

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL,
CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 09, 2011 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS AT 333 CHICAGO AVENUE SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

Call to Order Mayor Stebbins called the meeting to order on August 09, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. Notice of the meeting and a public hearing 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.

Public Hearing The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 PM to provide information on the creation of a Facilities Plan and Capital Improvements Plan for the construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Mayor turned the hearing over to Ms. Pepin of Community Funding & Planning. After presentation and a question and answer session (no questions presented), the Mayor closed the hearing at approximately 7:43:45. Said minutes are composed on a separate document, attached hereto, as part of said August 09, 2011 minutes.

Roll Call The Mayor asked for member roll call with Mayor Stebbins, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Griswold, Ms. Hunsaker, and Mr. Robinson present, constituting a quorum. Absent – Mr. David. Other Officials Present: City Attorney, City Clerk, Comptroller, Police Chief, PWS, and in the audience Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Walter Shrake from the local news media, Sharon Pepin of Community Funding & Planning, Tony McCombie, Ms. Connie Zink, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Shaw, Mr. Craig LaShelle of 222 Milwaukee Street, and Ms. Jane Shaw of 1911 Ontario Street.

Consideration of the Agenda The Mayor asked for consideration and discussion of the Council Agenda recommending adding under appointments “Swearing In” Ms. Tony McCombie, add after appointment Ms. McCombie. With no additional discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey, to approve the agenda, as amended. 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 members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the Agenda passed, carried, and the agenda approved, as amended.

Consideration of the Minutes of the July 26, 2011 Regular Council Meeting The Mayor asked for comments, discussion, modifications, amendments on said minutes with Mr. Griswold asking for corrections to amend the spelling of to Craig in the comments under Mr. Griswold and amend the language under comments by Mr. Robinson to reflect the Finance Committee changed the meeting date for the Finance Committee. The Council by consensus of the members present dispensed with the reading of said minutes. After discussion, the Mayor asked for consideration of said minutes with Mr. Grummitt moving, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker, to approve said minutes, as amended. 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 amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hotel/Motel Committee The Mayor asked Committee Chair Ms. Haffey to review the actions and activities of said Committee discussed at a Committee meeting conducted on August 03, 2011. Chair Ms. Haffey commented on a Committee review of a July 2011 report given by Diane Bausman of the Blackhawk Waterways Agency, the Committee reviewed and accepted the July minutes of the CCHM Committee, the Committee considered and approved a recommendation to the Finance Committee in support of funding for three HM committee members to attend a 3 day function sponsored by River Action 2011 for \$800.00, the Committee reviewed and accepted the Comptroller financial reports, the Committee reviewed and accepted the Committee consultant report and recommends to the Finance Committee to approve \$1000.00 for additional advertising, the Committee reviewed a

billboard sign commitment and approved several amendments to its the marketing plan. After discussion, the Mayor asked for consideration of this Committee Report with Mr. Grummitt moving, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to accept said report, as presented. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said report accepted, as presented.

Finance Committee The Chair asked the Finance Committee Chair to present a report on the activities of said Committee at a meeting conducted on August 08, 2011. Mr. Robinson reviewed a request from Carey Motor's to be considered later in the agenda, the Committee reviewed and approved a recommendation from the H/M Committee for \$800.00 for three attendees to attend the Upper Mississippi Conference September 21, 22, 23 and after discussion Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to accept said recommendation. The Mayor asked for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Griswold, Ms. Hunsaker and Mr. Robinson voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said recommendation approved, as stated.

The Finance Committee reviewed and approved a recommendation from the H/M Committee to approve \$1000.00 for additional advertising. After clarifying discussion, Mr. Robinson moved to recommend to the City Council to approve said recommendation, as submitted. The Mayor asked for supplementary discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Griswold, Ms. Hunsaker and Mr. Robinson voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said recommendation approved, as stated.

The Finance Committee reviewed and discussed Warrant #4 and concluded to recommend to the City Council to approve said warrant to be considered later in the agenda.

