

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2012
CITY HALL
9 A.M.**

Mayor Dave Ingersoll presiding.

Purpose of Special Meeting: discussion of East Main Extension.

Council Member present: Don Dillman, Vernon Townsend, Joy Thompson and John Parker. Mayor Dave Ingersoll, City Administrator Jill Cornett, and City Clerk Beth Kar were also present. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall 10-26-2012. The meeting was audio recorded.

Don Dillman amended the agenda to add changing the date of the next Council meeting, November 5th. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes. Mayor Dave Ingersoll will not be able to attend meeting if it is held on November 5th. He would be able to attend if the meeting is the following night, November 6. However, November 6 is also election night. Don Dillman motioned to change the next Council meeting to Tuesday, November 6. Vernon Townsend seconded. Vote: 2 yes (Dillman, Townsend); 2 no (Parker, Thompson). Mayor Ingersoll broke the tie by voting yes. Motion carried.

East Main Street Discussion –

City Administrator Jill Cornett had heard and it was confirmed that those in charge of the new Senior Citizens Center were looking at the old USDA building on Highway E as opposed to building the new Andrew County Senior Center property on East Main Street. The City approved a contract with Hoggatt Construction to start on the East Main street extension. Cornett asked for a Council decision whether or not to move forward with East Main Street extension if the new Senior Center is not built along that street.

Linda Lambright, Executive Director of the Senior Center, reported that the Seniors had a contract to build the new Senior Citizens Center building on East Main. She received a call to look at the state building on Highway E after City had to rebid East Main the latest time. The state property has a lot of benefits including: 3 acres instead of 2 acres. Before this call, the property on East Main was the only property Seniors could find that met their requirements. The state property was not available when the Seniors looked earlier. They could purchase the state building and be able to pay cash as opposed to financing the project. The building is not inside the city limits and they would have to ask the City to annex it. The Seniors have not made a decision and will not know until all the figures are calculated. The state building is all they wanted and more but they do not know yet if it will work out. Lambright stated that the Seniors are asking Council to move forward with the East Main street extension so there would not be any more delays if they still build on East Main. The Seniors are still tied into a contract with Craig Porter.

Council discussed the East Main Street extension. Council had voted and approved to put in the East Main Street extension; the vote was not about putting in the new Senior Center. The City has the funds and the project was already approved. Even if the Senior Center does not go in on East Main, the hope is something will. If the Seniors go to the other location, it could be debt free. John Parker does not want his grandkids deciding whether or not to finish the East Main Street extension. Joy Thompson brought up the economic development possibilities. Mayor Dave Ingersoll reminded everyone that the City was receiving carryover from the previous grant on Price & Cedar. With Andrew County helping on the project, he thought it would be a huge mistake to not go forward. Andrew County said if the Seniors go in on East Main, the County will still work with the City on the East Main extension. Jill Cornett commented she noticed that at the termination of the road, it is starting to erode back. Thus, there would be city expenses regardless. Cornett felt this was the least expensive option of extending East Main..

John Parker motioned to continue with the East Main Street extension project and get it done. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m. on a motion by Vern Townsend and seconded by Don Dillman. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Dave Ingersoll, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Beth Kar, City Clerk