

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016 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: ROLL CALL ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

Mayor McCombie led the City Council in the pledge and asked the Clerk to call the roll with Mayor McCombie – Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, John Peterson, Jeff Griswold, 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, John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent, Mike Miller, Mike Nester, Wayne Larky - News Media, and Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, Michael Siciliano – FFC, Nicole Pinnick, Vince Didonato, Sharon Pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services – arrives at 7:36 PM, Nick – MSA, Marne Lashalle

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said agenda, pursuant to consideration with **Peg Haffey making a motion, seconded by Bill Robinson, to approve the agenda, as amended by adding “Heartland Pet Welfare Waiver Request” and moving up Public Comments under Approval of Minutes.** 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 April 12, 2016 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of the minutes, pursuant to consideration with **Peg Haffey making a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to waive the reading of said minutes and 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.

**COMMENTS**

Mayor McCombie asked for comments from the audience, with the following making presentations:

- ✓ Nicole Pinnick addressed the City Council testifying to a recent history of her personal adverse working safety conditions with Brandt Construction Company advocating the City Council not award any construction projects to Brandt Construction Company.
- ✓ Vince Didonato addressed the City Council amplifying the conditions addressed by Nicole again advocating the City Council not award any construction projects to Brandt Construction Company.
- ✓ Michael Siciliano – FFC representing Indiana-Illinois-Iowa for the Foundation For Fair Contracting addressed the City Council concerning serious violations from Brandt Construction Company including Department of Labor violations related to excavation cave-ins, OSHA violations, and prevailing wage violations. Mr. Siciliano suggested Brandt Construction Company is not a valid responsible bidder for any contracts.

Mayor McCombie responded noting her research together with the reference research performed by the City’s engineers verifies that Brandt Construction company has provided positive results from governmental paving projects and no statutory issues warrant justification for not awarding the low bid to Brandt Construction Company.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee, 04-26-16**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion and referred presentation to Committee Chair Bill Robinson.

- The Finance Committee reviewed an Illinois Municipal League notice in regard to Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax. Incorrect CPPRT distributions to local taxing districts identifying Savanna City as overpaid \$19,238.19 during the last two years. This amount needs be recouped by the Illinois Department of Revenue. This will obviously have an impact on the City of Savanna. This will result in reduced payments until the overpayments have been offset.
- The Finance Committee reviewed and recommend to the City Council payment of \$9,243.57 representing Warrant #12A. This item on the agenda later.
- The Finance Committee reviewed and discussed a street improvement project bid tabulation form and correspondence from MSA Professional Services regarding reference checks on the apparent low bidder. Civil Constructors, Inc. bid \$460,884.85 and Brandt Construction Co. bid \$398,407.00 for the project. The Finance Committee and MSA referenced recommending the City Council issue an intent to award said contract to Brandt Construction Co. for \$398,407.00. Mayor McCombie read correspondence from MSA regarding references for Brandt reporting a positive feedback on paving projects completed for governments. This item on the agenda later.
- The Finance Committee reviewed and recommends approval of a request from John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent concerning Insurance Premiums for BNSF Railroad Crossing interrelated to two underground crossings under BNSF tracks in conjunction with the Sewer Treatment Plant construction project each premium costing \$1150 to be paid from Fund #25 from the 2016/17 budget. After discussion thereof, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to accept and approve said Finance Committee recommendation, as herein stated.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Christine Lee, John Peterson, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Lisa Robinson, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

After completing the Finance Committee presentation, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to approve the Finance 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.

#### **WARRANT #12A:**

**Final Bills for FY 2015/2016 Totaling \$9,243.57** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration noting the Finance Committee recommends payment approval of said warrant. With limited discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to accept and approve said Finance Committee recommendation, as stated.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Christine Lee, John Peterson, Jeff Griswold, Lisa Robinson, Scott Law, Pat Sanchez, and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Mediacom** Mayor McCombie referred to said communication from the referenced company indicating proposed actions to be undertaken for TV lineups. **The City Council approved this report by general consensus of the members present.**

#### **ADM**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration referred to correspondence from ADM thanking the Savanna Fire Department for providing ADM cold water awareness training for approximately 40 ADM river terminal employees in Clinton Iowa. **The City Council accepted this correspondence by general consensus of the members present.**

#### **Wendy Baldrige**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of correspondence asking to vacate an alley north (Block 2, Highland Park) of Portland Avenue adjacent to several properties. Mayor McCombie suggested **the City Council refer this request to the Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street and Alley Committee for consideration.** The City Council agreed with said suggestion.

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

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

## **BIDS:**

**Street Project, Review & Intent to Award** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration and after a short discussion, **Bill Robinson** motioned, **seconded by Scott Law, to accept and approve the Finance Committee recommendation to issue a notice of intent to award said contract to Brandt Construction Co. for \$398,407.00.** 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, except Lisa Robinson voting nay. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

**WWTF – Award Bid** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration commenting the Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street and Alley Committee recommend the City Council approve moving forward with a Bid Award. The low base bid submitted by Williams Brothers Construction Company was approved for recommendation in the amount of \$8,640,000 with no alternative's considered. **Sharon Pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services disclosed the City Council cannot award this contract tonight, since the EDA has concerns that the necessary funds will not be available for the reason that the State has not passed a budget.** Sharon Pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services advised to approve action to award contingent upon EDA approval. **Bill Robinson** made a motion, **seconded by John Peterson, to award the contract to Williams Brothers Construction in the submitted amount, contingent on EDA approval of the contract.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members, except Lisa Robinson voting no, 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 referred presentation to John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent and MSA. A review report of the pending work to be commenced during the month of May 2016 was eventually attained. **The City Council accepted this report by general consensus.**

**TIF, Update** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration and referred presentation to Sharon Pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services who distributed a Highway 84 and Wacker Road Redevelopment Project Eligibility Study reviewing a summary of the blighted areas for an eligibility study to be designated for redevelopment projects within the identified project area. The City Council is advised to review this document and be prepared to consider relevant actions as the process is initiated. **This action approved by general City Council consensus.**

**Ordinance Repealing Title 2, Chapter 4, Entitled Plan Commission** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration and referred to a proposed ordinance repealing said Title 2, Chapter 4, as presented. After limited discussion, **Christine Lee** made a motion, **seconded by Peg Haffey, to read said proposed ordinance by title only and adopt said Ordinance #2156, 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 read said proposed ordinance by title only and declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

**Ordinance Repealing Title 2, Chapter 5, Entitled Zoning Board of Appeals** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration and referred to a proposed ordinance repealing said Title 2, Chapter 5, as presented. After limited discussion, **Bill Robinson** made a motion, **seconded by Scott Law, to read said proposed ordinance by title only and adopt said Ordinance #2157, 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 read said proposed ordinance by title only and declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

**Ordinance, Amending Title 2, Chapter 24, To Create a City of Savanna Planning & Zoning Board** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration and referred to a proposed ordinance creating said Title 2, Chapter 24, as presented. After limited discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Jeff Griswold, to read said proposed ordinance by title only and adopt said Ordinance #2158, 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 read said proposed ordinance by title only and declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

**Ordinance, Annual Budget 2016-2017** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration and referred to a proposed ordinance adopting the 2016/2017 Annual Budget, as presented. After limited discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to read said proposed ordinance by title only and adopt said Ordinance #2159, 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 read said proposed ordinance by title only and declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance, Amending Title 7, Chapter 6, Section 5, Basic User Rate** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration and referred to a proposed ordinance amending Title 7, Chapter 6, Section 5 of the Savanna City Savanna City Code. Ordinance #2143 adopted on September 22, 2015 gave an incorrect dollar amount for the nonmetered nonresident minimum flat rate fee effective January 1, 2016. The corrected dollar amount is \$180.36 effective January 1, 2016. After discussion, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to waive the first reading of said proposed ordinance, read said proposed ordinance by title only and adopt Ordinance #2160, 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.

**Ordinance, Amending Title 8, Chapter 4, Section 23, Water Rates & Related Charges** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration and referred to a proposed ordinance amending Title 8, Chapter 4, Section 23 of the Savanna City Savanna City Code by establishing water rates and related charges increasing Schedule 1, 2 and 3 from \$2.26 to \$2.33 per 1,000 gallons per quarter. After discussion, **Scott Law made a motion, seconded by Bill Robinson, to waive the first reading of said proposed ordinance, read said proposed ordinance by title only and adopt Ordinance #2161, 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.

