

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON TUESDAY,  
CONDUCTED DECEMBER 8, 2015 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AT 333 CHICAGO AVENUE, SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 6107**

**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, Lisa Robinson, Pat Sanchez, Christine Lee (Arrives at 7:37 PM) 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, News Media, John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, Marne LaShelle

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said agenda, pursuant to consideration. After discussion, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Scott Law, to approve said agenda, 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the November 24, 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 Pat Sanchez, to waive the reading of the minutes and approve said minutes, with the spelling of the word agenda corrected under the 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.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee, 12-08-15** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said report, pursuant to consideration and referred presentation to Committee Chair Bill Robinson.

The Committee reviewed and approved the Accounts Receivable Report, November 2015.

The Committee reviewed and approved the 12/24/36/48/60 Month Report, November 2015.

The Committee approved the 2015/2016 Budget Review.

The Committee reviewed and approved Warrant #8 and recommends the Council approve said warrant.

The Committee examined an approval by Mayor McCombie to retain Kathleen Field Orr & Associates, concerning TIF Closing. The Mayor indicated services to close out the TIF Districts established several years ago will soon reach their close-out status and recommends hiring said firm to perform said services and start the process of establishing additional TIF districts in Savanna at a rate of \$200.00 each hour, as

indicated in said correspondence.

The Committee reviewed and approved a Request for Funds, Stump Removal funded from (Fund 01-54-41500). The Mayor indicated she has authorized the removal of a stump for Jackie Walker for approximately \$100.00 and requests an additional \$2000.00 for this budget line item to satisfy additional stump removals within the City R.O.W. After presentation, **Bill Robinson motioned, seconded by Peg Haffey, to authorize said request, 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.

The Committee reviewed and approved a Request for Funds, Draw #3 \$318,079.25, IEPA Loan for Construction Engineering (MSA \$36,276.48) and Construction (Fischer Excavating \$281,802.77) for the In-System Sewer Project. After presentation, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Scott Law, to approve said request, 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.

After completing said Committee report, **Peg Haffey motioned, seconded by Lisa Robinson, to approve said 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.

Christine Lee arrives 7:37 PM

#### **WARRANT #8:**

**Bills for the Month of November 2015 Totaling \$826,857.76** Mayor McCombie indicated the Finance Committee recommends approval of said warrant. Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said warrant, pursuant to consideration. After evaluating specific items and assessing certain concluding actions, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to approve said Warrant #8, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Pat Sanchez, Christine Lee, 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 affirmed no communications submitted for consideration.

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

##### **Planning Commission, Seven Year Term, Expires 11-27-22**

Tabled at the request of Mayor McCombie. The Council approved this action by general consensus of the members present.

##### **Zoning Board of Appeals, Unexpired Five Year Term, 05-22-17**

Tabled at the request of Mayor McCombie. The Council approved this action by general consensus of the members present.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS: Financial, Police, Fire, Public Works for November 2015**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said reports, pursuant to consideration with **Bill Robinson making a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, 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 John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent to update the Council on the assorted on-going projects. The Superintendent indicated the weather has enhanced construction limits and colder weather will interrupt explicit progress, mainly paving efforts. This action accepted by general consensus.

**Ordinance, Amending Title 1, Chapter 23, Section 5, (E) Promotions and Salary Adjustments. End of Year Bonus** Mayor McCombie asked to table action to the Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee, pursuant to allowing the Finance Committee to limit said bonus to a list of employees who warrant this bonus, instead of all employees. The Council approved this action by general consensus of the members present.

**Ordinance, Annual Tax Levy** Mayor McCombie referred to 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 a brief discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to perform the second reading by title only and adopt Ordinance #2152, as presented.** 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 present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and said ordinance adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Kraemer North America, Use Agreement** Mayor McCombie asked to table action on this item pending creating the use agreement. The Committee approved this action by general consensus of the members present.

**Ordinance Amending Title 8, Chapter 3, Section 5 and 6, Blocking Streets** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of the first reading of a proposed ordinance adding language to said section, as follows: Nor shall any portion of any driving surface be blocked for a period not to exceed seven (7) days. The Superintendent of Public Works shall be notified upon the commencement of the excavation work. Extensions may be granted by the Superintendent of Public Works if exigent circumstances require. Mayor McCombie asked for first reading of this proposed ordinance, as presented. After discussion and review, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to waive the second reading of said proposed ordinance, read by title only and adopt Ordinance #2153, as presented.** 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 present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

**Resolution, IDOT Maintenance of Streets for 2016, MFT Funds** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said proposed resolution, pursuant to consideration. After a brief detailed summation of maintenance operations, included in the proposed resolution, by John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to approve Resolution #1107 appropriating \$93,404.00 for maintenance of streets by the municipality.** 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 said resolution approved.

**Consideration of Cancelling the December 22, 2015 Council Meeting** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said contemplation, pursuant to consideration. After limited discussion, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to cancel said meeting, 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.

**CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Mayor McCombie recognized the following attendees for comments;

Bill Robinson inquired about the signs for various locations with John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent indicating the signs are on order.

Pat Sanchez commented the contractor is doing an excellent job on East Bowen Street water main project.

Peg Haffey wished everyone a Merry Xmas.

Scott Law commented on a pole located in the alley behind his residence and noted it will finally be moved, as requested.

Christine Lee asked when the street work will be bid. John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent indicated the bids notices will be published in January or February 2016

John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent noted the water main is complete as far as installation with paving etc. next spring.

Mayor McCombie reminded everyone of the Blood Drive at the Fire Station on the 28th.

Mayor McCombie reported on the canned goods collection.

Mayor McCombie indicated she has chosen the LCDHP health insurance plan for employees, including a Health Savings Account.

Mayor McCombie referred to two handouts from the Municipal League magazine copied to individual members for appraisal.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**5ILCS 12012 (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 held. The Committee approved this action by general consensus of the members present.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor McCombie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Peg Haffey motioned, seconded by Christine Lee , to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 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, Jeff Griswold, John Peterson, Christine Lee, and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion passed, carried, and approved, as presented.

Minutes composed by Paul Hartman, City Clerk