

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY
COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27,
2011 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 333 CHICAGO
AVENUE SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stebbins called the meeting to order on September 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 Mr. Grummitt, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Ms. McCombie, Mr. Robinson and Mayor Stebbins present, constituting a quorum. Absent – Mr. David, Ms. Hunsaker and Mr. Griswold. Other Officials Present: City Attorney, City Clerk, City Comptroller/Treasurer, City PW Superintendent, Fire chief Police Chief, and in the audience Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Walter Shrake, Mr. Mark Schoening from the local news media and Ms. Ruth Carey, JC Carey, Steve Haring and Larry Thomson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Mayor asked for consideration and discussion of the Council Agenda with no discussion, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the agenda, as written and presented. 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 motion passed, carried and approved, as written.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor asked for comments, discussion, modifications, or amendments on said minutes. The City Council by majority consensus of the members present dispensed with the reading of said minutes. After discussion, the Mayor asked for consideration of said minutes with two minor changes noted in pencil followed by Ms. Haffey moving, seconded by Mr. Grummitt, 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 Council members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said minutes approved and accepted, as amended in pencil.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee Report The Mayor asked for the Committee Chairperson to present the action activities requiring City Council consideration discussed and reviewed at a meeting conducted September 19, 2011. Mr. Robinson reviewed and recommended approving a Committee recommendation from the PWD for a used water truck identified as a 2009 Van style truck for an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00 and an additional \$200.00 to equip said truck with shelving. After review and consideration Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to approve said request and Committee recommendation, as presented and discussed. The Mayor asked for additional discussion on the motion with all Council members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said recommendation approved.

The Committee reviewed, considered and discussed a sales tax incentive request from J.C. Carey motors and with limited discussion commented this item will be considered by the City Council later in the Agenda.

Upon completion, this report the Mayor asked for consideration of the Finance Committee Report with Mr. Grummitt moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey to accept said report, as presented. The Mayor asked for addition 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 report accepted, as presented.

Ordinance/Public Relations/Health Committee Report The Mayor asked for the Committee Chairperson to present the action activities requiring City Council consideration discussed and reviewed at a Committee meeting conducted on Thursday, September 15, 2011. Ms. Haffey reviewed a Committee recommendation to the City Council to amend Section 6-4-8B of the Savanna City Codes by adding the word "music" to said section. The Committee Chairperson noted this recommendation would be considered later in the Agenda.

The Committee reviewed and recommends approval to the City Council to amend Section 3-7-7 of the Savanna City Codes regulating liquor establishments. The Committee Chairperson noted this recommendation would be considered later in the Agenda.

Upon conclusion of said report, the Mayor asked for consideration of this Committee report with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to accept this report, as presented. The Mayor asked for additional discussion on said 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.

WARRANT #5A

The Mayor asked for consideration of said warrant totaling \$181.02 and asked for consideration and discussion of said warrant, without prior review by the Finance Committee. Ms. McCombie questioned the expense included for rental of the St John Hall with the Mayor exposing the need for a meeting facility to conduct discussions on the re-occurring flooding conditions. After clarifying discussion, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Long to approve said warrant for payment. The Mayor asked for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on said motion with Mr. Grummitt, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Ms. McCombie, Mr. Robinson voting in favor. The Mayor declared said motion passed, carried, and said Warrant #5A approved for payment, as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mediacom The Mayor referred to correspondence included in the Agenda packets and asked for any questions or discussion on said submittal and hearing none accepted said informational document without Council action.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J.C. Carey, Sales Tax The Mayor asked for consideration of this request for a sales tax rebate and without discussion Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to disapprove a sales tax rebate incentive to expand J. C. Carey Motors for \$15,000.00 or 50% of his yearly sales tax for a period of 10 years. Upon completion of the City of Savanna Retail Retention and Expansion Plan, his request will be re-evaluated using the parameters established in the Savanna Business Retail Retention and Expansion Plan. The Mayor asked for further discussion on the motion with Ms. McCombie moving to table this action. The Mayor asked for a second to said motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the original motion with Mr. Long, Mr. Grummitt,

Ms. Haffey and Mr. Robinson voting in favor and Ms. McCombie voting against said motion. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said action approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance, Amending Title 6, Chapter 4, Section 8, Loud, Disturbing, Unnecessary Noises The Mayor referred to a submitted composed proposed Ordinance and asked for 1st reading consideration. After a brief discussion, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to read said proposed Ordinance by title only and lay said proposed Ordinance over to the next regular meeting of the City Council. The Mayor performed said reading by title only and asked for voice roll call on the motion with all City Council members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and approved, as presented.