**Ordinance, Amending Title 7, Chapter 6, Section 5, Basic User Rate** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration and referred to a proposed ordinance amending Title 7, Chapter 6, Section 5 of the Savanna City Savanna City Code by establishing basic user rates for use of and services for the waste water facilities of the City of Savanna by increasing a basic user rate from \$2.26 to \$2.33 per 1,000 gallons per billing period and Schedule 2 raise non-metered nonresident minimum flat rate from \$180.36 to \$197.88 for sewer fees. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by John Peterson, to waive the first reading of said proposed ordinance, read said proposed ordinance by title only and adopt Ordinance #2162, as presented.** Mayor McCombie read the proposed ordinance by title only and 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 Revising Annual Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2015-2016** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration and referred to a proposed ordinance revising the 2015/16 Annual Budget. After discussion, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by John Peterson, to waive the first reading of said proposed ordinance, read by title only and adopt Ordinance #2163, 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.

**Ordinance, Amending Title 1, Chapter 23, Section 19, Travel & Training** Mayor McCombie referred to a recommendation from the Finance Committee approving a 2016 Internal Revenue report setting the 2016 mileage rates at 54 cents per mile beginning January 1, 2016. After no discussion, **Christine Lee made a motion, seconded by Scott Law, to waive the first reading of said proposed ordinance, read the proposed ordinance by title only and adopt Ordinance #2164, 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.

**Ordinance, Amending Title 1, Chapter 20, Section 5, Advertising for Bids** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration of a proposed ordinance involving all proposals and to award purchase orders involving amounts in excess of \$20,000.00 (increased from \$10,000.00) shall be published in a secular newspaper and in general circulation in the City of Savanna. The City Codifiers asked for review of this code section. The City Codifiers asked for review of this Code Section. After discussion, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Bill Robinson to read said proposed ordinance by title only, waive the first reading and adopt Ordinance #2165, 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.

**Ordinance, Amending Title 1, Chapter 20, Section 7, Deposit Required** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration of a proposed ordinance requiring cash, a cashier's check as a deposit involving all proposals and to award purchase orders involving amounts in excess of \$20,000.00 (increased from \$10,000.00) and if so required the advertisement shall so specify. The City Codifiers asked for review of this Code Section. After discussion, **Christine Lee made a motion, seconded by Scott Law to read said proposed ordinance by title only, waive the first reading and adopt Ordinance #2165, 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.

**Heartland Pet Welfare Waiver Request – Added Item** Mayor McCombie referred to a written request from Heartland Welfare requesting a waiver on the \$100.00 kennel fee for FY 2016/2017. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to waive said fee, 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:** Mayor McCombie asked for comments, as follows:

- ✓ Scott Law asked if the City launching ramp at Marquette Park needs a sign identifying said launching ramp. It was revealed that the City Council had previously approved this sign and Mayor McCombie will cause an appropriate sign will be purchased for this purpose.
- ✓ Lisa Robinson asked about securing the docks at Marquette Park and was informed the Bridge project contractor has secured a barge to the docks anchor post. Bill Robinson suggested the contractor be contacted to install an additional post in this general area.
- ✓ Lisa Robinson asked if the Park District has waived launching fees at Marquette Park with Mayor McCombie consenting to call Sandy at the Park District office.
- ✓ Christine Lee advised that Clean-up day will be Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Mayor McCombie advised the Riverview Run will be Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Mike Moon said prescription drugs could be dropped off at the Police Station.
- ✓ Wayne Larke asked if there was a rebidding processes if the City chose not to award the bid to Brandt Construction.

**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** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor McCombie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Bill Robinson motioned, seconded by Peg Haffey to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion and hearing none asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Lisa Robinson, John Peterson, Peg Haffey, Scott Law, Jeff Griswold, Christine Lee, Pat Sanchez, and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion passed, carried, and approved, as presented.

By Paul Hartman, City Clerk