

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA,
CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 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, Savanna, 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 Peg Haffey, Bill Robinson, Pat Sanchez, Samantha Ritchie, Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, Christine Lee, and Chris James – present constituting a quorum. Nonmembers in attendance were City Clerk, Paul Hartman, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, City Attorney Phil Jensen, John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, Police Chief Mike Moon, Mike Miller and Colton Ostrum - News Media, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Roger Husband, Paul Forth, Jayden Forth, Lynnette Forth, Terry Meeker, Linda Grissinger, Rafael Rosano, Jacelyn Boyd, Marne' LaShelle, Sharon Eckstein, Deb Gunnarsson, Val Gunnarsson, Chris Lain, Jube Manderico, and Alex Didato

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Haffey asked for review and discussion of said agenda, pursuant to consideration by the City Council. After limited discussion, **Christine Lee made a motion, seconded by Samantha Ritchie, 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 April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting and (2) Public Hearing Minutes
Mayor Peg Haffey asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration of said minutes together with the minutes of the Public Hearings the close-out of the CDBG grant regarding the STP project and the proposed 2017/2018 Budget Ordinance. After review, **Pat Sanchez made a motion, seconded by Chris James, to waive the reading of said minutes and approve said minutes, 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 approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations 04-20-17 Mayor Peg Haffey referred presentation of this report to Committee Chair Christine Lee. The Chair reported the Committee recommends removing from their agenda Policy Manual; Hiring/Dismissal Procedure; Employee Classification Handbook; Drug/Alcohol Testing Random; Title 1, Chapter 5, Mayor; Title 1, Chapter 6, City Council and Title 1, Chapter 23 City Personnel Regulations. The Committee reviewed and accepted monthly departmental reports, as submitted. The Committee reviewed Title 10, Chapter 2, Section 8 and Title 7, Chapter 3, Section 6, Dumpster, Review, Draft Ordinance concerning the unattractive appearance of dumpsters throughout the community to amend the current Savanna City Code regulations to reduce or screen the unattractiveness of said dumpsters. The Committee recommends authorizing City Attorney Phil Jensen to draft an amending ordinance adding language to said referenced Savanna City Code, as follows: Permanent dumpster(s) will only be allowed for multi-family residential uses with four (4) or more dwelling units and for properties zoned commercial or industrial and used for those purposes. Anyone, placing a dumpster on private property for temporary use (a period not to exceed 60 consecutive days) must notify the City upon its placement and place (location) and obtain approval from the Superintendent of Public Works. The Committee reviewed Title 6, Chapter 2, Section 7 and Title 10, Chapter 2, Section 8B,-Chickens, concerning amendments to the Savanna City Code to allow the lodging of chickens within the City limits of Savanna. The Committee at its 3-14-17 meeting explored existing regulatory conditions to expose possible regulations to be considered and to expand regulations on keeping chickens within the City limit by allowing a zoning special or conditional use to be considered requiring a public hearing allowing neighbors an opportunity to speak on the matter. The Committee decided to have the Superintendent together with the Attorney draft regulations related to allowing chickens as a conditional use under the zoning regulations. At its 4-20-17 Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee meeting the Public Works Superintendent was directed to contact the Planning and Zoning Board to initiate an amendment to the Savanna City Code to amend the zoning text requiring a zoning special or conditional use. The Committee reviewed Title 3, Chapter 14-Special Events recommending the City Council direct the City Attorney Phil Jensen prepare an ordinance to repeal this chapter of the Savanna City Code.

After presentation, **Lisa Robinson made a motion, seconded by Bill Robinson, to accept this report, 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 approved.

Building & Public Property/Health & Safety Committee 04-24-17 Mayor Peg Haffey referred presentation of this report to Building & Public Property/Health & Safety Committee Chair Chris James. The Chair reported the Committee concluded to remove consideration of Bridge Pillars, Viaduct, CP from their agenda. The Committee targeted John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent to confirm the status of an amending ordinance regarding Rental Inspection/Non-Owner Occupied Property Registration/License from file with the City Attorney Phil Jensen for Committee direction and possible advancement. The Committee reviewed the status of Demo Letters - 2016/17 347 Chicago Ave, Bowman 5 Diagonal St. Yoder. Non-

compliance letters were to be sent to both locations identifying non-compliant existing conditions and the city's intent to cause the renovation or demolition of said structures. The status of this action was unclear to the Committee and no action was initiated pending status recovery. The Committee reviewed a memo from Mayor Peg Haffey to Identify Properties for IHDA Grant. The Committee recommend 12 properties to be included in the grant application. Mayor Peg Haffey will notify Sharon Pepin, Community Funding and Planning Services of the 12 identified properties. The Committee reviewed correspondence regarding the FEMA Properties Project. Possible uses of FEMA Project properties with several e-mail correspondences submitted arriving at the conclusion that the City has very limited avenues of consideration in the use of the land. After presentation, **Christine Lee made a motion, seconded by Lisa Robinson, to accept said report, 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 approved.

