

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, SAVANNA,
CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017 AT 7:30
P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 333 CHICAGO AVENUE, SAVANNA,
ILLINOIS 61074**

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Haffey called the meeting to order on said date at 7:30 PM. Notice of the meeting was delivered to all Council members and posted at 333 Chicago Avenue, Savana, Illinois in accordance with the State of Illinois Open Meetings Act. Mayor Haffey led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

Mayor Haffey asked City Clerk, Paul Hartman to call the roll with Mayor Haffey, Bill Robinson, Pat Sanchez, Scott Law, Jeff Griswold, and Christine Lee, present constituting a quorum. Absent: John Peterson. Also in attendance were City Clerk, Paul Hartman, Police Chief Mike Moon, City Attorney Phil Jensen, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, Mike Nester, Mike Miller and Colton Ostrum - News Media, Sara DeSpain Purdon, Chris James, Jim Friedenbach, and Samantha Ritchie.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Haffey asked for review and discussion of said agenda, asking for City Council consideration to move agenda items under **Communications** and **Appointments** after **Approval of Agenda**. After limited discussion, **Christine Lee made a motion, seconded by Scott Law, to approve the agenda, as amended**. Mayor Haffey 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 Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter of Resignation, Gary Scott Law Mayor Haffey referred to and read said letter and asked for consideration of said resignation. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Lisa Robinson, to accept with regret said resignation**. Mayor Haffey 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 Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

APPOINTMENTS:

Alderman Appointments

Mayor Haffey recommended appointing **James Friedenbach to Alderman Ward I, term expiring April 2017 replacing Peg Haffey and Chris James to Alderman Ward IV, term expiring April 2019 replacing Scott Law**. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to endorse said recommendations**. Mayor Haffey 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 Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

“Swearing In New Alderman”- The City Clerk performed swearing in formality and both appointees were seated.

Committee Appointments

Mayor Haffey recommended Chris James for appointment to the Building & Public Property/Health & Safety and Water/Sewer/Refuse/Street and Alley Committees, and Jim Friedenbach to the Hotel/Motel and Contracts & Lease/Collective Bargaining Committees. After discussion, **Christine Lee made a motion, seconded by Lisa Robinson to approve said appointments, as said herein**. Mayor Haffey 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 Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the January 10, 2017 Regular & Executive Session Meetings

Mayor Haffey asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration of said minutes. The clerk distributed copies of the executive session to the City Council members to read and return for secure filing. After review, Mayor Haffey cautioned new members that that the information contained in the executive session minutes is to be privileged information. **Lisa Robinson made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to approve both the Regular and Executive Session minutes, as presented**. Mayor Haffey 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 Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Street and Alley Committee 01-18-17 Mayor Haffey referred presentation to Committee Chair Bill Robinson. The Chair reported that John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent met with Moring Disposal regarding reinstating the landscape waste service. The Committee is not recommending the initiation of any action on a proposal submitted by Moring Disposal to provide the following services:

- ✓ The Chair reported the committee met on said date with Denny Pate – Moring Disposal and discussed a cost proposal from the current refuse collection service contractor to reinstate the landscape waste service, as well as other services, as follows:
 - Moring is requesting an increase of \$1.00 beginning with the first year of the new contract. The current cost is \$9.33 per month, which would bring it to \$10.33. This is still within the \$11.12 that the City is currently charging for the service. The additional cost over the contract amount was continued to be billed to customers to cover admin cost. The consensus of the Committee was to approve the request \$1.00 increase.
 - Moring provided a couple of options for yard waste pick-up. However, based on the cost and the limited participation the first time the service was offered, it was the consensus of the Committee to not pursue yard waste pick-up services at this time. If the City at a later date decides to prohibit burning completely, it could approach Moring to discuss starting the service.
 - Moring is requesting increases in hauling recyclables and trash from the City's transfer station. Currently the City pays \$39.90/ton for trash, and \$36.75/ton for recyclables. Moring is proposing trucking charge of \$200.00/ container for both trash and recyclables. In addition, they are proposing to increase the cost per ton for trash to \$45.00 and \$40.00 per ton for recyclables. The transfer station currently operates at a loss, and the Committee has directed Mr. Lindeman to update his study to show current cost to revenues. The Committee did not take any action on this matter until a cost study is completed.
 - Item #4- The Committee has no objection to recommending approval of a smallest 3% increase in all charges referred to in said proposal. This will affect #3 and it is important to resolve the disproportionate costs of the use of the transfer station facility.
- ✓ The Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street and Alley Committee reviewed and discussed an accounts receivable billing of \$3,449.35 issue presented by the Administrative Department concerning a possible Sanitary Sewer Service - 9760 Wacker Road - Midwest Wood Products Inc. for use of the City sewer system for many years. The suspect sewer connection came to light when Wood Products called in a sewer back-up issue. The Committee will seek to figure out ownership of the property and initiate appropriate action to establish a positive connection to the City sewer distribution system, prior to initiating action on what to do regarding billing.
- ✓ The Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street and Alley Committee reviewed and discussed an issue presented by the Administrative Department concerning a Delinquent Water/Sewer Bill – 706 Cedar Street. Chair Bill Robinson indicated that the Committee considered an outstanding utility bill of \$260.96 for 706 Cedar St and whether to put a lien on the property. The property owner has been making small payments of \$5 to \$10 per month, however, the property is currently for sale. If the property sells before a lien is placed, it is unlikely the City will receive the unpaid debt. Further, there was discussion regarding the unfinished restoration work on Cedar Street and the adjacent alley way that the property owner dug up to repair their sewer lateral. The Committee wanted the City Attorney's interpretation of whether a lien could be placed for the cost of the restoration work that is yet to be completed, and if it could be added to the utility bill debt under one lien. John and Sheryl are going to look into that.

