

**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SESSION  
MONDAY, JULY 9, 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, Chief of Police David Vincent and City Clerk Beth Kar were also present. City Attorney Ron Holliday was absent. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall July 6, 2012. The meeting was audio recorded.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Minutes – June 18, 2012**

Don Dillman motioned to approve the minutes of June 18, 2012 as submitted. Vernon Townsend seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**Public Testimony:**

Ralph Kennard described his concerns about national issues including a lack of information and prisoners being held who had a disagreement with the federal government.

Mayor Dave Ingersoll turned the direction of the meeting over to President of the Board of Alderman Vernon Townsend. Ingersoll commented that his son, Ross Ingersoll, would be speaking next and the Mayor wished to avoid any sign of conflict of interest. Mayor Ingersoll left the room.

**Ross Ingersoll, representing Inspirations Dance Studio.**

Ross Ingersoll reported that his wife, Mary Ingersoll, was unavailable for the meeting so he was present in her place. He wished to address the Council regarding the lease of his wife's company for the East and West rooms at the Clasbey Center. In particular, he wanted to talk about the decision to put the rental for bid at next year's renewal. Putting the space rental out for bid was not acceptable to him and his wife. Ingersoll provided the history of the lease with his wife that began in 2009 with rent at \$550 monthly. The rent is currently \$700/month. She also pays additional rent when she uses the kitchen or multipurpose rooms in the Clasbey Center. This year she will pay over \$10,000 for the Clasbey in just rent. Her rooms are on a separate electric meter and she pays for the electricity. She would like to have a section in the rental contract stating that she can leave with a 2 months written notice and she wants the decision withdrawn that the space will be bid out at the next lease renewal. Ingersoll mentioned that City Administrator Jill Cornett had talked to five other cities and each had similar lease agreements.

He did not understand the need to bid out the rented space. Joy Thompson did not realize it was that much money. She had thought long and hard about it and tried to put herself in their shoes; if that was her business, she would not have wanted it bid out. John Parker understood wanting to amend the contract so that there is a way out. Ross Ingersoll reported that his wife, Mary, would prefer to keep her dance business in the Clasbey Center. John Parker wanted to give the opportunity for possible increases over what was being paid. Ross Ingersoll described that if Mary had to move her business to someplace else within a month it would not be any easy task and her rent increase was probably ahead of other commercial increases in the area. Parker asked if it had to be a one year lease. Would she want to sign up for more than one year? Vernon Townsend asked how the City had dealt with situations like this before. City Clerk Beth Kar stated that Ingersoll's lease expires July 30. Council will meet prior to then. No decision was made regarding the contract and bidding it out next year.

Vernon Townsend asked Police Chief Dave Vincent to bring Mayor Ingersoll back to the meeting. When Ingersoll returned, Townsend turned the meeting back over to the Mayor.

### **Mayor's report**

Mayor Dave Ingersoll reported he received calls on Friday about trash not being picked up. There was a holiday and trash pickup was delayed one day. He went on the City's public access TV channel and found where it mentioned trash was delayed. The information was also on the City Facebook web site page.

### **Police Chief's report**

Chief of Police David Vincent presented information on used patrol vehicles from Missouri State Highway Patrol. The police department would like to replace the City's 2003 Ford Crown Victoria that has 97,000 miles. The 2003 vehicle is damaged and the trunk can not be opened. Mayor Ingersoll asked how the police's budget looked. Chief Vincent reported that the police had \$20,000 sales tax money budgeted that had not been used. Vernon Townsend asked if the vehicles could be viewed before purchase. The cars can be viewed prior to purchase in Jefferson City. The Chevy Impalas are ones from gaming officers and are not patrol vehicles so have not been driven hard. There are several vehicles on the list in the lot. Vernon Townsend motioned to authorize the purchase of the 2010 Chevy Impala. Don Dillman seconded. John Parker asked which vehicle Chief Vincent would prefer to have. Vincent likes the Fords but the Impalas have better gas mileage; either would be okay. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Joy Thompson asked about the 2003 car. Since the City Administrator's vehicle is shot, what if she used the 2003 until the City can afford another vehicle. She doesn't want the City Administrator to get stranded. Vincent said the problem is that the 2003 car has broken down, also. John Parker asked if it would pass state inspection. Vincent reported it would likely pass inspection. City Administrator Cornett asked how soon the police could get the new vehicle. Chief Vincent replied, as soon as they get a check to pay for it. John Parker motioned to approve the Police Chief's report. Vernon Townsend seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

