

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL,
CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS AT 333 CHICAGO AVENUE SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stebbins called the regular Council meeting to order on October 11, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. 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 Stebbins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The Mayor asked for member roll call with Mayor Stebbins, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Griswold, Mr. David (arrived at 7:45 PM), Ms. Hunsaker, and Mr. Robinson present, constituting a quorum. Other Officials Present: City Attorney, City Clerk, City Comptroller, Police Chief, PWS, and in the audience Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Walter Shrake and Mr. Mark Schoening from the local news media, Others present: Mr. Larry Thomson, Mr. Frank Alvariz, Ms. Rose Spinoso and Dan Hartmann.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor asked for consideration and discussion of the Council Agenda and with no discussion, Mr. Grummitt moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey, to approve the agenda, as written. The Mayor asked for further discussion or questions on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion, with all City Council members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried, and said agenda approved, as written.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING**

The Mayor asked for comments, discussion, modifications, and amendments to said minutes. The Council by majority consensus of the members present dispensed with the reading of said minutes. After limited discussion, the Mayor asked for consideration of said minutes with Ms. Haffey moving, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker, to approve said minutes, as written. The Mayor asked for supplemental comments or discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said minutes approved and accepted, as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hotel/Motel Committee The Mayor asked Committee Chair Ms. Haffey to review the actions and activities of said Committee requiring City Council action, as discussed H/M Committee meeting conducted on Wednesday, October 05, 2011. Chairperson Ms. Haffey commented on routine activities discussed at said committee meeting and a Committee recommendation approval to the Finance Committee in support of funding for Mr. Gary Heide creating a mobile device section on the H/M Committee Website and approved a Committee recommendation to the Finance Committee to approve payment for \$1210.00 in support of said mobile device creation, and the Committee recommends to the Finance Committee to approve an expenditure to develop and deliver brochures by Northwest Illinois for \$1254.00 co-oped with CCH/M paying half. After discussion, the Mayor asked for consideration of this Committee Report with Mr. Grummitt moving, seconded by Mr. Griswold to accept said report, as presented. The Mayor asked for a voice roll call on said motion with all City Council members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said report accepted, as presented.

Finance Committee The Mayor asked the Finance Committee Chairperson to present the action activities requiring City Council consideration discussed and reviewed at a meeting conducted on August 26 and September 12, 2011. Mr. Robinson reviewed routine activities discussed at said meeting and the Committee reviewed and accepted recommended approving the recommendations of the Hotel/Motel Committee for \$1210.00 to Gary Heide and \$1254.00 for brochures from Northwest Illinois co-oped with CCH/M for half of this amount. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved seconded by Ms. Haffey to approve said recommendations, as submitted. The Mayor asked additional discussion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Mr. Robinson, Mr. Long, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Grummitt and Ms. Hunsaker voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said expenditure authorized, as stated.

The Committee recommended approval of Warrant #6 to be considered later in the agenda.

The Committee reviewed the status of back taxes related to 626 Viaduct Road with the Comptroller stating the City Attorney has this information under review.

The Committee reviewed and recommends payment of a 7th Drawdown from CDAP Grant funds for the Sanitary Rehab Project, Grant Administration and Construction totaling \$67,785.91. with Mr. Robinson moving seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve this expenditure, as stated. The Mayor asked for additional discussion n the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Mr. Robinson, Mr. Long, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Grummitt and Ms. Hunsaker voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said expenditure authorized, as stated.

The Committee reviewed and recommends the PWS be allowed to expend up to \$23,000.00 to complete surface improvements on the bike trail with Mr. Robinson making a motion to approve this expenditure, seconded by Ms. Haffey. The Mayor asked for additional discussion n the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Mr. Robinson, Mr. Long, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Grummitt and Ms. Hunsaker voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said expenditure authorized, as stated.

Mr. David arrives.

The Committee recommends to the City Council to allow the PWS to continue to locate as many used dump trucks for PW use with funding restricted to the budgeted amounts not to exceed the combined total \$55,000.00 established in the current budget. After discussion, Mr. Grummitt moved, seconded by Mr. David to approve said recommendation, as stated. The Mayor asked for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Mr. Robinson, Mr. Long, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Griswold, Mr. David Mr. Grummitt and Ms. Hunsaker voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said expenditure authorized, as stated.

The Chairperson commented on the Sales Tax Rebate Plan is expeditiously trough the systems in a positive format.

After the conclusion of this report, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to accept this Finance Committee report, as presented herein. The Mayor asked for additional discussion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and the Finance Committee report accepted, as presented and discussed.