Ordinance, Amending Title 3, Chapter 7, Section 7, Classification and Fees, Additional Class of Liquor License The Mayor referred to a proposed Ordinance authorizing the consumption of beer or wine which is been brought onto the premises of a business operating as a public accommodation defined in 65 ILCS 5/11-42-10 of the Illinois municipal code by a patron or patron for their personal consumption while being served a meal in said establishment for an application fee of \$25.00 with the annual fee set at \$50.00. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to waive the second reading as required by City Code provisions and read said proposed Ordinance #1982 by title only. The Mayor asked for additional discussion on said motion with Grummitt asking for and receiving clarification. The Mayor read the proposed Ordinance by title only and 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 Ordinance #1982 adopted, as written.

Resolution, Temporary Road Closure, Halloween Parade The Mayor referred to a prepared Resolution document submitted in the City Council Agenda packets and asked for City Council consideration requesting the Illinois Department of Transportation granting the Savanna Fire Department a permit to close off Route 64 (Main Street) from Division Street to Chicago Avenue to sponsor a parade in the City of Savanna on occurring between 2:00 pm and 2:30PM on Sunday, October 30, 2011. After presentation, the Mayor asked for discussion and consideration of said application and after limited discussion, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to execute said action to approve said Resolution #1027, 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 Council members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said Resolution #1027 adopted, as stated herein.

Resolution, Halloween Mardi Gras The Mayor referred to a prepared Resolution document submitted in the City Council Agenda packets and asked for City Council consideration to adopt a Resolution authorizing Trick or Treat activities during the hours of 3 PM and 6 PM on Sunday, October 30 and authorizing a Halloween Parade

on said date on Main Street from Division Street to Chicago Avenue. After presentation, the Mayor asked for discussion and consideration of said Resolution #1028 and after limited discussion, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to execute said action to approve said Resolution #1028, 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 Council members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said Resolution #1027 adopted, as stated herein.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mayor Stebbins introduced a Proclamation for Mental Health Week and proclaimed October 2, 2011 through October 8, 2011 as Mental Illness Awareness Week in Savanna, Illinois, to increase awareness of mental illness.

Mr. Shrake was recognized by the Mayor from the audience who asked about the meeting scheduled at the St John's facility with the Mayor providing clarification.

Mr. Steve Haring was recognized by the Mayor from the audience who addressed the City Council and encouraged the City Council to continue to negotiate with Mr. Carey and all businesses in Savanna to encourage business retention within the City of Savanna.

Ms. Ruth Carey was recognized from the audience who announced the City Council by rejecting the JC Carey Motors request for a tax abatement agreement has proclaimed to the world that the City of Savanna does not support business retention or new businesses establishing in the City of Savanna and the City will not grow beyond its current status.

Mr. Long was recognized by the Mayor from the Elected Officials table and confessed to having a mental block resulting in neglecting his duties to the Haunted forest Event by overlooking submitting a request to the City Council for a land use agreement associated with the event and further noted said event is scheduled to start on October 08, 2011 with the next regular Council meeting scheduled for October 11, 2011 and requested affirmative action to resolve this apparent admitted mental block. After discussion, the Mayor asked the City Attorney to update said use agreement pursuant to setting up a special meeting of the City council to consider said use agreement. The City Council accepted this action by majority consensus of the Council members present.

Ms. McCombie was recognized by the Mayor from the Elected Official Table who addressed the City 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 stating said repairs were addressed today.

Ms. McCombie also noted, she is embarrassed by the action taken by the Council members present at this meeting related to denying sales tax incentives for JC Carey Motors.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately **8:10:09 P.M.**

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman, Savanna City Clerk