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After completing said presentation, **Christine Lee made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to accept and approve the Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street and Alley Committee report, as given.** Mayor Haffey 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 Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

WARRANT #9A:

Additional Invoices Totaling \$520,422.45 Mayor Haffey asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration. With limited review, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to approve payment of said warrant, as presented.** Mayor Haffey asked for a called roll on the motion with Jim Friedenbach, Pat Sanchez, Bill Robinson, Chris James, Lisa Robinson, Jeff Griswold, and Christine Lee voting in favor of the motion. Mayor Haffey declared the motion carried, passed, and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Moved up in the Agenda

APPOINTMENTS:

Moved up in the Agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wastewater Treatment Facility, Main and Bowen Street Lift Stations and In- System Sewer Improvements Project Update and Associated Action Items Mayor Haffey referred presentation to John Lindeman, Public Works Superintendent. The Superintendent reported as follows:

- Contractor completed a little finishing up on the concrete with the engineer updating the criteria for cold weather pouring of concrete.
- Contractor working on footings and piping around the site.
- Contractor considering doing some work at the Bowen Sewer lift station and possibly working on the existing treatment facility in the next month.
- Issues may exist on the test cylinders that will be investigated by the engineers. All indications are positive the concrete will meet or surpass the assessment criteria.
- Work is on schedule.

This action approved by consensus of the member's present.

Street Project Update and Associated Action Items Mayor Haffey referred presentation to John Lindeman, Public Works Superintendent. The Superintendent reported as follows;

- The engineer reports the contractor is finishing up on some of their force accounts including issues listed for the City of Savanna. This report will be available next week. Once a cost factor is applied to the work to be done a request will be put together for Finance Committee consideration to set up at least a 10 % retainage of funds. Mayor Haffey asked for an update on the Wacker Road project with the Superintendent stating survey and topography work is in progress with a kick-off meeting scheduled for February 7, 2017 at 10AM to preview the project.
- The DOT is scheduled for a telephone conference.

This action approved by consensus of the member's present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Blackhawk Waterways 2017 Grant, Great River Bike Trail Mayor Haffey referred to a FY 2017 Grant Application form submitted by the Hotel/Motel Committee Consultant for a \$500.00 grant from the BWCVB Grant Program for the purpose of providing signage along the Great River Bike Trail between Spring Lake and 101 Main Street, Savanna, Illinois. Savanna will match this grant with \$2,500.00 from the 2017/2018 Hotel/Motel Fund budget. This effort will promote tourism, related business attractions and events/festivals located within the four County region. After a brief discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Jeff Griswold, to submit the application, as said herein.** Mayor Haffey 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 Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Haffey asked for comments:

John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent revealed that the Public Works Department is soliciting from the general public requests to fill potholes in the public right-of-way by calling the City Offices.

Jim Friedenbach submitted the alley off of Keller Street to add to the listing.

Mayor Haffey mentioned the alley from Iris Street east to the end, between Wacker Road and Jackson Street.

City Attorney Phil Jensen updated the City Council on a 2015 beatification project, tearing down 11 houses. The 11 houses have been published in the local

newspaper as required by law and motions have been prepared to meet a February 16, 2017 seeking of judgments on all 11 houses granting the City ownership of the 11 lots.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Haffey adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

By Paul Hartman, City Clerk