

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL,
CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 333 CHICAGO AVENUE SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

Call to Order Mayor Stebbins called the meeting to order on September 13, 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, Ms. McCombie, Ms. Hunsaker, and Mr. Robinson present, constituting a quorum. Other Officials Present: City Attorney, City Clerk, Comptroller, Fire Chief, Police Chief, PWS, and in the audience Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Walter Shrake from the local news media, Others present: Mr. JC Carey - Carey Motors, Ms. Ruth Carey, Ms. Pam Brown, Mr. Dennis Bowman, Mr. Rob Canier, Mr. Anthony Herrell, Mr. John Carr, Ms. Anne Halitosis and an unnamed member of the Heartland Pet Welfare.

Consideration of the Agenda The Mayor asked for consideration and discussion of the Council Agenda and with no discussion, Mr. David 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 August 23, 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 Mr. Long, 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

Finance Committee The Mayor asked the Finance Committee Chair 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 a request from Carey Motor's for a sales tax agreement with the Committee recommending denial of this request to be considered by the City Council later in the agenda, the Committee reviewed and accepted the financial reports generated by the Comptroller's Office, the Committee recommended allowing a \$1.72 cost over-expenditure for a jaw cutter for the Fire Department, included in Warrant #5. After discussion the Mayor asked for consideration of this item without discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. David to allow said cost overrun for said amount. The Mayor asked for a called roll call on the motion with Mr. David, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Long, Ms. Haffey, Ms. McCombie, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Grummitt and Ms. Hunsaker voting unanimously in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said expenditure authorized, as stated.

The Committee recommended approval of Warrant #5, excluding a \$925.00 expenditure for new Fire Code books, the Committee recommended payment approval of a \$325.00 invoice to Tri-State Tourism, \$2,000.00 invoice from Gary Heide and a \$2,000.00 request from the Haunted Forest, Train Car Museum Committee, and recommends payment of \$500.00 tax rebate request from Mr. Cletus Robinson, all included in Warrant #5 to be considered later in the agenda, the Committee reviewed a PWD request to seek bids for a water truck recommending approval of said request with the Mayor asking for discussion and comments on this request with the PWS commenting he had located a used van type vehicle and a used

dump truck equipped with plow and material spreader that would (if purchased) cost less than the established budgeted allowance. After discussion, the City Council by majority consensus concluded to allow the PWS to seek bids for said vehicles and the City Council further referred the used equipment considerations back to the Finance Committee for additional consideration and the PWs is to cause the bids process to occur. The Committee and Community Funding & Planning Services recommends payment of CDAP drawdown invoices for \$5,235.35 to Willett Hofmann Engineering for services rendered and an invoice for \$166,008.60 to Insituform Technologies, Inc. for construction related work on a City sanitary sewer rehab project. The Mayor asked for consideration of said invoices with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey to approve said recommendations, as presented. 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. McCombie, Mr. David, Ms. Hunsaker and Mr. Robinson voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said recommendations approved, as stated.

The Finance Committee reviewed and discussed Warrant #5 and concluded to recommend to the City Council to approve said warrant excluding an invoice for \$925.00 to National Fire Protection Association with said Warrant totaling \$242,075.76 to be considered later in the agenda.

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.

Personnel/Safety Committee The Mayor asked Committee Chairperson Mr. David to present the action activities requiring City Council consideration discussed and reviewed at a P/S Committee meeting conducted on August 29, 2011. The Committee reviewed and recommends approval of a request from the PC to replace a police officer recently terminating employment with the City. The Committee accepted the PC recommendation to hire Mr. Christen Schock at a starting salary of \$16.00 per hour with employment to begin in September 2011. The Mayor asked for discussion on the motion with Mr. David moving, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve said recommendations, as stated hereinabove. 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 employment request authorized, as stated.

Water, Sewer/Refuse/Street/Alley Committee The Mayor asked the WSRAS Committee Chairperson Mr. Robinson to present the Committee activities requiring City Council consideration discussed and reviewed at a Committee meeting conducted on September 02, 2011. The Committee recommends the City Council approve a request from Overland Engineering to vacate an alley off the West end of Bowen Street extending Southerly from the West end of Bowen Street and more specifically located between South 4th Street and South 3rd Street for a proposed Dollar Store project. This item to be considered later in the agenda.

The Committee reviewed and recommends approval of a request from Duane and Rebekah Kistler to vacate a portion of Adams Street with the Mayor noting said request would be considered later in the agenda.

The Committee reviewed and recommends denial of a request from Mr. Larry Shafer residing at 1410 Glenmoor Avenue, Savanna, Illinois and after review and discussion Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to accept said recommendation, as reviewed and discussed, The Mayor asked for additional discussion 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 denial recommendation approved, as stated herein.

After conclusion said report the Mayor asked for consideration of said Committee report with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Mr. David to accept said Committee report, as written. The Mayor asked for additional considerations to the report and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all council members present voting in favor. The Mayor acknowledged said motion passed, carried and said report accepted, as submitted.

