

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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 Peg 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, Samantha Ritchie, Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, Chris James, and Christine Lee, present constituting a quorum. Absent: Lisa Robinson. Also in attendance were City Clerk Paul Hartman, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, City Attorney Phil Jensen, John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, Mike Nester, Mike Miller and Colton Ostrum - News Media, Sara Despain Purdom and Roger Husband

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Haffey asked for review and discussion of said agenda, pursuant to consideration by the City Council. After limited discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to approve the agenda, as presented.** Mayor Peg 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 February 14, 2017 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing Mayor Haffey asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration of said minutes and Public Hearing. After review, **Pat Sanchez made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to waive the reading of said minutes and approve said minutes and Public Hearing 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:

Finance Committee 02-21-17 Mayor Peg Haffey asked for review and discussion, after presentation of the Finance Committee report, as follows: The Finance Committee reviewed and discussed FY 2017/2018 Capital Expenditures. A listing of capital 17/18 Budget items were suggested for Committee consideration, with the Committee adding specific items in various funds. The Committee assigned Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe to update the listing towards creating the 17/18 Budget document. The Finance Committee reviewed and discussed FY 2017/2018 Budget Worksheets with Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe asking department heads to provide requested sums in the first column of the worksheets for each of their prospective funds for submittal to the Finance Committee for review. The Finance Committee reviewed and discussed DECO Grant 07-203431 – Sidewalk Project Chicago Avenue, Update referring to an e-mail from Sharon Pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services indicating that an awarded 2007 DECO grant will be closed out on March 31, 2017. The City will need to construct the sidewalk project or potentially have to return the \$12,500.00 grant funds received. The Finance Committee reviewed and discussed FY 2017/2018 Salary Adjustments referring to a Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe document reflecting potential salary increases for all fulltime employees of the City impacting the 17/18 budget. The documents reflected 2.5 % increases, 3% increases and 3.5% increases. The Finance Committee reviewed said figures and tentatively inserted into the budget document a 3.5% salary increase for all department heads and a 3% salary increase for non-union employees. This action approved by consensus of the member's present.

Request for Partial Reimbursement of Demolition Expenses, Travis Prowant, 2006 Wacker Road

The Finance Committee recommends approval of the maximum allowable amount of \$2,500.00 for this application even though this expenditure will exceed the line item 54-49200 budgeted for this purpose by \$5,000.00. Without discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee to recommend to the City Council said reimbursement request for \$2,500.00.** Mayor Peg Haffey asked for a called roll on the motion with Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Bill Robinson, Chris James, Jeff Griswold, and Christine Lee voting in favor of the motion. Mayor Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed, and approved.

After presentation of the Finance Committee report, **Pat Sanchez made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to approve said report, as given.** Mayor Peg 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 Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Street/Alley Committee 02-22-17

Operational Changes to Transfer Station Mayor Peg Haffey asked for review and discussion, after presentation of the Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street and Alley Committee report, as follows:

The Committee discussed the current Curbside Refuse and Recycling Service Contract ending April 30, 2017. Bill Robinson indicated that they recommend approving the changes requested by Moring Disposal for the curbside refuse and recycling collection. He reiterated the request to increase to per month collection charge from \$9.33 to \$10.33 per month. Further, the request for a minimum annual increase, starting with year two of the contract, of 3%. He indicated they could request more than the 3%, however, it would require Moring to present data supporting their request to the City Council, which would ultimately have the power to approve or deny said request. In addition, the trash stickers costs will increase from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per bag. He indicated that the committee looked at options presented by Moring to incorporate yard waste collection into the contract, but decided it was equitable to the citizens, so it wasn't pursued. The fee for collection and disposal of the trash at the transfer station would increase from \$39.90 per ton to \$45.00 per ton, plus a \$200.00 trucking charge per container. The recycling box will increase from \$36.75 per ton to \$40.00 per ton, plus a \$200.00 trucking charge per container. The Committee is currently considering keeping the monthly charge to the residents at \$11.15 and directed John Lindeman to determine if an increase is need for administration of the billing. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to advance and approve said Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street and Alley Committee recommendations, as outlined hereinabove.** Mayor Peg 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 Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

Transfer Station Study. The Committee discussed and reviewed a document distributed by John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent reflecting current annual transfer station expenditures and revenues based on 2016 data. Further, John Lindeman indicated that the 2017 figures for expenditures were based on the proposed increases by Moring Disposal. The details indicate the costs to operate the transfer station for 2017 will be more than double the revenues expected to be received. The Committee recommends getting rid of recycling at the transfer station and recommended reducing the hours of operation to reduce labor costs by not operating the transfer station on Fridays and only conduct transfer station operations on the first and third Saturdays of each month. The Committee recommends dropping recycling operations at the transfer station, but retaining recycling of ferrous metal, and accepting tires for a fee and yard waste. Bill Robinson indicated that the Committee directed John Lindeman to conduct a study and provide a recommendation for fee increases to insure the transfer station is paying for itself. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Chris James, to approve said Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street and Alley Committee recommendations, as outlined hereinabove.** Mayor Peg 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 Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

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

WARRANT #10A: Additional Invoices Totaling \$641,109.90 Mayor Peg Haffey asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration. Mayor Peg Haffey referred to and gave details on two invoices concerning the WWTP project. After a brief discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to approve said warrant, as presented.** Mayor Peg Haffey asked for a called roll on the motion with Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Bill Robinson, Chris James, Jeff Griswold, and Christine Lee voting in favor of the motion.

