

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL  
CONDUCTED IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD  
ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016 AT 7:00 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 7:00 P.M. Notice of the meeting was delivered to all City 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 Clerk to call the roll with Christine Lee, Mayor McCombie, Bill Robinson, Peg Haffey, John Peterson, Jeff Griswold, Lisa Robinson (arrives- 7:15PM), Scott Law, Pat Sanchez, present establishing a quorum. Also in attendance were City Clerk, Paul Hartman, City Attorney – Phil Jensen, Police Chief Mike Moon, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent, Brittany Hatteberg, Mike Miller & Mike Nester; News Media, William Nemec, Tim O'Neal and Melissa Kirkland

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said agenda, pursuant to consideration by adding to the agenda "Agreement Savanna Park District" under new business. After limited discussion, **Scott Law made a motion, seconded by Bill Robinson, to approve the agenda, as amended.** 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 27, 2016 Regular Meeting and August 9, 2016 and September 27, 2016 Executive Session Meetings** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said minutes, excluding the August 9 and September 27, 2016 executive sessions. After review, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Scott Law, 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.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Hotel/Motel Committee 09-13-16** Mayor McCombie referred presentation of this report to Hotel/Motel Committee Chair Peg Haffey. The Chair reported, as follows:

- The Hotel/Motel Committee heard details of the recent (Betty's Bell House) guest house development in Savanna adding said establishment to the monthly reports and removing Bluff Cabins from the monthly reports.
- The Hotel/Motel Committee reviewed and accepted the Blackhawk Waterway Report, Diane Bausman.
- The Hotel/Motel Committee reviewed and accepted Carroll County Hotel/Motel Tax Board Report, April, May, June, July, August 2016.
- The Hotel/Motel Committee reviewed and accepted the Monthly Report, Gary Heide.
- The Hotel/Motel Committee reviewed and approved three invoices for consideration, as follows: Moline Dispatch - \$1,400.00 from Fund #57, an invoice from Gary Heide for \$70.00 from Fund #57 and an invoice from the Galena Guardian for \$996.00 from Fund #57.

The Hotel/Motel Committee canceled the October Hotel/Motel Committee Meeting. After completing said report, **Christine Lee motioned, seconded by John Peterson, to accept and approve said report, 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.

**Water/Sewer/Refuse/Street and Alley Committee 09-29-16** Mayor McCombie referred presentation of this report to Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street and Alley Committee Chair Bill Robinson. The Chair reported, as follows:

- The Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street and Alley Committee reviewed a request from Charlotte Morris for a Handicapped Parking Space to serve 812 - 4<sup>th</sup> Street. After discussion, the Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street and Alley Committee concluded not to initiate a recommendation on this request.
- The Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street and Alley Committee reviewed and discussed Utility Rates and User Fees Changes illustrating the projected final project costs and funding sources for the WWTF and In-System sewer projects, pursuant to guiding Sharon Pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services in preparing for a power point presentation scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. The decisions solidified will provide an overview of the debt to be incurred by the City and how the City will pay for said debt.

After completing said report **Christine Lee motioned, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to accept and approve said report, 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.

**Finance Committee 10-11-16** Mayor McCombie referred presentation of this report to Finance Committee Chair Bill Robinson. The Chair reported, as follows:

- The Finance Committee tabled to the City Council meeting a report on Wastewater Treatment Facility, Main and Bowen Street Lift Stations And In-System Sewer Improvements Project Update and Associated Action Items and Street Project Update and Associated Action Items.
- The Finance Committee reviewed and accepted the Accounts Receivable, September 2016 report.
- The Finance Committee reviewed and accepted a 12/24/36/48/60 Month Report for September 2016.
- The Finance Committee reviewed and reviewed a 2016/2017 Budget Review Report.
- The Finance Committee discussed Warrant #6 for clarification of specific items recommending the City Council pay said Warrant #6, as presented.
- The Finance Committee discussed a Request for Loan & Grant Disbursements for WWTP and In-System Projects totaling \$568,265.89 for IEPA loans and grants for invoices for construction, planning and engineering services for said projects. The Finance Committee recommend to the City Council to approve said draw requests, as presented.
- The Finance Committee discussed a request from MSA for Additional Engineering Cost-Wacker Road/Safe Routes to School Project totaling \$2,500.00 for referenced invoices for additional preliminary engineering services for said projects recommending the City Council to approve said invoice request, as presented.

After completing said report **Peg Haffey motioned, seconded by Christine Lee, to accept and approve said report, 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.

Lisa Robinson enters meeting.

#### **WARRANT #6:**

**Bills for the Month of September 2016 Totaling \$479,854.88** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration of Warrant #6, totaling as stated herein, the Finance Committee recommends approval of said warrant. With limited review, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to approve payment of said warrant, as presented.** Mayor McCombie asked for a called roll on the motion with Peg Haffey, John Peterson, Pat Sanchez, Bill Robinson, Lisa Robinson, Jeff Griswold, Christine Lee, Scott Law and Mayor McCombie voting in favor of the motion.

