ordinance is for the first reading only.

UPDATE ON PARK POOL PROJECT -- Kevin Rost of Ellison Auxier (EA) presented revised plans for the pool construction. EA has recommended two bids for the pressure testing/leak detection. Rost feels cause and repair may be more extensive than previously determined. If more cost goes toward pool repair and construction, less money will be available for pool house/showers/etc. The Park Board recommends City Council approve the publication of Request for Bids on construction. Don Dillman asked if there was a maximum limit on cost for repairing the pool, where the Parks would not do the renovations. The bond amount \$650,000 is the limit. John Parker motioned to approve publishing the request for bids on the pool construction. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

The Park Board also recommends the City prepare the sale of bonds ordinance to be read and passed on January 7. John Parker motioned to prepare the ordinance to sell the general obligation pool bonds. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Once the bonds are sold, Piper Jaffrey expects the proceeds to be available within 30 days, which would be about the same time construction bids will be opened. Construction work could begin in February.

UPDATE ON EAST MAIN STREET -- The City has contracted with Snyder Engineering on a temporary basis for the construction management on the East Main Street Extension project. The City has issued a Request for Qualifications for a permanent project engineer to provide the construction management and testing during the East Main Street construction.

UPDATE ON AUDIT – City Clerk Beth Kar and Deputy Clerk Brooke Bell are still collecting data and filling in forms for the auditors at Cochran, Head & Vick. The audit report is estimate to be presented in February 2013. An advertisement for a temporary/part-time clerical assistant has been placed in the local newspapers.

LAND LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY ADJACENT TO CEMETERY -- In 1980, the Council passed Ordinance 1284, contracting a land lease agreement of approximately one acre of land adjacent to the Cemetery. The lessee is Mrs. Don (Ethel) Boyles. There is an ordinance on file, but no executed contract. The lease price on this land was set at \$25.00 per month. The terms of the lease are for two (2) years. A clause in the ordinance states, “(k) Either party may terminate this lease upon sixty days notice.” Mobile home park owners in Savannah charge \$100 - \$200 per month for space lease, which often includes water/trash. Staff recommends increasing the lease price to market value, or at a price that takes into account the inflation rate on \$25.00. Staff recommends the lease price be raised to \$75.00, and that an actual contract be drafted and executed with the new terms stated therein. Don Boyles had been a City of Savannah street superintendent and the original plan was to allow the trailer there as long as he and his wife lived. Vernon Townsend motioned to create a contract for \$75/month for 2 years. John Parker asked what fund receives the money. City Administrator Jill Cornett reported the money went into the General fund. Council discussed the fee and whether to make any changes. John Parker asked if anyone had met with the Boyles family to discuss the terms. Mayor Ingersoll recommended talking to Mrs. Boyles. Vernon Townsend withdrew his motion until further investigation. John Parker suggested a written agreement that the trailer would be removed when Boyles was no longer living there. Joy Thompson motioned to put the rent money into the Cemetery fund instead of the General Fund. Vernon Townsend seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. The City will contact Mrs. Boyles.

MIKE QUIRK CERTIFICATIONS – Water Operator Mike Quirk passed his Wastewater and Water Distribution tests and has been recertified for both. Each certification is rewarded with a \$1,000 salary increase for a total increase of \$2,000. Vernon Townsend motioned to approve the \$2,000 raise to Mike Quirk for his certifications. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

AAVELIN CABLE TELEVISION SOFTWARE -- Funds are available to purchase the new Aavelin Cable Television broadcast unit and software upgrade. The upgrade will help ensure the entire system does not go out, as it is old and cannot be upgraded without new equipment and software. Additionally, new software enables staff to post better graphics, audio and video. Staff would consider this purchase a Sole Source, as the existing system is an Aavelin unit, and there is considerable value and time/cost savings in staff’s familiarity with the system and quick ability to put it to work without training and installation delays. Total cost: \$4,150. Staff needs Council approval to purchase. Council asked if the new system would make it easier to keep the information on the channel up-to-date. John Parker asked if the purchase was in the budget. No, it is not in the budget

but there is money in the General Fund. Vernon Townsend asked if there was an annual fee for the software. There is no current annual fee for maintenance/licensing. Don Dillman motioned to approve the purchase of the new Aavelin system and software. Vernon Townsend seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

STOP 'N' GO REQUESTS TEMPORARY WINE TASTING LICENSE -- Staff recommends charging Stop N Go an additional \$25 to match the tasting liquor license fee charged by the State of Missouri. Stop N Go's owner Mr. Raz was present. He described how he was provided the idea by his distributors. The license would correspond to the City's regular license period and be due for renewal by July 1. There is a company that goes around and handles the wine tastings. An identification proving the taster is over 21 is required. Don Dillman motioned to approve the license to Stop N Go/Raz. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