COMMUNICATIONS: No report.

APPOINTMENTS:

Planning & Zoning Board, Unexpired Term 04-26-18 Mayor Peg Haffey commented Jim Friedenbach has been appointed to the City Council ending his seat on this board and asked the City Council to put forward any replacements for this important obligation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wastewater Treatment Facility, Main and Bowen Street Lift Stations and In- System Sewer Improvements Project Update and Associated Action Items Mayor Peg Haffey entrusted presentation of this agenda item to John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent. The Superintendent reported plumbing work continues on the WWTP project, as well as, the work behind the fire station with the current river flooding conditions slowing progress. This report approved by consensus of the member's present.

Street Project Update and Associated Action Items Mayor Peg Haffey entrusted presentation of this

item to John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent. The Superintendent commented he will try to encourage the contractor to complete the punch list items, prior to April 30, 2017. This action approved by consensus of the member's present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rebekah Kistler, Parking Lot Lease Agreement Mayor Peg Haffey noted the Contracts, Leases, and Collective Bargaining Committee recommends amending Section 2 b) of said agreement renewing said lease increasing the annual fee to \$200.00 per year. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Jim Friedenbach, to approve said recommendation, as submitted.** Mayor Peg Haffey commented Ms. Kistler has signed the lease agreement and paid the fee 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 Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

Resolution In Support of a War Memorial Mayor Peg Haffey referred to a distributed proposed resolution #1122 with discussion amending the language of said proposed resolution resolving that the City Council supports the War Memorial Project and will use reasonable efforts to aid the Veterans in seeing the project is completed. After discussion, Mayor Peg Haffey read by title said proposed Resolution #1122 with **Christine Lee making a motion, seconded by Jim Friedenbach, to adopt Resolution #1122, as modified.** Mayor Peg 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 Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and adopted.

Resolution and Use Agreement, Authorizing Riverview Center & All Our Kids Network Exclusive Use of Certain Property Peg Haffey introduced proposed Resolution resolving that the City Council approve a Use Agreement governing the use of the following described area to reserve the Great River Bike Trail from Broderick Drive to the Spring Lake entrance for the exclusive use by the Riverview Center and All Kids Network for their Mississippi River Run on April 29, 2017. After discussion, Mayor Peg Haffey read by title the proposed Resolution #1123 with **Pat Sanchez making a motion, seconded by Chris James, to adopt Resolution #1123, as presented.** Mayor Peg 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 Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and adopted.

Resolution and Use Agreement, Authorizing Savanna Chamber of Commerce & Main Street in Motion Exclusive Use of Certain Property Peg Haffey introduced a proposed Resolution #1124 resolving that the City Council approve the Use Agreement governing the use of the two parking lots on the north and south sides of Madison Street between Jefferson and Murray Streets and Madison Street from the alley West of Third Street to Main Street and from Main Street to its western terminus for the exclusive use by the Savanna Chamber of Commerce & Main Street In Motion for festivities in conjunction with the Savanna Antiques, Arts and Crafts Fair on May 20, 2017 and May 21, 2017. After discussion, Mayor Peg Haffey read by title a proposed Resolution #1124 with **Christine Lee making a motion, seconded by Samantha Ritchie, to adopt Resolution #1124, as presented.** Mayor Peg 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 Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and adopted.

CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Peg Haffey asked for comments resulting in the following comments:

John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent noted the Public Works Department has trimmed brush and vegetation on the Bike Trail and promoted the City Council ponder visiting said site to observe the improvement work completed.

Bill Robinson informed those in attendance that a Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2017 at 6PM.

Christine Lee informed those in attendance that a Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2017 at 7PM.

City Attorney Phil Jensen informed those present that his office has received judgements on all 11 properties razed in an earlier unsafe building removal project and is awaiting a Sheriff's sale in 60 days.

Christine Lee informed those present that the City has been awarded a \$50,000.00 grant, designed to eliminate afflicted building in the City.

The Mayor commented a TIF assemblage will be conducted at 6PM at the museum Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further agenda items to consider Mayor Haffey adjourned the meeting at **8:34 PM.**

By: Paul Hartman, City Clerk