### **City Administrator's Report**

City Administrator Jill Cornett presented her report:

## **Upcoming Bid Schedule:**

<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
July 11	Independent Audit, Old Water Plant Excavations
July 18	Replace Wastewater Plant Submersible Motive Pump
August 1	City Employees Health Insurance

**UPDATE ON EAST MAIN STREET EXTENSION--** The only Developer's Agreement the City has is dated September 20, 2010. It reflects the agreement between the developers and the City to apply for the CDBG grant funding. City Council must decide whether to put the project out for rebid. The engineers, TREKK, are concerned the contractors will raise line items after Andrew County's list of items are removed from the project. TREKK is requesting payment for services related to preparing new bid documents. TREKK is concerned that should the bids come in higher than the total funding again, there is no entity willing to pay the overage. Cornett sent an email to the developers. One responded they were not interested in putting more money into the project if it never comes to fruition. The other developer has not responded. She described the list of items, with range of estimated value cost that Andrew County has offered to do. Final cost of project: \$429,000. Does Council have an interest in participating financially in this project beginning with the money to have TREKK prepare new bid documents and then with helping to pay any of the gaps between the grant and actual costs? The East Main Street Extension CDBG project grant is for \$251,800 for construction but there is money left over from the City's CDBG grant on the Price/Cedar project: \$52,296. The State said the leftover funds can be used for this project. There is a \$77,800 cash line that comes from the developers. The City's in-kind contribution including inspection is \$47,400. She cannot give an exact value of the County's contribution. \$4,255 is TREKK's total cost for rebidding services.

Does Council want to pay for the costs to rebid? Mayor Ingersoll added that the current bids do not take into account deducting Andrew County's contribution, rough estimated at \$50,000. Mayor Ingersoll felt the City needed to pay TREKK the \$4,000+ to obtain accurate bid numbers. Joy Thompson voiced that the more the City put things out, the longer it will take to get the project done. Don Dillman motioned to pay the \$4,254 to TREKK to proceed with new bids. Council discussion continued. Joy Thompson asked how the City could not move forward with this project. She asked how much money was in the gas tax fund. City Administrator Jill Cornett estimated at least \$400,000. John Parker asked if there was a timetable when this project will be finished. Cornett reported there is a 2013 deadline. Cassie White and Tom Bliss at Mo-Kan Regional Council thought the deadline could be extended if the City at least shows the project has been started. Linda Lambright from the Senior Center reported that as of July it has been a year since the Seniors were awarded their CDBG grant for the new center. The center is dependent on the East Main project being completed. John Parker asked if there was any idea how long it would take for TREKK to complete the rebid information. TREKK said it should be able to get back the new bid specifications in a week. John Parker seconded. Motioned carried on 3 yes; 1 no (Thompson). Joy Thompson thought the City should have paid and already started the construction.

**PUBLIC UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD (PUAB) UPDATE --** David Brax, Denise Curran, Steve Schieber, Steve Thaler and Sr. Mary Ellen have agreed to serve. The first meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. on July 11 at City Hall. It is open to the public. It is a basic agenda. She will attend the board meeting to determine their chair and conduct their business. Questions arose about putting items on the agenda with the public speaking not scheduled until the end of

the meeting. She told the members of the Public Utility Advisory Board that it will be up to them to decide their agenda in the future. Cornett asked if the Council members planned to attend and just observe or would they participate? John Parker said it would depend on what is said at the meeting. Several Council members may attend the meeting and participate so the meeting agenda needs to be changed to reflect that Council could have a quorum at the Public Utility Advisory Board meeting.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF TOURNAMENT** – The tournament is scheduled for August 10. The Chamber charges \$200 per team of four (covers green fees and cart rental). The Chamber pays the Golf Course approximately \$124 out of \$200. In the past the City has entered a team. Last year the City did not, due to low fund balances. Cornett recommended entering a team of employees. The cost would be paid from the department fund where each employee works. Cornett said to give preference to full time employees. John Parker is in favor of it and if there are enough people interested to have two teams. Cornett would like to try and limit it to one person per department to get a mix. John Parker motioned for the City to participate in the Chamber golf tournament and to open it up to any employees of the City who wish to participate. Don Dillman seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**WATER METER UPDATE** -- Director of Public Works Kenny Lance and crew have installed \$20,000 worth of new water meters in the past month. The City would need to order the following to complete meter installation City-wide:

Twelve:	5/8"- 3/4" meters
Twenty-six:	1" meters
Fourteen:	2" meters
Total Cost	\$48,672

Cornett noted that according to the City's 2011 audit, "The City transferred \$94,815 from the combined water and wastewater fund to the general fund during the year ended Sept. 30, 2010. Auditors recommend "the City return the money to the combined water and wastewater fund from the general fund." Her recommendation to Council is to approve a transfer \$48,672 from General fund to Water fund to meet auditors' recommendation. The recent purchase of \$20,000 for meters was paid out of the General Fund. This leaves a balance of \$25,846 due to the water fund from the general fund. It could be applied toward Water fund debt owed to the General fund for the bond debt payments in November 2011.

The last new meters arrived in about 30 days. Kenny Lance said they need to add 5 4" meters to the list. If the remaining meters were ordered right away, they would try to install everything before winter. Vernon Townsend thought the City needed to get it done. John Parker asked if that would include any back up meters. Lance reported that amount would include some spares. There are still approximately 30 in vacant lots that would need to be replaced someday. Vernon Townsend motioned to purchase the remaining meters. Don Dillman seconded. The new meters will be paid for out of the General Fund. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**CANCEL JULY 16 MEETING** – There are several meetings scheduled in July: PUAB meets July 11; Golf Committee meets July 16; Park Board meets July 18; and Planning and Zoning meets July 25. Council meets 3 times in July – July 9, July 16 and July 18 (budget work session). Cornett suggested making the July 18 a regular council meeting instead of a work session and canceling the July 16 meeting. Any necessary items can be discussed at the July 18 meeting. Vernon Townsend reported he is unavailable on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Vernon Townsend motioned

to cancel the July 16 & 18 meetings and change the next Council meeting to July 30<sup>th</sup>, City Hall, 7 p.m. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS** – The largest payment was for the City’s annual insurance payment to MIRMA; each department paid its share. The Parks department had higher expenses with swimming pool chemicals costing more. John Parker asked if there had been any feedback on the new method for paying umpire checks. The City had not received any complaints. Bills were ordered paid on a motion by Don Dillman and seconded by Vernon Townsend. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**SECOND READINGS** – Two bills are on the agenda for second readings: 1) rent Clasbey Center at reduced rate to Savannah Booster Club for three months and 2) updating the City’s drug and alcohol testing policy. July 30 will be a Council session, not a work session.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** -- Cornett provided the highlights of the major funds. Sales tax was up. The County fair and High School alumni events were in June. Vernon Townsend motioned to approve the Treasurer’s report. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

Don Dillman motioned to approve the City Administrator’s report. Joy Thompson seconded. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

**BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Bill 2012-23 Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Lease Agreement for the Clasbey Center with the Football Boosters Club was read for the second reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2565**

This ordinance approves the Savannah Football Boosters Club lease agreement for the Clasbey Center. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2565. Vernon Townsend seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Townsend: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye. Motion carried.

Bill 2012-25 Update the City’s Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy was read for the second reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2566**

The ordinance approves updating the City’s drug and alcohol testing policy for City employees. Don Dillman motioned to adopt ordinance no. 2566. John Parker seconded. Vote: Townsend: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye; Dillman: aye. Motion carried.

**Second Public Testimony**

Ralph Kennard asked what format would be most proper for him to bring up his topics to inform the public. Vernon Townsend said that Kennard was doing just fine. Kennard thought the information he is giving out is not getting to the general public. Townsend suggested talking to the Savannah Reporter. Kennard described he had spoken to the Reporter before and was glad to see an article on a topic he had mentioned. It concerns him that people are left in the dark on what the federal government is doing. Mayor Ingersoll mentioned that the nice thing about Facebook is that it is a forum where people can express their opinions.