NUISANCE REPORT FROM GENE GROSSMAN – Building Inspector Gene Grossman was present. He provided a report on the nuisance building on Highway 71. The owners have a roofing permit and are talking about renovating the building. The neighbor was present with her feedback on the property. Grossman suggested that the nuisance committee (Vern Townsend, John Parker) follow the protocol by looking at the property and starting the process to declare it a dangerous building. Grossman provided a copy of the City Code on Dangerous Building and the letters that had been sent to the property on East Pearl. John Parker would like a copy of Grossman's pictures of the property to compare them to how it looks now with any changes. There was also a vacated mobile home on Benton Street. He would like the Nuisance Committee to also look at that one and start the Dangerous Buildings process.

Grossman responded to a citizen's request for clarification on a street identification. Cornett asked him to explain the situation and the City's response, so Council could answer questions asked by citizens. Off of 7th Street there is a short street with 4 plots. The street has had different names. The lady who lives there (Mrs. Murphy) has had problem with not getting her mail. After research, it looks like the property, 1205, was originally plotted as Alison Street but the county map shows it as 7th Terrace but on another map it is 8th Street Terrace. Grossman talked to Ron Christmas at the County who said the property should be South 7th Street Terrace. Grossman talked to post office, also. The City needs to put up a new sign that says 7th Street Terrace.

Vernon Townsend motioned to approve the City Administrator's report. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Treasurer's Report – City Administrator Jill Cornett provided the highlights of the November financial reports including the Sales Tax Revenues, Gas Tax Revenues, and Property Tax Revenues to date, and fund balances. She received the CD on sales taxes received from the State. Vernon Townsend motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Police Chief's Report -- Police Chief David Vincent presented the departments statistics. He highlighted that there were seven incidents since July 1st of 96-hour detention holds. The 96 hours holds are where someone threatens suicide or to harm others. Seven was more than the number of people the police had arrested for DWI. Vincent hoped that adding a 6th officer to his staff is not off the table. Today he stood guard at the elementary school after the shootings at the elementary school in Connecticut. There are school districts that contract with the local city and pay for part of a police officer's salary. Has the school ever considered participating? In the past, there was a fear this would give the negative image that things were so bad, Savannah

needs a police officer at schools. In St. Joseph all high schools have police officers. Cameron is on that program with their school district. Harrisonville also has that program. In Savannah there are 3 school campuses inside the City. After the holidays, the City will talk to the school superintendent and see if the school would be interested in this program. At the next meeting, Vincent will bring recommendations on hiring three more reserve officers to replace the inactive ones. John Parker motioned to approve the Police Chief's report. Vernon Townsend seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Bill 2012-46 Amend Chapter 66 & 67 Delinquent Bills & Water was read for the second reading. John Parker asked if there was anyone in the audience that wanted to comment or ask questions about the ordinance. There were no comments.

ORDINANCE NO. 2586

This ordinance amends chapters 66 & 67 on delinquent bills and water. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2586. Vernon Townsend seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Townsend: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2012-48 Amend Purchasing Policy was read for first reading. John Parker asked why the new section was not added to the back of the existing code, instead of the front. Staff put in the new section where there was an opening and thought it should fit. As Sullivan Publications starts updating the City's Code, the sections will likely be rearranged. Mayor Dave Ingersoll asked where the old section on hiring professionals was located. There was not a section on engineers. John Parker recommended changing the new section to 25.170. It does not change any of the wording. John Parker motioned to accept the first reading of Bill 2012-48 but to amend the section number of the new Code to 25.170. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Second Public Testimony

Building Inspector Gene Grossman followed-up on the recycle taxi property located behind Breaktime gas station on Highway 71 and he spoke to the property owner Gary Swanson. The Nuisance Committee will also add this property to the list to review.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Joy Thompson reported she had a complaint about South 7th Street at the top of the hill with the junk. The resident was issued a ticket. The problem is he pays the fine without cleaning anything up. Mayor Ingersoll would like to see the court order the resident to clean up the property. City Attorney Ron Holliday mentioned that the only option would be to place the resident on probation. This is not the first offense. It would likely involve going to court and showing pictures. The 2nd Wednesday of each month is Court. Joy Thompson complimented on the new trash cans around the Square. The Main Street organization purchased the replacements. Gary Swanson ordered them.

John Parker has been busy with family and had no discussion.

Vern Townsend noticed the trash cans looked nice. There are still street lights which are out. He saw the report on Facebook about the police chief being at Minnie Cline Elementary and parents

being appreciative.

Don Dillman reported that Friday was his last day at work at United Electric after 44 years.

Adjournment

No further business to discuss. Vern Townsend motioned to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. and Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Dave Ingersoll, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk