

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAVANNA,
ILLINOIS, HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 24, 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:

Mayor McCombie led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mayor McCombie asked the City Clerk to call the roll with Christine Lee, Mayor McCombie, Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, John Peterson, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Scott Law, present establishing a quorum. Lisa Robinson – absent. Also in attendance were City Clerk, Paul Hartman, City Attorney – Phil Jensen, John Lindeman - Public Works Superintendent, Mike Nester, Mike Miller, News Media, JC Carey, and Brittany Hatteberg

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said agenda, pursuant to consideration. With limited discussion, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to approve the 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 May 10, 2016 Regular Meeting Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said minutes with **Scott Law making a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to waive the reading of said minutes and approve said minutes, by amending under monthly reports the word “characteristics” to read “contract”.** 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:

Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee, 05-23-16 Mayor McCombie asked for a report review and discussion, pursuant to consideration and referred presentation to Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee Chair Christine Lee. Chair Christine Lee reported, as follows:

- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee reviewed and accepted Departmental Reports - Vacation/Comp/Sick, for November and December 2015, and January, February, March, April 2016.
- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee tabled action on Policy Manual, Hiring/Dismissal Procedures, Employee Classification Handbook,

Drug/Alcohol Testing – Random, Title 1, Chapter 5, Mayor, Review (Pending), Title 1, Chapter 6, City Council, Review

- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee discussed a proposed amendment to Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 7, Noxious Weeds, Fees referring to a proposed ordinance created by City Attorney Phil Jensen at the direction of the Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee for consideration concluding to introduce additional variations to the language of said Savanna City Code Section, particularly the fees and calling for additional modifications by City Attorney Phil Jensen.
- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee discussed a proposed amendment to Title 8, Chapter 1, Section 1, Sidewalks, concluding to authorize John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent to develop a structured program for added participation in the sidewalk incentive program presently in use to be extended with additional benefits for elderly and the impoverished citizens.
- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee discussed a proposed Ordinance, Amending Title 7, Chapter 3, Section 11, Garbage and Recycling Collection & Disposal, Update & Title 10, Chapter 2, Section 8 and Title 7, Chapter 3, Section 6, Dumpster, and discussed e-mails from John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent on the matter of identifying refuse containers as an accessory use in the appropriate sections of the Savanna City Code, including the screening of refuse containers, as well as the placement of said containers on public property and issues with the enforcement of the current regulations and further identified several issues in the Savanna City Code for City Attorney Phil Jensen to modify, after deliberation with Mayor McCombie.
- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee tabled action on a proposed amendment to Title 1, Chapter 23, City Personnel Regulation.
- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee discussed and reviewed a proposed amendment to Title 1, Chapter 23, Section 5E, Year End Bonus with discussion generating Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee conclusion not to change the present regulations.
- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee discussed a proposed Mayor review of Title 1, Chapter 23, Section 23, concerning Department Heads Annual Performance with Mayor McCombie requesting 30 days to complete this review for Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee review.
- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee discussed and accepted action on Sign Ordinance Regulations referring to an e-mail from John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent concerning eliminating billboard signs at specific locations within the City and amortizing removal within a defined period. John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent is in the process of investigating the authorization to install said signs within the Savanna City Savanna City Code regulations.

After presentation, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by John Peterson, to accept and approve said Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations 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 #1A:

Invoice Totaling \$14,245.28 Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration of Warrant #1A, as presented. After limited discussion, **Christine Lee made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to approve and pay said invoice, as presented.** Jeff Griswold asked if bids were taken to satisfy this project with Mayor McCombie affirming said action was undertaken. Mayor McCombie indicated this invoice covers approximately 75% completion of the City Hall project. Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Christine Lee, John Peterson, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

TOMRV, Bicycle Tour Mayor McCombie referred to a notice from Doug Truesdell that the bicycle "Tour of the Mississippi River Valley" bicycle tour will pass through Savanna on Saturday June 11, 2016 from 8:45 AM to 1:45 PM. The City Council accepted this notice by general consensus of the members present.

