

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF  
SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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 and Scott Law present establishing a quorum. Christine Lee & Lisa Robinson absent. Also in attendance were City Clerk, Paul Hartman; City Attorney, Phil Jensen; Police Chief Mike Moon; Public Works Superintendent, John Lindeman; Comptroller/Treasurer, Sheryl Sipe; Fire Chief, Shawn Picolotti; Mike Miller & Wayne Larky, News Media; and guest Marne LaShelle & Sharon Eckstein.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said agenda, pursuant to consideration. **Peg Haffey motioned, seconded by Scott Law, 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 September 22, 2015 Regular Meeting & Town Hall Meeting** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration of the referenced minutes. **Peg Haffey motioned to correct a spelling error in the regular minutes and waive the reading. Motion seconded by Scott Law.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion, with all members present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion passed, carried, and said motion approved.

Mayor McCombie read the town hall minutes and recommended several corrections. **Peg Haffey motioned to accept the minutes as corrected and read, seconded by Scott Law.** Mayor McCombie asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion, with all members present voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion passed, carried, and said motion approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Water/Sewer/Refuse/Street/Alley Committee, October 01, 2015**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said report, pursuant to

consideration from Chair Bill Robinson. The Committee heard a request from Duane Kistler to exchange the parking lot adjacent to True Value store for the right of way to the westerly entrance to the Shopko Store. The Committee voted to recommend to the Finance Committee to begin the process of declaring said property surplus.

The Committee heard a request to place a two-way stop on Eaton Street at the intersection of Eaton Street and Skaien's Drive with Police Chief Mike Moon stating that the police would monitor traffic and look into a traffic count analysis at this location. The

Committee discussed a request to restrict parking on Longmoor Avenue from Chicago Avenue to Cragmoor Avenue for safety reason. The Committee concluded to have John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent prepare a draft ordinance restricting parking on the north side of Longmoor Avenue for Council consideration.

The Committee heard a request to make Adams Street from Main Street easterly to Third Street a two-way Street. The Committee rejected this request since the easterly half of the portion of Adams Street is not wide enough for two-way parking without restricting parking.

The Committee heard a request to make 3<sup>rd</sup> and Washington and 4<sup>th</sup> and Washington a 4-way stop at each intersection. The Committee concluded to have John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent prepare a draft ordinance for both intersections for Council consideration

The Committee heard a presentation to establish a commemorative sign for Helen Scott Hay on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Chicago Avenue. The Committee concluded to generate a proposed Resolution for this purpose to be considered at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

The Committee heard a report from Community Funding and Planning Services, Sharon Pepin that the EDA has turned down the City's request for grant funds for a Wacker Road Safe Routes to School project and encouraged the City to re-submit a request for the next funding cycle at no cost to the city. The Committee agreed by consensus and recommends to council.

The Committee heard an update on Cedar Street sewer repairs with John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent reporting a certified letter has been mailed indicating the deficiencies to be corrected.

The Committee heard an update on the water/sewer billing – quarterly to monthly has been delayed until all glitches that are being worked through with Hometown Village Books. This item will remain on the agenda until resolved.

The Committee heard an update on the 2105/2016 Street project with John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent indicating no work will be accomplished this fall and the Committee was encouraged to review additions to the project. The Committee concluded

to have John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent solicit costs for a gutter along Michigan Avenue and Nevada Street together with installing some storm inlets on East Lawn Drive and establishing a detention pond on church property.

After concluding presentation, **Peg Haffey motioned, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to accept and approve this 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.

### **Finance Committee, October 13, 2015**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said report, pursuant to consideration and asked Committee Chair Bill Robinson to present this report.

The Committee reviewed a Tabulation of Bids related to the FEMA Grant for demolishing housing units at 220 Viaduct Road, 230 Calumet Street, 234/238 Calumet Street, 418 Oak Street, 426 Oak Street, 432 Oak Street and 1612 Portland Avenue. Two bids were received, as follows; Kleckner Excavating \$51,100.00 and Colgan Excavating \$53,900.00 with an estimated budget of \$76,000.00. The Committee concluded to recommend to the City Council to accept and award the low bid to Kleckner Excavating for \$51,100.00. This item is on the Council agenda for consideration.

The Committee reviewed and approved the monthly accounts receivable reports.

The Committee reviewed and approved the 12, 24,36,48,60 report.

The Committee reviewed and approved the 2015/20106 Budget Review.

The Committee reviewed, approved and recommends the City Council to approve Warrant #6.

The Committee was informed by Mayor McCombie that she approved the purchase of decals for the Tahoe in the amount of \$475.00 from the Police Protection Fund 24-49400.

The Committee was informed by Mayor McCombie that she approved an emergency purchase of an 80 gallon air compressor for the Public Works Department for \$1,269.00 from the operating supplies in the Civic Fund 53, Water and Sewer Funds.

The Committee reviewed, approved and recommends the City Council to approve a Request for Funds, Draw #1 for \$345,825.33, IEPA Loan for Construction Engineering (MSA \$39,123.66); Construction (Fischer Excavating \$301,701.67); Loan Administration (CFPS \$5,000.00) for the In-System Sewer Project. **Bill Robinson motioned, seconded by Peg Haffey, to approve said draws #1, 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.

