

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 HELD AT 7:30 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 7:31 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 - absent, Lisa Robinson, Pat Sanchez, Christine Lee and Scott Law present establishing a quorum. Also in attendance were City Clerk, Paul Hartman, City Attorney – Phil Jensen, Police Chief Mike Moon, Mike Miller, Mike Nester, Wayne Larky, News Media, John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent, Jamie Dykstra, Courtney Grinnall, John Phillips, Community Funding and Planning Services - Sharon Pepin 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 Christine Lee, to approve the agenda, moving up in the agenda “Winkel, Parker & Foster CPA PC, Presentation of Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Audit and Ordinance, Establishing the Position of City Administrator”** to after approval of agenda. 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.

Winkel, Parker & Foster CPA PC, Presentation of Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Audit

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said report, pursuant to consideration and introduced Andrea Rumlar to present this report. Ms. Rumlar led a discussion and analysis of the City’s financial statements. It is the auditor’s opinion the City of Savanna, Illinois complied in all material respects, with the types of compliance referred to that could have a ~~direct~~ direct and material effect on each of its major programs for the year ending April 30, 2015.

Ordinance, Establishing the Position of City Administrator

Mayor McCombie referred to John Phillips to lead a discussion of said position. Mayor McCombie introduced Mr. Phillips who spoke on the value of a professional manager to bring together and develop organizational excellence by aligning local government’s administrative systems. Mr. Phillips stressed before a professional manager or administrator can be hired, a municipality’s structure of government must be modified to provide for the position by adopting ordinances creating the position. Recruitment guidelines are available from ICMA. Managers and Administrators are appointed by and serve the officials and are evaluated based on their ability to provide efficient and effective services and can be terminated at any time. After said presentation, Mayor McCombie referred to a proposed Ordinance establishing the position of City Administrator generating discussion among the board members. Bill Robinson and Scott Law spoke against the proposed ordinance with Christine Lee & Mayor McCombie speaking for the passage of said proposed Ordinance. After discussion, **Christine Lee motioned, seconded by Peg Haffey, to approve the reading of proposed Ordinance by title only and approve for first reading.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with **Bill Robinson voted no**, Peg Haffey, Christine Lee, John Peterson, **Pat Sanchez – voting no**, Lisa Robinson, **Scott Law - voted no** and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the August 25, 2015 Regular Minutes Mayor

McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration of the referenced minutes. **Peg Haffey motioned, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to waive the reading of the minutes and 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:

Collective Bargaining/Contract and Lease Committee 8-27-15 Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said report, pursuant to consideration and referred presentation to Chair Bill Robinson. The Chair reported the Committee met and discussed the agreement between the City of Savannah and I.B.E.W. Local 196 effective May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2019. After going over all of the counter proposals, all remaining disputed items were agreed upon. The final draft will be prepared and taken to the city employees and City Council for approval. City Attorney Phil Jensen presented three changes to the agreement slated for further negotiations with the I.B.E.W. **Christine Lee made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to approve this 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.

Finance and Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Joint Committee Meeting 9-2-15 Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said meeting, pursuant to consideration and referred presentation to Committee Chair Christine Lee. The Committee reviewed and approved recommending to the City Council a proposed Ordinance establishing the position of City Administrator for the City of Savannah with Bill Robinson voting no on the proposed Ordinance.

The Committee reviewed and tabled consideration of 8-1-1 of the City Code – Sidewalks.

The Committee reviewed and approved a recommendation to amend 7-2-1 Noxious weeds by recommending increasing the penalty by \$100 for each notice of violation extending to a \$500.00 penalty.

After discussion, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Lisa Robinson, to approve this Committee 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.

Finance Committee 09-08-15

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said Committee report, pursuant to consideration and referred presentation to Chair Bill Robinson.

The Committee asked John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent to cause a MSA report on the wastewater Improvements to be submitted to the Council on a monthly basis.

The Committee reviewed and approved the 12,24,36,48,60 report, the 2105/2016 Budget report and Warrant #5.

The Committee reviewed and approved a Request for Partial Reimbursement of Demolition Expenses for David Thulen, 607 Chestnut and Jim Beck, 711 Third Street. After review, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Lisa Robinson, to approve both requests, as submitted.** Mayor McCombie asked Bill Robinson to ask David Thulen for the second bid he received for this project. Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Christine Lee, John Peterson, Pat Sanchez, Lisa Robinson, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

The Committee reviewed and approved a Request for Funds, Emergency Dump Truck Repairs from the PW Department for \$2,500. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by John Peterson, to approve said expenditure from Fund 33-41100, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Christine Lee, John Peterson, Pat Sanchez, Lisa

Robinson, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

The Committee reviewed and approved a Request for Funds, Equipment for New Squad, Police Department from Fund 24-49400. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Scott Law, to approve this request for up to \$8,500.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Christine Lee, John Peterson, Pat Sanchez, Lisa Robinson, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

WARRANT #5: Bills for the Month of August Totaling \$259,128.33 Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said bills, pursuant to consideration. **Bill Robinson motioned, seconded by Christine Lee, to approve payment of said warrant, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Christine Lee, John Peterson, Pat Sanchez, Lisa Robinson, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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Moved Up

Dubuque Main Street Mayor McCombie referred to correspondence from Tony Pfohl, Dubuque Main Street Board President inviting the Council and Mayor McCombie to attend the 30th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Banquet on September 16, 2015 at 5:30 PM at the Hotel Julien Dubuque. No action initiated on this matter. The Board accepted this report by general consensus of the members present.

