

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015 AT 7:35 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 333 CHICAGO AVENUE, SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor McCombie called the City Council meeting to order on said date at 7:35 P.M. Notice of the meeting was delivered to all Council members and posted in accordance with the State of Illinois Open Meetings Act

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor McCombie recited and led the Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor McCombie asked the Clerk to call the roll with Mayor McCombie, Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, John Peterson, Jeff Griswold, Lisa Robinson, Pat Sanchez, and Scott Law present establishing a quorum. Also in attendance were City Clerk - Paul Hartman, City Attorney – Phil Jensen, City Comptroller – Sheryl Sipe, Mike Miller, Wayne Larky, News Media, John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent, Nick Wagner and Jason Miller with MSA. Absent: Christine Lee, Chief of Police – Mike Moon and Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said agenda, pursuant to consideration. **Peg Haffey motioned, seconded by Scott Law, to approve the agenda, adding Ordinance to Vacate a Portion of Division Street, as amended.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the July 28, 2015 Regular and August 5, 2015 Special Meetings**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration of the referenced minutes. **Peg Haffey motioned, seconded by Scott Law, to approve the minutes, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion, with all members present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion passed, carried, and said motion approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: Contracts & Lease/Collective Bargaining 07-29-15**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said report, pursuant to consideration and asked Chair Bill Robinson to present said actions initiated at said meeting. The Chair advised that the West Carroll School District requested a permanent Facilities Space Lease Agreement with the City for the use of the Savanna water tower with recommendation from city attorney to deny the request of a permanent agreement and the committee agreeing. WC then requested the wording to be amended from antenna to communication device due to unknown future changes in technology, which was recommended by the city attorney to approve with the committee agreeing. **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Scott Law, to allow the word change from antenna to communication device, but deny all other referenced requests.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed

and approved.

The Committee reviewed the Public Works Department and I.B.E.W. contract that will be discussed later in executive session. The Committee accepted this report by general consensus of the members present.

**Hotel Motel Committee 08-05-15** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said report, pursuant to consideration and asked Chair Peg Haffey to present the actions initiated at said meeting.

The Committee reviewed and approved the 2015/2016 Ad Plan, however will be discussing revisions due to revenue being down.

The Committee heard a presentation from Dorrie Steffen and Jean Ferris on their attendance at the Governor's Conference on Tourism.

The Committee reviewed and approved the Comptroller's Financial Reports.

The Committee heard a report of activities from Diane Bausman, Blackhawk Water Ways.

The Committee reviewed accepted by general consensus a monthly report from the County Hotel/Motel Board.

The Committee heard a report from the Savanna Chamber and acknowledged said report.

The Committee approved a \$70.00 invoice from Gary Heide for the June and July newsletters.

After concluding said report, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Lisa Robinson to acknowledge said report.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

#### **Finance Committee 08-11-15**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said report, pursuant to consideration and asked Chair Bill Robinson to present this Committee meeting report.

The Committee reviewed Wastewater Treatment Facility, Main and Bowen Street Lift Stations and In-System Sewer Improvements Project Update and Associated Acton Items. Mayor McCombie advised this item is on the agenda later and will be discussed later. The Board accepted this report by general consensus of the members present.

The Committee reviewed and accepted the July 2015 Accounts Receivable, the 12, 24, 36, 48, 60 July 2015 report, the 20-15/16 Budget Review, and recommend approval of Warrant 3A and 4, as presented.

The Committee reviewed and approved a request for Partial Reimbursement of Demolition Expenses, Betty Bowman, for 13 Gilbert Street for \$2,500. **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to approve said request, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, John Peterson, Patrick Sanchez, Jeff Griswold, Lisa Robinson, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

After concluding said report, **Scott Law made a motion, seconded Pat Sanchez, to accept and approve said report, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