The Finance Committee reviewed and recommends approval of a request from the Police Department to purchase a Taser for an amount not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$1000. After discussion, including comments by the PC a motion was made by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Grummitt, to approve said request, as stated. The Mayor asked for additional discussion on said motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Griswold, Ms. Hunsaker and Mr. Robinson voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said request approved, as stated and discussed.

The Finance Committee reviewed and recommends to the Council approval of a request from the Fire Department for funding a \$138.20 labor cost overrun to install a radio in a pumper truck. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to approve said request, as presented herein. The Mayor asked for additional discussion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said recommendation approved, as presented.

The Finance Committee reviewed and accepted correspondence submitted by the Ambulance Association recommending a \$30,000.00 levy for the 2012/13 budget considerations with the Committee recommending appropriate action be initiated by the Comptroller to cause said levy entry. The Council accepted this action by majority consensus.

The Finance Committee reviewed and recommends approving a recommendation from Community Funding & Planning Services to approve a 5th drawdown of \$13,047.30 for construction observation services by Willett Hofmann & Associates Inc. for a CDAP grant sanitary sewer project. After discussion and comments Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to accept said recommendations, as stated herein. The Mayor asked for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Griswold, Ms. Hunsaker and Mr. Robinson voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said recommendations accepted, stated.

Mr. Robinson commented on and the Finance Committee recommended, the Council adopt regulatory provisions regulating grant applications to better control the City's ability to borrow money for future projects. After discussion, the Council concluded to refer this matter to the Ordinance/Public Relations/Health Committee to compose draft provisions for this purpose for recommendation to the full Council.

The Committee reviewed and accepted the accounts receivable, as presented.

The Committee reviewed and recommends approval of a proposed Resolution authorizing the City to borrow \$150,000.00 at 3% interest from the National Bank of Savanna for approximately 1 year to support paying for a 2011 street improvement project. This is item on the agenda later for Council consideration.

The Committee discussed and approved for Council consideration a request by the Finance Chair to deposit Fund 23 Fire Protection Fund revenues (approximately \$17,690.00) for the remainder of this budget year into the Civic Fund for Fire Department salaries. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to accept and 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 Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Griswold, Ms. Hunsaker and Mr. Robinson voting in favor. The Chair declared the motion passed, carried and said recommendation approved.

After the conclusion of this report, Mr. Grummitt moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey 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.

Expenditure Cuts to FY 2011/2012 Budget The Mayor asked for presentation of this item requested by Mr. Griswold at the last meeting. Mr. Robinson led a discussion by commenting that all questions concerning the budget should be channeled to the Finance Committee for expeditious review and consideration. Mr. Griswold commented the public has not been specifically and measurably been informed on most of the big money items the Committee has recommended and the Council has approved. Mr. Griswold recommended a process be implemented and designed to make more public the larger expenditures to expose the general public to an appreciable level of understanding. Mr. Griswold gave the example of the City contracting for refuse collection and the negative impact of the Council retaining the Public Works employees at the same number of employees. After discussion, no Council action was initiated on this recommendation.

WARRANT #4

Invoices Selected for the Month of July 2011 The Mayor asked for comments, discussion and consideration of said Warrant #4 distributed with the packets totaling \$341,904.75 and including \$82,750.81 payroll. The Mayor noted the Finance Committee recommended approval of said warrant and asked for consideration of Warrant #4. After discussion and comments Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt, to approve said warrant for payment. 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, 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 with no communications submitted for City Council consideration.

APPOINTMENTS

Alderman Ward II, Term Expires 04/30/13 The Mayor asked for ratification on the following appointment of Ms. Tony McCombie as Alderman, Ward II. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to accept and ratify this appointment, as presented. Mr. Griswold commented (no motion) he would like to have this nomination tabled to allow for more public input.

The Mayor asked for supplementary discussion 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 appointment ratified and approved, as presented herein above.

(Added Item) Swearing in Tony McCombie The City Clerk administered the official Oath of Office appointing Tony McCombie to fill the unexpired Ward II term of office of Alderman Ward II expiring 4/30/2013.

Building and Public Property Committee - Remove Bill Grummitt and Add Tony McCombie and Ordinance Public Relations/Health Committee Remove Mr. Robinson and Add Ms. McCombie The Mayor asked for ratification of the said Committee changes with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey to ratify and approve said Committee appointments, as presented. 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 carried and said appointments ratified and approved.