Mayor McCombie declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Informational PowerPoint Presentation** Mayor McCombie referred to said presentation documents distributed with the agenda packets remarking if members desire enlarged copies they are to contact the business office. This action approved by general consensus of the member's present.

**Veterans Memorial Park** Mayor McCombie referred to correspondence from Van Bibber – Hansen Post 148 defining plans for said park with a design completed. They are ready to select a location for the monument within the City of Savannah corporate limits. They seek the City's blessing and permission to go forward with this proposed project. Mayor McCombie recommends approving this project by general consensus of the City Council member's present.

**West Carroll C.U.S.D. #314** Mayor McCombie referred to correspondence from Adam Brumbaugh, Superintendent of the West Carroll C.U.S.D #314 thanking the Public Works employees for fixing the hole in the high school parking lot and repairing the recent water main breakage at the West Carroll High School.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Financial, Police, Fire and Public Works for September 2016** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration of said reports, with **Christine Lee making a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, to approve submitted monthly 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 referred presentation of this item to John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent. The Superintendent reported the contractor is on site to begin placing CA-base stone at the Aero-Mod base area. Geo fabric is being installed in-between the lift of CA-7 and the previously installed layer of 3" breaker run stone. The Contractor is on site compacting and fine grading the CA-7 base stone at the Aero-Mod base area and began to place the 2't edge forms along the north perimeter. This report approved by general consensus of the member's present.

**TIF, Update** None.

**Street Project Update and Associated Action Item** Mayor McCombie asked for said update with the John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent reporting the contractor begin placing 2" HMA surface course along 5th Street, Quincy Street to Diagonal, and Spring Street to Hill Street. The contractor completed all of Quincy Street to Diagonal Street with only partial HMA paving completed at 5th to Diagonal and from Spring to Hill Streets. The contractor is placing forms for curb & gutter along the NW area at 5th Street and Diagonal Street, and at the NW area of Murray & 5th Street. A 2nd crew began the installation of the additional storm sewer at the intersection of Cook & Hill Streets. The contractor removed the existing curb and gutter at the North Ramp area. The contractor is setting forms for curb and gutter at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street & Diagonal Street tie-in area. The contractor begins curb placement along the North ramp area. The contractor is placing CA-6 between the newly poured curb & gutter area and the roadway along the North Ramp. The contractor prepped the North Ramp and Quincy Street for HMA paving. The contractor began to form new curb & gutter at those areas and excavated for proposed curb & gutter at the NE and SE areas on Cook Street. This report approved by general consensus of the member's present.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 6, Section 4, Meetings** Mayor McCombie referred to a proposed Ordinance regarding conducting City Council regular meetings on a holiday or local election, concluding during discussion to add state and national elections to this sub-section. After discussion, **Peg Haffey motioned, seconded by John**

**Peterson, to approve Ordinance # 2179, 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.

**Added Item – Park District Agreement** Mayor McCombie referenced conditions recently exposed concerning water consumption issues at the rest room facilities serving Marquette Park. Water consumption at this location has exceeded normal usage in accordance with an agreement with the Park District, triggering the submittal of a water bill from the City to the Savanna Park District in accordance with the existing agreement. Shawn Picolotti representing the Savanna Park District addressed the City Council requesting a waiver of said bill, due to an unexpected use of the facilities by the bridge construction project. After discussion, the City Council concluded to waive, by consensus, the bill and monitor the consumption at this location to determine excessive usage conditions.

**CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Tim O'Neal addressed the City Council regarding a backed up sanitary sewer at his residence on Skaien's Drive, requesting restitution of his funds off-setting contractual costs to clean his sewer service and a positive solution to this reoccurring issue. After discussion, Mayor McCombie referred remedial action to John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent to correct this problem.

Melissa Kirkland addressed the City Council regarding correspondence requesting dismissal of a recent violation of the City's nuisance City Code (6-2-7) concerning possession of chickens at her residence at 240 Milwaukee Street, Savanna Illinois. Ms. Kirkland disputed the City had not identified any public nuisance attributed to her chickens. The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee will place this on their agenda and meet prior to Ms. Kirkland's scheduled court date. The Committee will review applicable Savanna City Codes to clarify the language in said Savanna City Code to further resolve this matter.

Bill Nemeč addressed the City Council asking for enlightenment on a police matter wherein he was advised by the Savanna Police Department to stop entering upon Shawn Picolotti's property located on Wacker Road. Mayor McCombie referred response to City Attorney Phil Jensen who advised it is incumbent on the property owner to notify the public of conditions of trespassing on identified properties and that the local police are in error by reacting to a complaint of trespassing without prior notification. Police Chief Mike Moon noted his department reacted to these circumstances in an effort to keep the peace and tranquility of the negative conditions developing.

Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti noted a recent fish fry event sponsored by the Fire Department was a huge success.

Police Chief Mike Moon indicated the State of Illinois is requiring all police officers to carry Narcan which is used to treat heroin overdoses. The City Police officers have recently completed training and will receive the Narcan shortly. It is an unfunded mandate and will have to be paid by the City at \$35.00 per dose.

**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 executive session considered.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor McCombie adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM

Minutes composed by Paul Hartman – City Clerk