APPOINTMENTS:

Planning & Zoning Board Mayor McCombie submitted for appointment;
3 Year Term 04/26/19 - Larry Melaas, Chair, Eric Hartman, Roger Husband
2 Year Term 04/26/18 Jim Freidenbach, Steve Haring
1 Year Term 04/26/17 Shawn Picolotti
1 Year Term 04/26/17 John Lindeman (not permitted per code)
Police Pension Board, Two Year Term 04/30/18, Mitchell Ottenhausen
Fire Pension Board, Two Year Term 04/17/18, Robert Stretton III
After discussion, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Bill Robinson, to confirm said appointments, as specified hereinabove.** 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 referred presentation to John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent. The Superintendent indicated EDA approval for the sewer treatment contract has been achieved and this project can advance. The Superintendent will attend meetings with Fischer Construction this week advancing said project. The Committee approved this action by general consensus of the members present.

Ordinance Officer, Update Mayor McCombie indicated this report not available. The City Council approved this action by general consensus of the members present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance, Amending Title 1, Chapter 6, Section 9B, Rules and Order of

Business/Rules of Procedure Mayor McCombie referred to a proposed ordinance amending said regulation by deleting the requirement of ayes and nays under Section 9B. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to waive the first reading of said proposed ordinance, read by title only and adopt Ordinance #2169, as presented.** Mayor McCombie read said ordinance #2169 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.

Request for Funds, Vehicle Purchase Mayor McCombie referred to a JC Carey Motors solicited quote for a 2014 Equinox automobile for \$17,777.27 payable from Civic Fund 54 – Utility Maintenance recommending approval. Only \$15,000.00 is budgeted from this source and the Mayor recommends offering a vehicle in trade or sell to help balance the original request. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to approve up to \$17,500.00 for this purchase.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Christine Lee, John Peterson, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

June Sidewalk Sales, June 10th & 11th

Mayor McCombie referred to an e-mail request from Savanna Marketplace to conduct sidewalk sales on Main Street in conjunction with town wide yard sales on June 10th and 11th from 9AM to 4PM. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to approve said request, 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.

Resolution & Use Agreement, Savanna Chamber of Commerce Mayor McCombie referred to a proposed resolution for consideration authorizing the exclusive use of Murray Street lying between Main Street and the alley East reserve use for the Savanna Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the First Friday Outdoor Movie June 3, 2016 from 7pm to 11pm. After review of said proposed resolution, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by John Peterson, to adopt Resolution # 1110, as discussed and 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.

Intersection Solicitors License, Savanna Firemen's Association Mayor McCombie referred to for consideration said license request to stand on the highway and solicit contributions from the occupants of any vehicle in accordance within City regulatory provisions. Said event will be held at the intersections of Routes 84, 64, & 52 on July 23rd & 24th 2016. After a brief discussion, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to approve said request, as discussed and 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.

Annual Health Insurance, Update Mayor McCombie indicated this agenda item will be further discussed in executive session. The City Council approved this action by general consensus of the members present.

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 Mayor McCombie indicated said session is necessary to discuss compensation issues. **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to enter into executive session at 8:15 PM.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, Christine Lee, John Peterson, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:49 PM

Mayor McCombie asked for any action, pursuant to consideration with **Bill Robinson making a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to increase the total compensation for the 8% increase in insurance premiums, provided the City retains the sole right to modify and reduce the City's contribution in the event of a revenue shortfall during the fiscal year.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, John Peterson, Scott Law, Mayor McCombie voting in favor and Christine Lee, Jeff Griswold and Pat Sanchez voting against said motion. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor McCombie asked for comments resulting in the following responses:

- John Peterson indicated he had received inquiries on the accumulation of weeds at Marquette Park with Mayor McCombie noting the City has no jurisdiction and she will send an e-mail to the Park District.
- Scott Law asked for the date and time of the next Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street and Alley Committee meeting with committee chair Bill Robinson stating he will notify all when a date and time has been established.
- Christine Lee indicated a Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee is scheduled for June 20, 2016 at 7PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor McCombie declared that all agenda items have been considered and adjourned the meeting at 8:53 PM.

By Paul Hartman, City Clerk