

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M.
ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 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 December 27, 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, Ms. McCombie, Mr. David, Mr. Grummitt, Ms. Hunsaker, and Mr. Robinson responding present, constituting a quorum. Absent Mr. Griswold. City Officials Present: City Attorney, City Clerk, City Comptroller, and in the audience Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Walter Shrake and Mr. Mark Schoening from the local news media.

CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor asked for consideration and discussion of the Council Agenda and after discussion, Mr. Grummitt moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey, to approve the agenda by adding, "Consideration of December 25, 2012 Meeting" under new business. 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 amended.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2011 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING,
PUBLIC HEARING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Mayor asked for comments, discussion, modifications, and amendments to said minutes, hearing, and executive session. 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 the regular meeting minutes with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey, to amend said regular Council minutes by removing under the words "over the next", as identified and lined through in the public hearing area and approve said public hearing, regular meeting minutes and the executive session. (Which were distributed to each City Council member at the meeting by the City Clerk and, returned to the City Clerk for protected filing subject to closed to public scrutiny, until authorized by the City Council and the public hearing minutes considered with the regular meeting minutes). The Mayor asked for supplemental commentary or dialog on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on said motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said minutes, as amended approved and accepted, as stated herein.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance, Abatement of Taxes 2004A Bonds The Mayor referred to a second reading of said proposed Ordinance #1989. The proposed Ordinance #1989 will abate certain taxes in connection with an Ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$775,000.00 general obligation tax increment bonds, series 2004A of the City of Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Haffey to perform a second reading of said proposed Ordinance #1989 by title only and adopt said proposed Ordinance, as written. The Mayor read said proposed Ordinance by title only asked for additional discussion on said proposed Ordinance #1989 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 Ordinance adopted, as written.

Ordinance, Abatement of Taxes 2004B Bonds The Mayor referred to a second reading of said proposed Ordinance #1990. The proposed Ordinance will abate certain taxes in connection with an Ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$580,000.00 general obligation tax increment bonds, series 2004B of the City of Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois. After discussion, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to perform a second reading of said proposed Ordinance # 1990 by title only and adopt said proposed Ordinance, as written. The Mayor read Ordinance #1990 by title only asked for additional discussion on said proposed Ordinance

#1990 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 Ordinance #1990 adopted, as written.

Ordinance Tax Levy The Mayor referred to a second reading of the annual tax levy Ordinance. The proposed tax levy Ordinance #1991 will levy taxes for all corporate purposes for the City of Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of May A.D. 2011 and ending the thirtieth day of April A.D. 2012. The amount levied for all corporate purposes is \$552,550.00. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. David to perform a second reading of said proposed Ordinance #1991 by title only and adopt said Ordinance #1991, as written. The Mayor read said proposed Ordinance #1991 by title only asked for additional discussion on said proposed Ordinance #1991 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 Ordinance #1991 adopted, as written.

Mediacom Franchise Agreement The Mayor asked for consideration of this item with the City Attorney commenting he had a productive conversation with Mediacom officials concerning the proposed Cable Franchise agreement concerning irregularities (gross revenue defined) noted in the submitted franchise agreement. The City Attorney stated the irregularities were an oversight and a corrected Cable franchise agreement is being composed for re-consideration by the City Council. This proposed corrective action was approved by majority consensus of the council members present. The Mayor declared said item laid over to the next regular meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution, Supporting the Continuation of Mail Processing Through the Rockford Postal Center The Mayor asked for consideration of said Resolution distributed in the agenda packets. Proposed Resolution #1029 resolves that the City Council of the City of Savanna supports the continuation of processing and distribution of mail through the Rockford Processing and Distribution Center, and oppose any plans to reroute outgoing mail from Savanna and the 610 and 611 zip codes, through the Madison Center or any other center. After discussion, Ms. Haffey moved seconded by Mr. Grummitt to adopt Resolution #1029, as written. The Mayor asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor asked for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none declared the motion passed, carried, and said proposed Resolution #1029 adopted, as written.

Ordinance, Amending Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 41, Handicapped Parking Zone The Mayor referred to a first reading of said proposed Ordinance document distributed with the agenda packets amending said section by removing language of said section and relocating said handicapped parking zones located on the west side of 5th Street. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey, to perform a first reading said proposed Ordinance by title only and lay said proposed Ordinance over to the next regular meeting for final consideration. The Mayor read said proposed Ordinance by title only asked for additional discussion on said proposed Ordinance and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present proposed Ordinance voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried, and said proposed Ordinance laid over to the next regular meeting, as stated.

Resolution, Closing Out Fourth Street Resurfacing Project The Mayor declared this item laid over to the next meeting. The action accepted by majority consensus of the Council members present.

Duane and Rebekah Kistler, Lease Agreement The Mayor asked the City Attorney to respond to this item with the Attorney referring to a proposed licensing document and requested Council guidance on several needs to produce a document ready for consideration pursuant to consummating an agreement for the parking lot north of the old Savanna city Hall located at 101 Main Street, as follows: 1. Description of the property to be licensed to the requestors. 2. The fee to be applied. 3. Duration of the license. 4. Requirement for liability insurance. After discussion, the Mayor referred this request to the Contract and Lease Agreement Committee for recommendations on said items, as stated. The Council accepted this action by general consensus of the Council members present.

(Added Item) Consideration of December 25, 2012 Meeting The Mayor referred to and asked for consideration and comments on a listing of regular meeting distributed in the agenda packets of the Savanna City Council meeting beginning January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012 in accordance with the City Code for the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to amend said listing to change the meeting scheduled for December 25, 2012 to be rescheduled to December 27, 2012. The Mayor asked for additional comments 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 meeting schedule amended, s stated.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS/COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Ms. McCombie was recognized from the elected officials table who addressed those in attendance and commented on a phone call she received concerning a dilapidated structure located on 4th Street next to John Ashby and asked that this be placed on the Building and Public Property agenda for consideration.

Ms. Hunsaker was recognized from the elected officials table who addressed those present and commented on a call she received from a concerned citizen on the high costs for water usage. The Mayor suggested calls of this nature be referred to City staff for further clarification, pursuant to resolution or recommendations. ~~The Mayor suggested written queries, pursuant to amending regulations or fees, should be placed on the agenda for full Council Consideration.~~

Ms. Hunsaker was recognized from the elected officials table addressed those present and commented on a call she received from a concerned citizen on a resident housing several horses on his property suggesting this condition is contrary to City Codes. The Mayor commented he was not familiar with the related City Codes on this matter and implied a simple phone call to the business office would appreciably expand and enhance the possibilities of initiating positive action (prior to the meeting) on the matter and the Mayor further commented he will confer with staff, pursuant to resolution or recommendation.

The Comptroller distributed with the agenda packets a listing of Finance committee meetings for 2012 to be conducted at 8 AM on the second Tuesday of each month and a listing of Hotel/Motel Meetings to be conducted at 7PM on the first Wednesday of each month in 2012 and an e-mail from Community funding and Planning Services stating 76.8% rate has been achieved and a 69% low to moderate income benefit has been achieved. These items submitted for information purposes only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to review probable or imminent litigation. Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to enter into executive session in accordance with 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Probable or Imminent Litigation. The Mayor asked for a voice roll call on said motion with members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared a 5-minute recess to clear the Council Chambers at 7:55:00 PM. The City Council entered into executive session at 8:02:00 PM.

The Mayor declared the regular meeting reconvened at 8:22:12 PM with the Mayor declaring no action is initiated by the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:22:46 PM.

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman, Savanna City Clerk