

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL,  
CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011 IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 333 CHICAGO AVENUE SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

**Call to Order** Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey called the meeting to order on August 23, 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 Pro-Tem Haffey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call** The Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey asked for member roll call with Mr. David, Ms. Hunsaker, Mr. Grummitt, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Ms. McCombie, Mr. Griswold, and Mr. Robinson present, constituting a quorum. Absent – Mayor Stebbins. Other Officials Present: City Attorney, City Clerk, City Comptroller/Treasurer, Police Chief, and in the audience Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Walter Shrake, Mr. Mark Schoening from the local news media and Ms. Christine Lee and Mike Wey

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

**Consideration of the Minutes of the August 09, 2011 Regular Council Meeting and the Minutes of the Public Hearing Regarding the Activities Completed Towards a City Capital Improvement Plan and a Wastewater Treatment Facility** The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for comments, discussion, modifications, or amendments on said minutes. The Council by majority consensus of the members present dispensed with the reading of said minutes. After discussion, the Mayor Pro-Tem asked for consideration of said minutes with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker, to approve said minutes, as presented. The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for supplemental comments or discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all Council members present voting in favor. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion carried and said minutes approved and accepted, as written.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

**BIDS**

**Herring Hall Marvin Safe** The Mayor Pro-Tem referred to a Bid Notice distributed with the Council packets for said surplus item and asked the City Clerk to open and read aloud all bids received for said surplus item. The Clerk opened the only bid received for said surplus item received from Mr.

Merle Long for \$104.75 for said surplus item. The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for discussion and consideration of said bid with the City Attorney asking to table action on this proposed transaction to later in the meeting to allow for review of the City codes to determine contrary provisions in said codes related to City elected officials submitting bids for declared surplus items. The Council accepted this action by majority consensus of the members present.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**I.C. Carey, Sales Tax** The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for presentation of pertinent legal aspects of this request for economic incentives on a proposed project as outlined by Mr. Carey. The City Attorney had advised that the City may enter into an economic incentive agreement (as presented or amended) and agree to share or rebate a portion of any retailer's occupation taxes received by the City that were generated by the development or re-development over a finite period of time. The subject property qualifies under the several required findings stipulated in the statute governing. With no discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to table this item to the next Council meeting, pursuant to a pending Finance Committee recommendation to be determined at a meeting on the matter scheduled for August 26, 2011 at 8 AM. The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for further 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 Pro-Tem declared the motion passed, carried and said action approved.

**Ordinance, Amending Title I, Chapter 4, Section 1, Prompt Admission of Guilt and Payment of Fine** The Mayor introduced a proposed Ordinance #1980 distributed in the Council packets adding Subsection 1-4-1(B) allowing any person charged with an Ordinance violation and served with a citation, may, in lieu of having a court hearing, sign a plea of guilty and a pay a fine of \$100.00 to the City. After discussion, Mr. Grummitt moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to perform a second reading by title only of said proposed Ordinance #1980 and approval consideration. The Mayor Pro-Tem preformed said second reading by title only of said proposed Ordinance #1980 and 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 Ordinance #1980 adopted.

**Ordinance, Amending Title I, Chapter 23, to Add Section 26, Background Checks and License Verification** The Mayor Pro-Tem introduced a proposed Ordinance #1981 for second reading as distributed in the Council packets adding Section 26 entitled "Background Checks and License Verifications" affecting all applicants for employment and all employees currently employed by the City of Savanna by requiring background checks on all job applicants and require all employees who drive a City vehicle to be subject to a driver's license check by the local police department to determine if employees have a valid driver's license. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to read said proposed Ordinance #1981 by title only and approval consideration. The Mayor Pro-Tem preformed the second reading of said proposed Ordinance by title only and asked for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all present members of the Council voting in favor.. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion passed carried and said Ordinance #1981 approved, as stated.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Intersection Solicitors License, Savanna Lions Club** The Mayor Pro-Tem referred to a relevant document distributed to the members in the Council packets and provided the details of this license application noting said organization has not provided proof of liability insurance declaring the City as an additional insured and proof the organization is recognized by the State of Illinois as a charitable organization. The Savanna Lions Club asked by application to be licensed to conduct the solicitation of funds from vehicles at the Rte 84/64/52 intersection on October 08, 2011 with a rain date of October 15, 2011 at 8 AM to Noon with the applicant identified as the Savanna Lions Club and asked for and recommended by application a positive consideration of said license application contingent on said club documenting and securing said documents hereinabove referenced. After presentation, the Mayor Pro-Tem asked for discussion and consideration of said application and after limited discussion, Mr. Grummitt moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to execute said action contingent on consummation of the required documentation and approve said license, as presented. The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all Council members present voting in favor. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion passed, carried and said license application approved, as stated herein.

**Proclamation, Knights of Columbus, Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive** The Mayor Pro-Tem referred to a proclamation document distributed with the Council packets and asked the City Clerk to read aloud said document. Upon completion of said reading the Mayor Pro-Tem asked for Council ratification of said proclamation with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to accept said proclamation, as written. The Mayor Pro-Tem 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. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion passed, carried and said proclamation adopted, as presented.

**(Tabled Item) Herring Hall Marvin Safe** The Mayor Pro-Tem asked the City Attorney to comment on his legal review of the City Codes concerning declared surplus item disposal. The City Attorney commented he had not found any City Code restrictions prohibiting City elected officials submitting bids for declared surplus items. After a brief discussion, Mr. Grummitt moved, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to accept the only bid for said surplus item submitted by Mr. Long for \$104.75. The Mayor Pro-Tem 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 Pro-Tem declared the motion passed, approved and said surplus item sold by high bid.

## **CITIZENS COMMENTS/COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS**

**Sales Tax Loopholes** The Mayor Pro-Tem referred to the related document included in the Council packets for informational purposes and asked for comments on the subject matter. A short discussion ensued without producing any action from the Council or other appointed City officials.

**Ms. McCombie** The Mayor recognized Ms. McCombie from the Elected Official Table who addressed the Council and commented on a recent conversation with IDOT staff member Ms. Jackie McCormick concerning standing water on the highway after rain events along east side of Chicago Avenue at and near the drive accesses serving the Kountry Kettle restaurant and also along the North side of Chicago Avenue from the traffic signals to Park

Street Westerly. Ms. McCombie commented Ms. McCormick visited the restaurant site on last Wednesday and has additionally scheduled a review of the traffic signals to Park Street area of concern on next Wednesday. Ms. McCombie noted Ms. McCormick stated positive action will be initiated by IDOT to correct these drainage issues.

Ms. McCombie also noted, she has caused her name, telephone number and e-mail address to be added to the City's website and recommended other elected officials initiate similar actions to provide additional direct access to City elected officials.

**ADJOURNMENT** With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor Pro-Tem declared the meeting adjourned at approximately **7:50:02 P.M.**

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman, Savanna City Clerk