**WARRANT #3A & 4: Warrant #3A totaling \$21,884.00 - Bills for the Month of July Totaling \$254,640.96** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said warrants, pursuant to consideration. The Finance Committee recommends approval of said warrants, as presented. **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to approve and pay said warrants, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Pat Sanchez, John Peterson, Jeff Griswold, Lisa Robinson, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor McCombie advised no communications submitted for consideration.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Financial, Police, Fire and Public Works for July 2015** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said reports, pursuant to consideration. **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Jeff Griswold, to accept and approve said reports, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Wastewater Treatment Facility, Main and Bowen Street Lift Stations and In-System Sewer Improvements Project Update and Associated Action Items** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said report, pursuant to consideration and referred presentation to John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent, Nick Wagner and Jason Miller with MSA. The presenters referred to a memo concerning the WWTP design modifications and identified the concepts for design modifications to the WWTF, Bowen Street Lift Station and Main Street Lift Station in an effort to reduce and address the cost difference in the bid received over the estimate of this project. The following projections can be identified with these activities with engineering costs projected at \$129,100 to be paid out of Fund 30. After discussion, **Bill Robinson motioned, seconded by Jeff Griswold, to approve the additional cost of engineering modifications in the amount of \$129,100.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Pat Sanchez, John Peterson, Jeff Griswold, Lisa Robinson, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance, Authorizing Disposal of Municipal Property, Police Dept.** Mayor McCombie referred to a proposed ordinance authorizing the disposal by the Police Chief of a 2007 and 2009 Chevrolet police vehicles. **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Scott Law, to waive the first reading and adopt Ordinance #2139, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

**Resolution, Designating Truck Route Along Wacker Road** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said resolution, pursuant to consideration of a proposed resolution designating Wacker

Road from Route 84 South easterly to the BNSF Bridge a Class III Truck Route for the purpose of accommodating a load limit of 80,000 pounds. Mayor McCombie advised that this designation is appropriate even though the EDA grant had been denied. **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to adopt Resolution #1096, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

**Intersection Solicitors License Application, Knights of Columbus** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said application, pursuant to consideration and referred to said application to solicit contributions for said charitable organization on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to approve said application, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

**Intersection Solicitors License Application, Fire Dept. MDA Drive** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said application, pursuant to consideration and referred to said application to solicit contributions for said charitable organization on September 18 an 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to approve said application, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

**(Added Item) Ordinance – Vacating a Portion of Division Street** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said proposed ordinance, pursuant to consideration and referred to a proposed ordinance vacation of Division Street from Cooley Avenue Eastward to Fourth Street. **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to read by title only and waive the first reading of proposed Ordinance #2140 and adopt said ordinance, as amended.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

**CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Mayor McCombie asked for comments with the following noted:

**Mike Miller** was recognized from the attendees and asked for cost of the Wacker Road project with Mayor McCombie responding that she or Superintendent John Lindeman would verify the cost and get the correct cost to him.

**Wayne Larky** was recognized from the audience and asked if the life span of the WWTP suggested changes would alter the life span of the plant. John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent responded that utilizing current structures might have an effect on the life of the facilities in general.

**Pat Sanchez** was recognized from the elected officials table and asked what the weight limits are on Cedar Street. Mayor McCombie and John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent responded that this situation has been discussed in length with the resident in question.

**Pat Sanchez** was recognized from the elected officials table and asked to have a letter sent to a Bowen Street address concerning weeds.

**Scott Law** was recognized from the elected officials table and commented on the House of the Month (Martin & Jan Altensey) picture taking date.

**Phil Jensen** was recognized from the appointed officials table and commented a motion to go into executive session will be necessary for union negotiations.

**Mayor McCombie** commented the following events are scheduled for August 2015. August 7<sup>th</sup> – RIA 80th Birthday & First Friday; August 21<sup>st</sup> – Shadfly Festival; August 22<sup>nd</sup> Main Street Madness.

**Lisa Robinson** motioned, seconded by **Peg Haffey**, to enter into executive session for **5ILCS 120/2(c) (2) Negotiating Matters between the public body and its employees**. Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Pat Sanchez, John Peterson, Jeff Griswold, Lisa Robinson, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared at 8:45 PM, the motion carried, passed and the motion carried, passed and approved.

Action after executive meeting – none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Consideration and Discussion of Pending, Probable or Imminent Litigation Involving the City** Mayor McCombie confirmed no executive Session held on this matter.

**5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) Consideration and Discussion of the Appointment Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, and Dismissal of Specific Employees or to Hear Testimony on a Complaint Lodged Against an Employee** Mayor McCombie confirmed no executive Session held on this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor McCombie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Bill Robinson** motioned, seconded by **Jeff Griswold**, to adjourn the meeting at **9:25 PM**. Mayor McCombie asked for discussion and hearing none asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Lisa Robinson, John Peterson, Jeff Griswold, Scott Law, Peg Haffey, Pat Sanchez, and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor Tony McCombie declared the motion passed, carried, and approved, as presented.

By Paul Hartman, City Clerk  
Revised by Tony McCombie, Mayor