WARRANT #6

Bills for the Month of September totaling \$437,110.75 The Mayor asked for comments, discussion and consideration of said Warrant #6 distributed with the packets totaling as stated

herein with the Finance Committee recommending approval. After clarifying discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve said Finance Committee recommendation and approve said Warrant #6 in the total amount of \$437,110.75. The Mayor asked for additional comments on the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Griswold, Mr. David, Ms. Hunsaker, and Mr. Robinson voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried, and said warrant approved for payment.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor asked for any communications without response.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial, Police, Fire, Public Works, for September 2011 The Mayor referred to said reports distributed with the Council Agenda packets and asked for comments, discussion and consideration of said monthly reports. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to accept said reports, as submitted. The Mayor asked for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said reports accepted, as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance, Amending Title 6, Chapter 4, Section 8, Loud, Disturbing, Unnecessary Noises The Mayor referred to a proposed Ordinance distributed with the Agenda packets asking for second reading consideration of proposed Ordinance #1983 adding language to said section, as denoted in said proposed Ordinance #1983. After discussion and consideration Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to read said proposed Ordinance #1983 by title only and adopt said ordinance, as written. The Mayor asked for additional discussion on said proposed Ordinance #1983 and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motions with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said Ordinance #1983 adopted, as written.

NEW BUSINESS

2011 Financial Report, Auditors Notes The Mayor referred to said report from O'Connor, Brooks & Company distributed in the City Council agenda packets and for comments from the elected officials on said report.

Mr. Long directed the members attention to the auditor notes related potential deficient financial conditions in various funds and agreed with the Comptroller's comments on having the auditor present the audit document to the City Council. Mr. Long's comments generated several clarifying comments, but failed to initiate any action.

After discussion the City Council accepted said audit report by majority consensus of the members present.

Ordinance, Adoption of New Building Codes The Mayor asked that consideration of this proposed Ordinance be laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council. After discussion, the Mayor asked the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance for this purpose. Said action acknowledged by majority consensus of the City Council members present.

Ordinance, Vacating That Portion of the Alley South and Off of Bowen Street, Between S. Third and S. Fourth Streets The Mayor asked for consideration of this proposed Ordinance with Mr. Robinson making a motion, seconded by Ms. Haffey to read this proposed Ordinance #1984 and waive the second reading of this proposed Ordinance distributed in the Agenda packets. The Mayor

Request for “Drug Free Skate Park” Sign The Mayor asked for presentation of this Agenda item with the PC commenting he had received a request from a concerned neighbor to cause the display of said sign at said location to notify the public that said area is a drug free zone. The PC commented he does not have a budget line item for purchasing signs for parks and deferred remedial action to the City Council. The Mayor deferred this item to the “Building and Public Property Committee” for review and dispensation. Said action acknowledged by majority consensus of the City Council members present.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS/COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mayor Stebbins addressed the City Council declaring the agreements concerning the water agreements for property on North Main Street has been signed by the Gloors and Dregers, as well as the Mayor of Savanna, Illinois.

Mr. Anthony Herrell, N. Fifth Street Savanna, Illinois The Mayor recognized Mr. Herrell from the audience who questioned the FC on the procedures to be followed to have the Fire Department burn down a dilapidated house owned by him and next door to his current residence located on North Fifth Street. After a short discussion, the Mayor asked that Mr. Herrell discuss this request with the FC after the meeting or during regular business hours.

Mr. Long The Mayor recognized Mr. Long from the Elected Officials table who apparently does not use a phone commented on garbage accumulations on Pierce Street with the Mayor referring this issue to the PWS for corrective action.

Mr. Long asked for information on the policy to eliminate floor drains in buildings with direct connections to the City sanitary sewer distribution system and asked the PWS to contact Mr. Harlan Law with the procedures to initiate this action. (City Code -7-5-4(H) & Ordinance 1782)

Ms. Haffey The Mayor recognized Ms. Haffey from the Elected Officials table who reminded everyone an Ordinance Committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 9AM.

Mr. Robinson The Mayor recognized Mr. Robinson from the Elected Officials table who announced a Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for 7PM on Monday September 19, 2011.

Ms. Hunsaker The Mayor recognized Ms. Hunsaker from the Elected Officials table who asked for information on Halloween activities with the Mayor referring said query to the FC concluding plans are pending setting dates etc.

PC The Mayor recognized the PC from the Appointed Officials table, who announced the Ordinance Officer has been terminated in accordance with established City policy.

FC The Mayor recognized the FC from the Appointed Officials table, who asked that a burning notice be placed in the local newspapers, especially since the regulations have been altered. No one was designated by the City Council to accomplish this effort.

PWS The Mayor recognized the PWS from the Appointed Officials table who addressed the Council and shared a letter from the Savanna Service Club.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:44:08.

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman, Savanna City Clerk