

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF  
SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 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 7:32 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 called the with Mayor McCombie, Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, John Peterson, Lisa Robinson, Pat Sanchez, Christine Lee and Scott Law present establishing a quorum. Jeff Griswold – ABSENT. Also in attendance were City Attorney Phil Jensen, Police Chief Mike Moon, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe and Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti. Mike Miller, Mike Nester, Wayne Larkey with the News Media. Sharon Eckstein, Marne LaShelle and Shay Bradbury in the audience. City Clerk, Paul Hartman arrived at 7:45 PM.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said agenda. Mayor McCombie requested to move the Plum River Project ahead on the agenda to the top above the approval of the minutes, table both appointments, table Kraemer North American Use Agreement and add as an agenda item under new business - MSA Service Agreement – SRTS and Wacker Road. After discussion, **Christine Lee made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to approve said agenda with changes requested by Mayor.** 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 said minutes, as amended.

**(moved) Plum River Project, Update-Shay Bradbury** Mayor McCombie introduced Shay Bradbury who thanked the city for their support and gave a video presentation on the Plum River Clearing Project. They have hopes to continue in the upcoming year and pave the way to increase canoe travel along the Plum River.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the November 10, 2015 Regular Meeting** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said minutes, pursuant to consideration. After discussion, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by John Peterson, to waive the reading of the minutes and approve said minutes, as presented.** Mayor 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:**

**Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee, 11-18-15** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said report, pursuant to consideration and referred presentation to Personnel/Ordinance/Publications Committee Chair Christine Lee. Committee reviewed and approved monthly departmental reports.

The Committee reviewed and approved proposed amendments to Title 1, Chapter 5, Mayor concluding to combine said section with Savanna City Code section 1-6-5 and proposing to direct City Attorney Phil Jensen to compose an amendment to govern the temporary absence of the Mayor from the meeting for City Council consideration and to make the regulations gender neutral.

The Committee reviewed and discussed approved amendment to Title 1, Chapter 6, City Council, concluding to propose to City Attorney Phil Jensen to produce for City Council consideration a proposed ordinance containing all of the amendments identified by the Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee, and to make the regulations gender neutral.

The Committee reviewed and approved proposed amendments to Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 7, Noxious Weeds, Fee concluding to seek the advice of City Attorney Phil Jensen on a proposed ordinance containing an increasing progressive fine for repeated violations to the City Code with a possible goal of all ordinance violations considered for this progressive fine.

The Committee reviewed Ordinance Title 7, Chapter 3, Section 11, Garbage and Recycling Collection & Disposal, proposed John Lindeman and Sheryl Sipe review ordinance and costs, seek the advice of the City Attorney Phil Jensen and bring back a recommendation for committee review.

The Committee discussed and approved recommendation of proposed amendments to Title 8, Chapter 3, Section 5, Blocking Streets, as written by John Lindeman, Superintendent of Public Works.

The Committee reviewed and recommended changes to Title 1, Chapter 23, City Personnel Regulation with review ending at 1-23-18 due to the late hour.

The Committee entered into executive session to consider 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. The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee entered in to regular session at 9:43 PM. instituting no action.

After completing presentation, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to approve said Personnel/Ordinance/Publications 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.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor McCombie referred to a hand written thank you note from TCEDA for our recent monetary contribution to promote economic development in Savanna.

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Planning Commission, Seven Year Term, Expires 11-27-22** Tabled in the agenda consideration.

**Zoning Board of Appeals, Unexpired Five Year Term, 05-22-17** Tabled in the agenda consideration.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Wastewater Treatment Facility, Main and Bowen Street Lift Stations and In-System Sewer Improvements Project Update and Associated Action Items** Mayor McCombie referred presentation to John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent. The Superintendent commented no action is anticipated at this time, however updated the council on the progress and stated that the Bowen Street water main project broke ground today.