Mary Martens Mayor McCombie referred to e-mail correspondence from the aforementioned citizen related to several issues she is concerned with in the City of Savanna. This correspondence is submitted for general informational purposes to alert the Council of the many issues administered on a regular basis. The Board accepted this report by general consensus of the members present.

BIDS:

Bowen Street Water Main Project, Bid Award Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said report, pursuant to consideration, tabled at the last meeting to allow the John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent to more closely review the bidding submittals. John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent referred to a previously discussed bid tabulation of a Phase 1, Water Main Replacement project on Bowen Street. Three bids were received with three alternatives from Fischer Excavating Inc., Law Excavating, and McCarthy Improvement Company. The Superintendent advised this project is a budget item in Fund #35 for \$270,000.00. The Superintendent provided a detailed summary of the project costs recommending Alternate II Deduction/Addition be considered and further that the low bid submitted by Fischer Excavating Co. be awarded on the amount of \$218,223.00. This project as recommended herein will replace the water main including street resurfacing from Well #4 on Bowen Street eastwardly to the 6-inch water main connecting Chicago Avenue to Bowen Street. **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Scott Law, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation, as stated herein.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Christine Lee, John Peterson, Pat Sanchez, Lisa Robinson, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Financial, Police, Fire, and Public Works for August 2015 Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said reports, pursuant to consideration. **Peg Haffey motioned, seconded by Christine Lee to accept said reports (Fire missing), as submitted.** 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 No update provided. The Board accepted this report by general consensus of the members present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Funding & Planning, Proposal for IEPA Loan Application WWTP

Mayor McCombie referred presentation to Community Funding and Planning Services, Sharon Pepin. Sharon Pepin reviewed said proposal for services to establish a new application to IEPA for a required two loans for the WWTP project, one loan for the in system improvements and one loan for the WWTP. In addition to making the application, a revised and updated project plan and bidding information will be needed to submit to the US Department of Commerce. Community Funding and Planning Services, Sharon Pepin estimates her involvement is projected to cost \$6,900.00 for the related services. **Bill Robinson motioned, seconded by Christine Lee, to approve said expenditure, from fund 25 – Sewer Reserve and Replacement, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Christine Lee, John Peterson, Pat Sanchez, Lisa Robinson, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

Resolution, Temporary Road Closure, Homecoming Parade The Mayor referred to a proposed Resolution #1100 distributed in the agenda packets. The West Carroll High School Student Council is sponsoring a homecoming parade within the City of Savanna constituting a public purpose. The Resolution resolves by the City Council of the City of Savanna that permission be granted to close off Route 64 from Division Street to Chicago Avenue from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on October 1, 2015 for this event. After discussion, **Lisa Robinson motioned, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to approve Resolution #1100, 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.

Ordinance, Establishing the Position of City Administrator moved up on the agenda.

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 196 Contract, Public Works Department

Mayor McCombie referred to the final Public Works union agreement document and asked for review and discussion of said agreement, pursuant to consideration. City Attorney Phil Jensen advised amendments of Section 13, 14.2-A & 14.2-B advising the Council to include clarifying language for these sections. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to allow the Mayor McCombie to affix her signature on said agreement effective May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2019 including the three amendments hereinabove stipulated, as discussed.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Christine Lee, John Peterson, Pat Sanchez, Lisa Robinson, Scott Law and **Mayor McCombie (voted no)** voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor McCombie asked for comments, as follows: **Community Funding and Planning Services, Sharon Pepin** was recognized from the audience and presented a plat picture of the officials attending the Wastewater Plant ceremonies and provided an update on the FEMA project and a meeting on Thursday.

Jamie Dykstra was recognized from the elected officials table asked if the administrative position contemplated would require public input with Mayor McCombie responding “no”.

Billy Grummitt was recognized from the audience and objected to receiving repeated penalty weed letters for his property on Adams Street and asked the Council to review the regulations regarding vegetation control on steep hillsides. No action was initiated on this request.

Scott Law was recognized from the elected officials table and commented on the poles throughout the community that should be removed since they have limited wires on the poles, AND commented on the stump removal program, AND entered into a long discussion with John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent on a drainage issue on Nevada Street.

Lisa Robinson was recognized from the elected officials table and commented on a sign for the Park District related to the bridge project with Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti clarifying.

John Peterson was recognized from the elected officials table and commented on the hill side weeds on Mulberry Street

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5ILCS 120/2(C) (2) Collective Bargaining Mayor McCombie affirmed no executive session considered.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor McCombie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Bill Robinson motioned, seconded by Christine Lee, 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, Scott Law, Peg Haffey, Pat Sanchez, Christine Lee, and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor Tony McCombie declared the motion passed, carried, and approved, as presented.
By Paul Hartman, City Clerk