BIDS

2003 Chevy Impala Squad Car The Mayor asked for presentation of bids for said unit with the City Clerk opening 12 bid sheets with Marian Keller submitting the highest bid of \$4500.00 for said vehicle. After discussion, Mr. Robinson asked for a called roll call on the motion and moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to accept the high bid, as stated herein. The Mayor asked for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Griswold, Ms. Hunsaker, Mr. Robinson, Ms. McCombie, Mr. Griswold voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said high bid accepted, as presented.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial, Police, Fire, Public Works, for July 2011 The Mayor referred to said reports distributed with the Council packets and asked for comments, discussion and consideration of said monthly reports. During discussion, the Mayor expressed his satisfaction with all the volunteers that served the public during last weeks flooding event. After discussion, Ms. Haffey moved seconded by Mr. Grummitt 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 7, Chapter 6, Section 5, Basic User Rate The Mayor referred to a proposed Ordinance related to said City Code Section. After discussion and review Mr. Robinson moved to read proposed Ordinance #1979 by title only and moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to adopt Ordinance #1979, as written. The Mayor read said Ordinance by title only and asked for additional discussion on said Ordinance adoption and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared said motion passed, carried and said proposed Ordinance #1979 adopted, as written.

NEW BUSINESS

I.C. Carey, Sales Tax The Mayor reviewed the conditions determined by the recessed Finance Committee at a meeting conducted on August 09, 2011 at 6:30 PM concerning pertinent legal aspects of a request from Mr. Carey for economic incentives on a proposed rehab project at Carey Motors, as outlined by Mr. Carey. Specifically Mr. Carey asked the City to support an incremental City sales tax incentive derived from sales and transactions by the Carey Motor's Dealership in an amount equal to 50% of the sales tax generated by said dealership for a 10 year period.. The City Attorney advised that the Corporate authorities of Savanna, Illinois 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 State statutes governing. After discussion and clarification, the Council, by majority consensus, concluded

to firstly request that Mr. Carey provide information related to the monetary involvement that will be provided to the Carey dealership from GM to produce the mandated improvements required by GM, including an estimate of the improvements to be accomplished with this re-development. Secondly the Council requests that a determination to be implemented by Mr. Carey to provide information related to the estimate the real estate tax increase to be generated as a result of the re-development, thirdly the Council requests that a determination by Mr. Carey to provide information the potential benefits of the enterprise zone, as related to the potential of the proposed improvements and lastly this information be presented to the Finance Committee, pursuant to making a recommendation to the City Council for final consideration.

Intersection Solicitors License, Knights of Columbus The Mayor referred to Solicitors License application request form distributed in the Council packets, from said charitable organization for a license to stand on Highway 64 & Highway 84 in Savanna, Illinois for the purpose of soliciting contributions from the occupant of any vehicle on September 16, 2011 from 8 AM to 4 PM and September 17, 2011 from 8AM to Noon. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to approve this application, as presented. The Mayor asked for additional discussion 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 license approved, as stated.

Resolution, Authorizing City to Borrow Money From THE National Bank of Savanna The Mayor referred to a proposed Resolution #1023 and distributed with the Council packets, authorizing the City Council to borrow \$150,000.00 from said bank at 3% interest for approximately one year to pay for a street improvement project. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve Resolution #1023, as presented. The Mayor asked for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Griswold, Ms. Hunsaker, Ms. McCombie and Mr. Robinson voting for said motion. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said Resolution #1023 adopted and approved.

Website Contact Information The Mayor commented on an email generated from the City webmaster concerning a website review conducted by Ms. McCombie concerning adding information regarding Council member's phone numbers, pictures and e-mail addresses to the website. After discussion, the Council concluded by general consensus that individual members may have this information placed on the City website by simply contacting the webmaster and arranging for this information to be placed on the City site. No action was generated by the Council to mandate this action for all members .