Ralph Stanton commented he was 100% behind the new senior center plan. When this started with EBR as the developer of the property they were obligated to finish the street on their own

dime and they were supposed to do it before now. He did not understand why Joy Thompson did not stick behind that. Thompson answered that there were no contracts with the developer. Ralph Stanton said that it was also in the city ordinances: any time a subdivision is put in the developer has to finish the street from property line to property line. Stanton described the history of East Main and asked why the developer had not gone forward and why does not the City put a lien against the property. Joy Thompson reported that it was not considered a subdivision because the land was not subdivided. Stanton suggested speaking to a lawyer and felt the developer should have had to pay for the whole street extension.

Ralph Stanton announced that since Mayor Dave Ingersoll had announced he was just running for one term, he, Ralph Stanton, is announcing early that he is planning on running for Mayor.

Stanley Sinclair reported he was running for Andrew County Assessor.

Linda Lambricht thanked the City for approving to rebid East Main and hopefully the project will continue to move forward.

### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION:**

Joy Thompson received a lot of calls about the delay in trash pickup. She suggested on the next holiday, putting something on the water bill or having Deffenbaugh do something different. She asked if the chemicals were cleaned up at the golf course. Golf General Manager Mark Christopher reported the stock chemicals were cleaned up and in order. She asked if Building Inspector Gene Grossman knew that when the sidewalks were taken out for putting in a building like a garage, that the sidewalk needed to be put back in after the building was completed. She mentioned there was a sidewalk in her nephew's area that was taken out. Mayor Ingersoll commented that the people who owned the house said people couldn't ride a wheelchair on that sidewalk. Joy Thompson asked why the City should pay employees to put a sidewalk in; when she thought it should be part of builder's responsibility to put the sidewalk back. Mayor Ingersoll reminded Council that the City used to have a 50/50 sidewalk replacement program with the City reimbursing the citizen for half of the sidewalk cost. Thompson reported that now there is no sidewalk on that whole road and kids have to go in the street to wait for the school bus. Mayor Ingersoll reported that was part of their argument; there was no other sidewalk on that street.

John Parker received lots of calls on the trash pickup delay. He thought the City needed to communicate with Deffenbaugh that citizens needed to know the holiday pickup schedule. Parker asked about the software to upgrade the City's TV channel. He has had several people say that the channel needs to be accessible for quicker upgrades. At one time Mayor Ingersoll was going to contact the City's cable provider Suddenlink about paying for an upgrade with better equipment. City Administrator Jill Cornett reported that in the past the City had the power to grant cable franchise. The last time it passed hands, the City didn't do all it needed to and now the authority to award the cable franchise is removed from the City's hands. Don Dillman asked how long the franchise is. 20 years. John Parker noted why the cable company would not want to upgrade since people in the City want accurate information. The Mayor was hoping the cable company would provide the upgrade for no cost.

Vernon Townsend questioned that he would like the software upgrade put in before all the new meters are installed.

Don Dillman sent an email to fellow Council members about holding a training session on working together. He had suggested Jerry Baker from the County Extension office or MML. He would like to see work sessions on how to proceed professionally. Cornett described how this time last year Gary Markenson, MML, provided a session to Council. Jerry Baker also provides classes. It is a matter of deciding when everyone has the time available. Dillman envisions a series of meetings; he doesn't think it could be done in just 2 hours.

Joy Thompson motioned to go into Executive Session. John Parker seconded. Vote: Dillman: aye; Townsend: aye; Parker: aye; Thompson: aye.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 610.021 (3) PERSONNEL**

No motions were made in Closed Session. Vernon Townsend motioned to go back into open session. John Parker seconded. Motion carried on 4 ayes.

Joy Thompson asked about the written complaint from Levi Jones, concerned about trash. Chief Vincent wasn't aware of it. He will investigate and talk to the complainant.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. on a motion by Vernon Townsend and seconded by Joy Thompson. Motion carried on 4 yes votes.

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Dave Ingersoll, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Kar, City Clerk