The Committee reviewed, approved and recommends the City Council to approve a proposed Ordinance authorizing the City to borrow additional funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program.

**Peg Haffey motioned, seconded by Jeff Griswold, to accept and approve this 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 #6:**

##### **Bills for the Month of September Totaling \$614,350.36**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said warrant, pursuant to consideration. The Finance Committee recommends approving the warrant, as presented with Mike Moon explaining the restitution on the police vehicle. **Bill Robinson motioned, seconded by Peg Haffey, to approve said warrant, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, John Peterson, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Scott Law, and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

No communications were submitted for consideration.

#### **BIDS:**

##### **Award of FEMA Building Demolition Project**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said project, pursuant to consideration and referred to the FEMA Grant bids for demolishing housing units at 220 Viaduct Road, 230 Calumet Street, 234/238 Calumet Street, 418 Oak Street, 426 Oak Street, 432 Oak Street and 1612 Portland Avenue. Two bids were received, as follows; Kleckner Excavating \$51,100.00 and Colgan Excavating \$53,900.00 with an estimated budget of \$76,000.00. **Bill Robinson motioned, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to award the project contract to Kleckner Excavating for \$51,000.00.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, John Peterson, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

8:02 John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent joined the meeting.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

##### **Financial, Police, Fire, and Public Works for September 2015**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said reports, pursuant to consideration. **Peg Haffey motioned, seconded by Jeff Griswold, to accept 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 present this report. John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent commented a construction meeting was canceled today, so no report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance Amending Title 7, Chapter 2, Section 7, Noxious Weeds, Penalty** Mayor McCombie asked to table this proposed ordinance. The City Council accepted this action by general consensus.

**Intersection Solicitors License, Savanna Lions Club** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said application, for the purpose of soliciting contributions from the occupants of any vehicle in compliance with City regulations on Saturday October 10, 2015 from 8AM-2PM. This application was not submitted in time for council consideration at their regular meeting on September 22, 2015. Mayor McCombie received verbal approval from all council members to approve the request prior to their event on October 10, 2015. Mayor McCombie was advised by City Attorney Phil Jensen to ratify the request by formal voice roll call at the following meeting (October 13th, 2015). **Bill Robinson motioned, seconded by Peg Haffey, to accept and approve this application, 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.

**Discussion & Possible Action on a City Wide Unsafe Sidewalk Enforcement Policy** Mayor McCombie led a discussion on the consideration of a city wide assessment of deficient sidewalks in the City. Discussion disclosed such a program will be predictably expensive and concluded to send the item to the Building and Public Property Committee for review and discussion.

**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 ordinance, pursuant to consideration. Ordinance #2104 was approved to borrow up to \$10,000,000 for the construction of a Wastewater Treatment Plant. This Ordinance authorizes the city to borrow an additional \$5,000,000 to cover any increase of the project expenses. The estimated costs for the project may be higher than expected and more than the amount previously authorized. Mayor McCombie asked for consideration of a first reading of said proposed ordinance. **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to read by title only and perform a first reading of said proposed ordinance.** 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 29 (A), Standing and Loading Only**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said ordinance, pursuant to consideration. This ordinance removes the loading zone on the north side of Washington Street since the Head Start Program is no longer utilizing that building. **Bill Robinson motioned, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to read the proposed ordinance by title only, waive the Second reading and adopt Ordinance #2144**, 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 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. This ordinance restricts 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 Peg Haffey, to perform a first reading of said proposed ordinance by title only.** 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 9, Chapter 1, Section 16, Through Streets**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said proposed ordinance pursuant to consideration. This ordinance deletes 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 perform a first reading of said proposed ordinance by title only.** 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 Mayor McCombie, Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, John Peterson, Pat Sanchez, Scott Law voting in favor and Jeff Griswold voting nay. 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 proposed ordinance pursuant to consideration. This ordinance adds 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 Pat Sanchez, to perform a first reading of said proposed ordinance by title only.** 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 Mayor McCombie, Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, John Peterson, Pat Sanchez, Scott Law voting in favor and Jeff Griswold voting nay. Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

**CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Mayor McCombie** announced Blackhawk Hills Council will hold a Second Annual

Development Summit October 30, 2015 at Lake Carroll Clubhouse.

**John Peterson** requested a pedestrian crosswalk sign at the intersection of Chicago Ave and Third Street. He was advised that it was a safety issue and advised against due to IDOT requests.

**Jeff Griswold** was recognized from the elected officials table and commented on the trees along Main Street with Mayor McCombie stating she will be composing an advisory committee with select residents to review sprucing up Main Street, including trees.

**Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti** indicated the recent fish fry has been declared a success and the Fire Department kitchen has been certified a Class III establishment.

**Police Chief Mike Moon** indicated illegal dumping on the Water Tower Road is reaching uncontrollable status and suggested the City Council legislate control measures. The Council agreed and instructed The Public Works Superintendent to close off the Water Tower Road with locked gates. Keys will be given to police and fire to satisfy safety measures.

**Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe** indicated council payroll was directly deposited for the first time and for the Council to verify their funds were received.

**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 no executive session required.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor McCombie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Bill Robinson motioned, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 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, 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