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Street and Alley Committee 04-24-17 Mayor Peg Haffey referred presentation of this report to Committee Chair Bill Robinson. Chair Bill Robinson explained Tony McCombie or her husband could not attend the Committee meeting to discuss their request of Fourth Street Retaining Wall. The Committee reviewed the details of this request noting the subject wall has deteriorated from constant salting and road maintenance over the last 50 or more years. A cost to replace just the wall at the requested location was estimated at \$30,000.00 from Brandt Construction Company. The Committee concluded to deny immediate improvements requested and recommend to the City Council to add this project to a proposed list of street improvement projects to be consider by the City Council if and when said proposed projects will be improved. The Committee reviewed and discussed Diagonal Parking on Jefferson with John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent indicating he created a drawing image of the area of concern along the South side of Jefferson Street further located East of Main Street to a terminus established by an alley. After measuring the area of concern and applying standard parking methods and measurements he concluded establishing angle parking would require reduce the drive lane to 10 foot making said street a one-way street or eliminating parallel parking on the north side of the street with the Committee recommending denial of this request. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to approve said recommendation, as presented.** Mayor Peg Haffey asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with Lisa Robinson voting no and all other members present voting in favor. Mayor Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and approved. The Committee heard a report from John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent on the Wacker Road Watermain Replacement project. An engineering estimate to replace and relocate the watermain on Wacker Road from Highway 84 to Iris Street is estimated to cost \$350,000.00. The Committee had recommendation to the City Council. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to advance this watermain project, as presented.** Mayor Peg Haffey asked for a called roll on the motion with Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Bill Robinson, Chris James, Lisa Robinson, Jeff Griswold, and Christine Lee voting in favor of the motion. Mayor Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed, and approved. The Committee reviewed and discussed an engineering estimate to restore asphalt removal in the Fire Station Parking Lot & Alley and Oak Street construction disturbed areas in conjunction with the sanitary in-system sewer projects. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Jeff Griswold, to approve a 2-inch asphalt repair of Oak Street for \$16,000.00 and the alley and rail car area for \$30,000.00.** Mayor Peg Haffey asked for a called roll on the motion with Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Bill Robinson, Chris James, Lisa Robinson, Jeff Griswold, and Christine Lee voting in favor of the motion. Mayor Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed, and approved.

After completing said Committee report, **Pat Sanchez made a motion, seconded by Samantha Ritchie, to accept said report, 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 approved.

WARRANT #12A:

Final Bills for FY 2016/2017 Totaling \$156,763.04 Mayor Peg Haffey asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration of Warrant 12A for \$156,763.04. After a brief discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Samantha Ritchie, to approve said payment of 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, Lisa Robinson, Jeff Griswold, and Christine Lee voting in favor of the motion. Mayor Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed, and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Carroll County Help Center Mayor Peg Haffey referred to correspondence received from said help center thanking the Public Works Department for their assistance in disposing of a large quantity of items dumped at the Thrift Shop. The PW Department disposed of these items with the Mayor and City Council recognizing these actions by the Public Works Department. This action approved by consensus of the member's present.

Letter of Commendation, Officer Nicholas Meeker Mayor Peg Haffey referred to and read from correspondence submitted by Police Chief Mike Moon recognizing Officer Nicholas Meeker for his life saving actions regarding a two-month-old baby. The City Council thanked Officer Meeker for his life saving efforts.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Public Works for March 2017 and Fire for February and March 2017 Mayor Peg Haffey referred to said reports and asked for review and discussion, pursuant to consideration with **Samantha Ritchie, making a**

motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to accept said reports, as submitted. 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.

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 referred presentation of this agenda item to John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent. The Superintendent delivered a short update on the construction status of the new STP facility and invited those interested to visit the site. This action approved by consensus of the member's present.