**MSA Professional Service Agreement – Safe Routes To School and Wacker Road Construction** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said professional service agreements (2) authorizing MSA to proceed with said services, Wacker Road – Safe Routes to School Project Development in the amount of \$2500 and Wacker Road Reconstruction – Environmental Survey Request in the amount of \$500. Funds would be paid out of Fund 50-43600. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Scott Law, to approve said agreements, 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.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Kraemer North America, Use Agreement** Tabled in the agenda consideration.

**End of Year Bonus, Ratify Corrective Action** Mayor McCombie referred to action approved at the regular meeting of the City Council on November 10, 2015 concerning approval of an End of Year Bonus of \$250.00 for all non-bargaining full time employees. After receiving descending evidence on this action Mayor McCombie advises the City is in error. City Savanna City Code 1-23-5 stipulates all regular full time employees are to be considered. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Lisa Robinson, approving said bonus of \$200 for all full time employees.** 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 1, Chapter 23, Section 5, (E) Promotions and Salary Adjustments, End of Year Bonus** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said proposed amending Ordinance, to amend future action. After a full discussion, **Christine Lee made a motion to read by title only, waive the reading and pass the first reading, seconded by Bill Robinson, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing some concerns asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present, except Lisa Robinson voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

**Ordinance, Annual Tax Levy** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said proposed Ordinance, pursuant to consideration of a proposed tax levy ordinance totaling \$691,800.00 with the Carroll County Clerk and Recorder and the Finance Committee recommending the levy cannot be more than \$691,803 for May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016. After discussion, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Bill Robinson, to read proposed Ordinance by title only.** 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, Abatement of Taxes, 2004A Bonds - (Shopko)** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said proposed Ordinance, pursuant to consideration with **Bill Robinson making a motion to read by title only, waive the second reading and approve, seconded by Scott Law, to adopt Ordinance #2150.** 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, Abatement of Taxes, 2004B Bonds – (Sullivan’s)** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said proposed Ordinance, pursuant to consideration with **Bill Robinson making a motion to read by title only, waive the second reading and approve, seconded by Scott Law, to adopt Ordinance #2151.** 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 Public Improvement Projects in the City of Savanna Redevelopment Project Area** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said Resolution to close out the TIF Act. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by John Peterson, to approve and adopt Resolution #1106, as presented and discussed.** 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.

**Health Insurance, Review** Mayor McCombie distributed several documents to Council members and thereupon reviewed each document requesting input from the City Council. Mayor McCombie is in agreement with the choice of CMS as the provider. She is recommending the LCDHP plan and share the savings with the staff in the form of a Health Savings Account. The staff favors the HMO plan, however notes a 15% increase and has no cost sharing by the employee. The staff would also be in favor of the LCDHP with the addition of \$1750 in a Health Savings Account. After review and discussion, a consensus was not generated, therefore Mayor McCombie requested each Council member compose their thoughts on the matter and e-mail them to the Mayor. The Committee approved this action by general consensus of the members present.

**CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Mayor McCombie recognized the following attendees for comments;

**Sharon Eckstein** addressed the City Council related to the health insurance discussion commenting on what her employer (Elkay) provides and it is far inferior to what the city may be offering.

**John Peterson** questioned ice/snow removal on public sidewalks. Chief Moon spoke on the issue and stated that warnings will be given first and tickets thereafter. The fine minimum is \$100 and they have 48 hours to clear the sidewalks.

**Christine Lee** inquired about the status of the houses to be removed located at 605 Bowen Street & 731 Chicago Avenue with Mayor McCombie responding.

**City Attorney Phil Jensen** wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Lisa Robinson** asked about the status of limiting parking on Longmoor Avenue with Mayor McCombie stating the signs are on order.

**Mike Miller** asked about the status of stop signs on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street being installed with Mayor McCombie stating the signs are on order.

**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 held.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor McCombie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Bill Robinson** motioned, **seconded by Peg Haffey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 PM.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion and hearing none asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Scott Law, Peg Haffey, Pat Sanchez, Lisa Robinson, John Peterson, Christine Lee, and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion passed, carried, and approved, as presented.

By Paul Hartman, City Clerk