Resolution, Authorizing a Fence Variation, Request for a 6 ft. High Fence in the Side Yard Abutting a Street, 716 Willow Street Mayor referred to a proposed Resolution #1024 and a staff report from the PWS, distributed with the Council packets, recommending and supporting said fence variation. After discussion Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to read said proposed Resolution by title only and approve Resolution #1024 and said staff report, as presented. 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 for said motion. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said Resolution #1024 adopted and approved.

Ordinance, Amending Title I, Chapter 4, Section 1, Prompt Admission of Guilt and Payment of Fine The Mayor introduced a proposed Ordinance distributed in the Council packets and 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. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to perform a first reading said proposed ordinance by title only, amend said document language by deleting "during business hours" in said proposed Ordinance and lay over to the next meeting for a second reading and approval consideration. The Mayor preformed said first reading by title only of said proposed Ordinance and asked for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion, as stated. The Mayor declared the motion passed carried and said first reading approved, as stated.

Ordinance Amending Title I, Chapter 23, to Add Section 26, Background Checks and License Verification The Mayor introduced a proposed Ordinance for first reading and distributed in the Council packets and 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 drivers license. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to read said proposed Ordinance by title only and lay over to the next meeting for a second reading and approval consideration. The Mayor preformed the first reading of said proposed Ordinance and asked for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion, as stated. The Mayor declared the motion passed carried and said first reading approved, as stated.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS/COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Ms. Jane Shaw of 1911 Ontario Street, Savanna, Illinois The Mayor recognized Ms. Shaw from the audience who commented on the flood damage to her property from a flash flood event, thanking the volunteers personnel and requesting positive action on establishing a viable warning system for these flash flood events that will inform affected property owners of imminent danger in a more productive manner. Ms. Shaw also asked that an investigation be implemented to determine the corrective measures to be taken to prevent future floods to the area affected by reoccurring flash flooding events during heavy rain events. The Mayor led a discussion of positive actions undertaken by his office including corresponding with rail officials, state officials and Mr. Greg Miller at the county level concerning these matters and will follow up with additional contacts and work with all concerned to resolve or reduce future flood damages in the area of concern.

Mr. Bert Shaw The Mayor recognized Mr. Shaw from the audience who addressed the Council by reviewing a history of the creation of the dike or earthen embankment located east and southerly of the City and the center of concern and voiced his opinion of the negative impact associated with this embankment.

Mrs. Bert Shaw The Mayor recognized Mrs. Shaw from the audience who praised the positive actions of the volunteers during and after the recent flash flood event.

Craig LaShelle of 222 Milwaukee Street The Mayor recognized Mr. LaShelle who addressed the Council by distributing several pictures of rain damage to his back yard and asked the Council to provide remedial action to cleanup his property and remedy the storm sewer inlet issues with a storm inlet located in his back yard. Mr. LaShelle commented he had contacted several people including the PWS, local police, his attorney, and others to resolve this problem and promised to initiate legal action against the City if no corrective action is initiated by the City to prevent further storm related damage to his property. Mr. LaShelle stated this problem is a City problem since the inlet is shown on a City map. No action was initiated by the city Council on this matter.

Mr. Lindeman The Mayor recognized Mr. Lindeman from the Appointed Officials table who addressed the Council on a scheduled fire hydrant flushing to be initiated on next Monday AM starting at 3 AM.

Mr. Moon The Mayor recognized the PC from the Appointed Officials table, who asked for a Personnel Committee meeting.

Mr. Robinson The Mayor recognized Mr. Robinson from the Elected Officials table who distributed a document entitled "What's the cost of clean water?" for council member consumption.

Ms. Hunsaker The Mayor recognized Ms. Hunsaker from the Elected Officials table who commented she is receiving complaints on the recent initiation of the fee for the

construction of a new treatment plan. The concerns are voiced that the funds will be spent on other needs of the City.

Mr. Long The Mayor recognized Mr. Long from the Elected Officials table who echoed Mrs. Hunsaker regarding standing water on Chicago Avenue at the Kounty Kettle location with the PWS commenting he had contacted the IDOT on this matter and was informed correcting drainage was not in the scope of work in the recent overlay/structure adjustment project and apparently the IDOT will not react to this issue. No corrective action was suggested by Mr. Long.

ADJOURNMENT With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00P.M.

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman, Savanna City Clerk