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, September 07, 2011. Chairperson Ms. Haffey commented on a Committee review of a recommendation to the Finance Committee in support of funding for the Haunted Forest event advertising efforts for \$2000.00, the H/M Committee considered and approved a recommendation to approve payment for \$325.00 in support of membership fees for \$200.00, plus a shared photo fee of \$125.00 to be consider with Warrant #5, together with an invoice for \$2000.00 for Gary Heide (not reviewed by Committee) for the second payment to establish a H/M website, all included in Warrant #5. Mr. Long inquired if an agreement with Mr. Heide had been secured related to the Website ownership etc. with Mr. Grummitt stating this had not been required by the Committee. After discussion, the Mayor asked for consideration of this Committee Report with Mr. Long moving, seconded by Mr. Robinson 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.

WARRANT #5

Invoices Selected for the Month of August 2011 The Mayor asked for comments, discussion and consideration of said Warrant #5 distributed with the packets totaling \$243,000.76 with the Finance Committee recommending excluding an invoice for \$925.00 to National Fire Protection Association with said Warrant thereafter totaling \$242,075.76. After clarifying discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve said Finance Committee recommendation and approve said Warrant #5 in the total amount of \$242,075.76 and including \$81,100.24 payroll. 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. McCombie Ms. Hunsaker, and Mr. Robinson voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried, and said warrant approved for payment.

COMMUNICATIONS

Duane and Rebekah Kistler

The Mayor asked for any communications and referred to a submitted written request dated August 22, 2011 from Duane and Rebekah Kistler, True Value Home and Bldg., Savanna Illinois proposing an interest in purchasing the City Parking lot located between the old City Hall at 101 Main Street and 115 Main Street to allow for future business expansion. The Mayor recommended deferring this request to the Building and Property Committee for review and recommendation. This action accepted by majority consensus of the City Council members present.

Duane and Rebekah Kistler asked in the same correspondence for the City council to consider vacating a portion of Adams Street, located west of the alley West of Main Street and after discussion the City Attorney will compose an Ordinance vacating said portion of Adams Street, as requested for Council consideration at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

APPOINTMENTS

Fire Pension Board, 2 Year Term Expires 04/17/12 The Mayor submitted the name of Steve Yenney to serve on said board, as stated herein and asked the City Council to ratify this appointment with Ms. Hunsaker moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey to ratify and approve said appointment, as presented. The Mayor asked for discussion on said motion and hearing none 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 appointment ratified.

Building and Public Property Committee – Remove Lois Hunsaker as Chairperson Add Tony McCombie as Chairperson The Mayor asked for ratification of the aforementioned Committee Chairperson change with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey to ratify and approve said Committee Chairperson appointment, 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 appointment ratified and approved.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial, Police, Fire, Public Works, for August 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. Grummitt moved seconded by Mr. David 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

J.C. Carey, Sales Tax The Mayor recognized Mr. Carey from the audience and asked Mr. Carey to address the Council on his proposed sales tax agreement proposal. Mr. Carey noted he had not been aware of the recent (9/12/2011) Finance Committee Meeting and asked that consideration be given to a 30 day extension before full City Council consideration is implemented. Mr. Carey again presented lengthy comments on the merits of the City Council continuing to evaluate the long-term sales tax benefits to be produced by this proposal. After discussion, Mr. David Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. David to refer this proposed agreement back to the Finance Committee for additional review and possible recommendations to the City Council. The Mayor asked for supplemental 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 matter referred back to the Finance Committee, as stated.

NEW BUSINESS

Intersection Solicitors License, Heartland Pets, Inc. and Humane Society of Carroll County The Mayor referred to the two Solicitors License application request forms distributed in the City Council agenda packets, from said charitable organizations applying 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 in October, 2011. The Mayor advised said activity must coincide with a statewide fund raising event and no evidence could be determined to satisfy this requirement for either applicant. After discussion, with Ms. Anne Halitosis asking for time to comply, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. long to approve these applications, pending satisfactory evidence of complying with the issue herein noted. 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 acknowledged the motion passed, carried and said conditioned license approved, as stated.

Resolution, Temporary Road Closure, Homecoming Parade The Mayor referred to a proposed Resolution #1025 distributed with the City Council agenda packets, resolving the City Council of the City of Savanna request and secure a permit from the Illinois Department of Transportation to close off Illinois Route 64 from Division Street to Chicago Avenue between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. on Thursday September 22, 2011 for the purpose of the West Carroll High School Student Council to sponsor a home-coming parade. After discussion, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to read said proposed Resolution by title only and to approve said Resolution #1025, as presented. The Mayor read said proposed Resolution #2025 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 Council Members present voting for said motion. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said Resolution #1025 adopted and approved.

Resolution and Use Agreement, Authorizing West Carroll Boosters Exclusive Use of City Property The Mayor referred to a proposed Resolution #1026 distributed with the City Council agenda packets, resolving the City Council of the City of Savanna, Illinois reserve a Savanna Fire

Department bay for the exclusive use of the West Carroll Sports Boosters on September 22, 2011 and approving an agreement governing the terms and conditions of the usage of City Property. After discussion, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to read said proposed Resolution #1026 by title only and approve said resolution #1026 and said use agreement, as presented. The Mayor read proposed Resolution #1026 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 Council Members present voting for said motion. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said Resolution #1026 adopted and approved.

Ordinance, Vacating That Portion of Adams Street Lying West of the Alley that is West of Main Street 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 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.

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