

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 333 CHICAGO AVENUE, SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor McCombie called the meeting to order on said date at 7:02 PM. 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 City Clerk, Paul Hartman to call the roll with Bill Robinson, Pat Sanchez, Peg Haffey, John Peterson, Christine Lee, Jeff Griswold, and Lisa Robinson present establishing a quorum. Absent: Scott Law. Also in attendance were City Clerk, Paul Hartman, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, Mike Miller - News Media and Jim Freidenbach.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said agenda, pursuant to consideration with Bill Robinson adding to the agenda "Alley East of Main Street" under new business. After limited discussion, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Lisa 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 October 11, 2016 Regular Meeting and August 9, 2016 and September 27, 2016 Executive Session Meetings** Mayor McCombie asked for review and discussion of said minutes, including the August 9 and September 27, 2016 executive sessions. After review, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Peg Haffey, 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:**

**Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee 10-24-16** Mayor McCombie referred presentation of this report to Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee Chair Christine Lee. The Chair reported, as follows:

- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee reviewed and accepted Departmental Reports-Vacation/Comp/Sick, July, August, September 2016.
- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee reviewed aspects of a program amplifying proposed incentives offered by the City to encourage participation in a sidewalk replacement program for the elderly and impoverished and recommended to the Finance Committee adding \$20,000.00 for the additional sidewalk program for these upgrades to the budget for 2017/18. This plan creation information has not been produced and the Committee designated February 2017 as a target for John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent submitting this program for consideration. Melissa Kirkland commented on issues in her neighborhood regarding unsafe sidewalks.
- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee discussed Title 10, Chapter 2, Section 8 and Title 7, Chapter 3, Section 6, Dumpster, again, concluding to submit proposed revisions to Section 7-3-6 (B) targeting issues that will be communicated to City Attorney Phil Jensen to prepare a draft ordinance for City Council consideration.
- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee is exploring possible creation of regulations to be considered to expand regulations on keeping chickens within the City limits i. e. butchering, limiting number of chickens, filthy conditions,

housing, size of property, distance from certain places, smell, diseased or dead chickens etc. It is the Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee goal to first regulate chickens under Savanna City Code 6-2-7, pursuant to delayed considerations under Savanna City Code 10-2-8. The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee will cause said discussed issues to be communicated to City Attorney Phil Jensen to draft an Ordinance further regulating specifically chickens for City Council consideration.

- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee reviewed and discussed Proposed Ordinance – Possession of Marijuana indicating certain State Statutes have recently been adopted by the State of Illinois regulating said possession of marijuana specifying the state will no longer prosecute possessions under 10 grams. The Chief is requesting the City consider creating a City Ordinance to prosecute marijuana possession under 10 grams and under. The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee come to an understanding to communicate to the City Attorney Phil Jensen to draft an Ordinance for City Council consideration by the City Council .
- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee discussed Title 1, Chapter 23, Section 8, Holidays for consideration to amend said section to strike the recognized “Lincoln’s Birthday” in Subsection (C) as a paid Holiday for all non-union employees and to add “Christmas Eve”. After discussion, The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee will communicate to the City Attorney Phil Jensen to draft an Ordinance as discussed, for City Council consideration.
- The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee discussed a request submitted by the department heads to allow for a personal leave day per anniversary year for all non-union employees. The Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee will communicate to the City Attorney Phil Jensen to draft an Ordinance as discussed for City Council consideration.

After review, **Peg Haffey made a motion, seconded by Jeff Griswold, to approve said 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

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

No report. Mayor McCombie mentioned a couple of items for information purposes.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

No report.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Wastewater Treatment Facility, Main and Bowen Street Lift Stations and In-System Sewer Improvements Project Update and Associated Action Items** Mayor McCombie specified no report as the Superintendent is not in attendance. This action approved by general consensus of the member's present.

**TIF, Update** – No report

**STREET PROJECT UPDATE AND Associated Action Items** – No report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADDED ITEM - Alley East of Main Street** Mayor McCombie referred presentation of this item to Bill Robinson. Bill referred to a 5-10-2016 City Council meeting regarding an approved request from Jo-Carroll Energy, Inc. to re-surface the alley between Main Street and Third Street from Washington Street to Quincy Street with a 1-1/2-inch bituminous compacted hot mix overlay in conjunction with a pipeline replacement project by said company. Jo-Carroll requests the City of Savanna pay for the hot mix overlay materials of said alleys for \$18,000.00 to \$20,000.00 (Fund 54) with Jo-Carroll paying for labor costs. Bill recently met with the power company and the contractor concerning the re-surfacing of the alley behind Carroll County Housing at its parking facility specifically concerning the joining of the new surface materials with the existing parking surfacing. An issue will be created if the resurfacing is simply tapered off at the junction with the alley surface and the surface of the housing authority parking facility. It is suggested that

the identified junction area be cored-out to provide an appropriate connection point. The contractor estimates this process will cost \$7000.00 with a savings of \$3000.00 applied resulting in an additional \$4000.00 cost to the City. Bill is requesting the City Council approve this expense for this purpose. This work is anticipated to be accomplished before the next scheduled City Council meeting and affirmative action by the City Council at this time is essential. Mayor McCombie suggested the City Council consider adding alley improvements to this project specifically north of Quincy Street by increasing the total project cost to \$30,000.00. The City Council was unclear just how much additional work could be accomplished by the suggested increase. After discussion, the City Council by unanimous consensus agreed in accordance with the referenced discussion herein to advance the project with the City Council considering said increase at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

**CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Peg Haffey addressed the City Council scheduling a Hotel/Motel Committee meeting for November 2, 2016.

Lisa Robinson addressed the City Council stating heavy trucks continue to use East Bowen Street. Mayor McCombie will refer action to Police Department.

Bill Robinson addressed the City Council scheduling a Contracts & Leases/Collective Bargaining Committee meeting for November 3, 2016.

**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 Committee conducted.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor McCombie adjourned the meeting at 8:31 PM.

**The First Council Meeting in November will be on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**