Ordinance, Annual Budget 2017-2018 Mayor Peg Haffey referred to a second reading of a proposed ordinance providing for a budget and appropriation for all Corporate purposes of the City of Savanna, Illinois for a period from May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018 totaling \$10,540,663.00. Mayor Peg Haffey reminded everyone the Finance Committee recommended adopting this ordinance. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to read this proposed ordinance by title only and adopt Ordinance #2199, as presented and recommended.** Mayor Peg Haffey read said proposed ordinance by title only and asked for a called roll on the motion with Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Bill Robinson, Chris James, Lisa Robinson, Jeff Griswold, and Christine Lee voting in favor of the motion. Mayor Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed, and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation, Tony McCombie, 4th Street Wall Mayor Peg Haffey referred to Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street and Alley Committee report recommending at their committee meeting to deny immediate improvements requested and recommend to the City council to add this project to a listing of proposed street improvement projects to be consider by the City Council if and when said proposed projects will be improved. After discussion, **Pat Sanchez made a motion, seconded by Samantha Ritchie, to accept said Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street and Alley Committee recommendation, 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 approved.

Resolution, Authorizing the City to Enter into a Banking Relationship with Triumph Community Bank Mayor Peg Haffey referred to said distributed proposed resolution authorizing the City of Savanna to transact business with said bank and identifying signatories to said accounts. **Christine Lee made a motion, seconded by Lisa Robinson, to approve said proposed resolution.** Jeff Griswold questioned naming a Mayor Pro-Tem prior to swearing in said named individual. After City Council discussion, City Attorney Phil Jensen advised the City Council to set up a special meeting to consider this proposed resolution to accommodate the need to transact the paying of bills and meeting payroll requirements. The motion and second were retracted. Mayor Peg Haffey set a special meeting to consider the appointment of a Mayor Pro-Tem and proposed resolution authorizing the City of Savanna to transact business with Triumph Community Bank, for May 1, 2017 at 8:30AM. This action approved by consensus of the member's present.

Ordinance, Amending Title 1, Chapter 6, Section 9, Rule & Order of Business- Standing Committees Mayor Peg Haffey referred to a proposed ordinance requested for consideration by the incoming Mayor amending said Savanna City Code "Standing Committees". The proposed amendment would separate the current Personnel/Ordinance/Public Relations Committee into two Committees, the Personnel Committee and the Ordinance/Public Relations Committee. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Christine Lee, to read this proposed Ordinance by title only, waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance #2200, as presented.** Mayor Peg Haffey read said 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 Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

Ordinance, Revising Annual Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Mayor Peg Haffey referred to a proposed budget ordinance for the revision of the Annual Budget for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of May, 2016 and ending on the last day of April, 2017. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to read by title only, waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance #2201, as presented.** Mayor Peg Haffey read said 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 Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

Ordinance, Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Riverside Dental, LLC Mayor Peg Haffey referred to a proposed ordinance authorizing the Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Savanna and Riverside Dental, LLC. The proposed ordinance authorizes Mayor Peg Haffey and the City Clerk to execute and deliver and undertake any and all actions as may be required to implement the terms of said Agreement on behalf of the City. After discussion, **Bill Robinson made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to read by title only, waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance #2202, as presented.** Mayor Peg Haffey asked for a called roll on the motion with Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Bill Robinson, Chris James, Lisa Robinson, Jeff Griswold, and Christine Lee voting in favor of the motion. Mayor Peg Haffey declared the motion carried, passed, and approved.

CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Peg Haffey asked for comments resulting in the following:

Marne LaShelle was recognized and asked for clarification on the action by the City Council in support of allowing chickens as a conditional use under the zoning regulations. City Attorney Phil Jensen provided a detailed process of the Zoning Board's required hearing on the amendment to the zoning regulations and the process that the applicant must obey and final action by the City Council before chickens are allowed.

John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent was recognized and reported the North Main Street project has been completed. John also thanked Bill Robinson and Mayor Peg Haffey for serving the City in a professional manner.

Chris James was recognized and again thanked Officer Meeker for his life saving actions.

Christine Lee was recognized and asked John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent about some issues on the 4th Street wall and asked if the sweeper is in operation. John Lindeman Public Works Superintendent responded to both inquiries.

City Attorney Phil Jensen conveyed his pleasure in serving with the outgoing elected officials.

Mayor Peg Haffey congratulated Chris Lain and all new alderman and thanked all City employees for their cooperation during her journey as Mayor of Savanna.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further items on the agenda to discuss Mayor Peg Haffey adjourned the meeting at 8:50PM.

SWEARING IN:

Newly Elected Officials Judge Val Gunnarsson swore in:

Jim Friedenbach – Ward 1

Samantha Ritchie – Ward 2

Pat Sanchez – Ward 3

Sarah Purdom – Ward 3

Roger Husband – Ward 4

Chris Lain - Mayor

Minutes composed by Paul Hartman