

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015 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 7:30 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, Pat Sanchez, Christine Lee and Scott Law present establishing a quorum. Lisa Robinson, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti – Absent. Also in attendance were City Clerk, Paul Hartman, City Attorney, Phil Jensen, Police Chief Mike Moon, Mike Miller, Mike Nester, Wayne Larky, News Media, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, Sharon Eckstein, Marne LaShelle, Susan Abid, John Ross and Bill Grummitt

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said agenda, pursuant to consideration with the City Council resolving to amend the agenda by adding “Consideration of EDA Re-application” under New Business. After discussion, **Peg Haffey motioned, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to approve said agenda, 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 Minutes of the October 13, 2015 Regular Meeting Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said minutes, pursuant to consideration and commented the Town Hall minutes have been approved by the City Council. Mayor McCombie asked for consideration of the October 13, 2015 regular meeting minutes. After a brief discussion, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Bill Robinson, to approve said minutes, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Contracts & Lease/Collective Bargaining Committee-10-20-15- Addendum to FOP Contract, Section 24.1 Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said report, pursuant to consideration and referred presentation to Chair Bill Robinson. The Committee determined to amend section 24.1 of the FOP contract amending said section to allow conditions of employment, shall reside within a 25 mile radius of the corporate limits to the City of Savanna. After clarifying discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to accept and approve said amendment to the contract, as presented. Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Scott Law, to 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Eric Arno submitted an e-mail correspondence in opposition to establishing four-way stop at Washington Street and Fourth Street citing enforcement of speed limits as an alternative. The City Council agreed to discuss this later, together with a proposed ordinance, on the agenda. The Board accepted this action by general consensus of the members present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Susan Abid, Drainage Discussion Mayor McCombie referred presentation of this item to Susan Abid. Ms. Abid indicated she had contacted a professional landscaper to examine her property to ascertain preventative actions she should entertain to reduce or alleviate flooding problems during heavy rain events on her property. The landscaper concluded that no preventative actions need implementing on her property for this purpose, however stated that measures could be taken on the neighboring property for minimal cost. Mayor McCombie indicated the City has initiated a title search on eight properties to determine the ownership and existence of easements for storm water systems in this area. If it is determined the storm water systems are enveloped in said easements the Council will be asked to consider an engineering study to determine any actions to be initiated. No action was initiated, as a result of this discussion. The City Council reiterated its position to continue as previously agreed by general consensus of the members present.

Wastewater Treatment Facility, Main and Bowen Street Lift Stations and In-System Sewer Improvements Project Update and Associated Action Items Mayor McCombie indicated the contractor is proceeding in accordance with the plans and specifications. Mayor McCombie referred to a recent letter to the editor from Jo Ann Gage and indicated the sewer charges are to be implemented over the next three years and represents a worst case scenario. The Board accepted this report by general consensus of the members present.

Ordinance Authorizing the City of Savanna to Borrow Additional Funds From the Water Pollution Control Loan Program Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said second reading of said proposed ordinance, pursuant to consideration. Said proposed ordinance affects construction of a new Wastewater Treatment plant and equipment associated with the new plant. The Mayor and City Council passed Ordinance #2104 on September 23, 2015 authorizing the City to borrow \$10,000.00 associated with the project. The estimated cost for the project may be higher than projected and more than the amount previously authorized and in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the City of Savanna is authorized to borrow and additional \$5,000,000 to cover the increased cost of the project. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Scott Law, to read by title only the proposed ordinance and adopt Ordinance #2145, 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 Amending Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 26 (I), Schedule II, Stopping, Standing, and Parking Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said proposed ordinance, pursuant to consideration and referred to an ordinance restricting parking on the north side of Longmoor Avenue from the extended curb line of Chicago Avenue westerly to the easterly extended curb line of Cragmoor Street. **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to read by title only and adopt Ordinance #2146, as presented.** Mayor McCombie read said proposed ordinance by title only and

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 Amending Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 19, Two-Way Stop Streets Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said report, pursuant to consideration and referred to a proposed ordinance adding the following to the listing of two-way stops: Third Street at Washington Street and Fourth Street at Washington Street. **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to read the proposed ordinance by title only and adopt Ordinance #2147.** Mayor McCombie read the proposed ordinance by title only and asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members, except Scott Law and Jeff Griswold voting no, present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

Ordinance Amending Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 16, Through Streets Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said report, pursuant to consideration and referred to a proposed ordinance deleting the following from the listing of through streets: Third Street from Chicago Avenue to Clay Street and Fourth Street from Chicago Avenue to Webster Street. **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to read by title only and adopt Ordinance #2148.** Mayor McCombie read the proposed ordinance by title only and asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members voting in favor, except Scott Law and Jeff Griswold. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance Amending Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 7, Noxious Weeds, Penalty Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said proposed ordinance, pursuant to consideration of a proposed ordinance amending said Section 7 by incrementally increasing the fine. **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee to send said proposed ordinance back to Committee for further review.** 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, Helen Scott Hay Honorary Street Name Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said report, pursuant to consideration and referred to a proposed resolution resolving that in addition to the name sign of Chicago Avenue and Fifth Street that said intersection hereafter shall have the honorary intersection name of The Helen Scott Hay Intersection. **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to adopt Resolution #1104, 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, approved and Resolution #1104 adopted.

(Added Item) EDA Re-Application Mayor McCombie referred to a proposal for services to establish a re-application, recommended by the Finance Committee for a grant under the terms and conditions of the U.S. Department of Commerce committing the required matching funds, consisting of City Funding and IDOT EDP funding towards the EDA grant application for the Wacker Road Reconstruction Project. With limited discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to accept and approve said re-application, as requested.** 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:

William Grummitt was recognized from the audience and asked for action to squash a ticket for failure to cut weeds on his property citing he has a court date scheduled in the near future and identified several areas within the City on City property where weeds are also in violation of the City Code. The City Council took no action on this matter.

Mayor McCombie indicated the lack of a State of Illinois budget has created a \$66,000 past due to Savanna. No action on this matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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 No Session conducted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor McCombie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Christine Lee motioned, seconded by Peg Haffey, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion and hearing none asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, John Peterson, Scott Law, Peg Haffey, Pat Sanchez, Christine Lee Jeff Griswold, and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor Tony McCombie declared the motion passed, carried, and approved, as presented.

By Paul Hartman, City Clerk