

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 333 CHICAGO AVENUE SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stebbins called the regular City Council meeting to order on January 10, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. Notice of the meeting was delivered to all City Council members and posted in accordance with the State of Illinois Open Meetings Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Mayor Stebbins led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor asked for member roll call with Mayor Stebbins, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Ms. McCombie, Mr. David, Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Griswold, Ms. Hunsaker, and Mr. Robinson present, constituting a quorum. Officials Present: City Clerk, City Comptroller, Police Chief, Fire Chief, PWS, and in the audience Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Walter Shrake and Mark Schoening from the local news media, others present: Mr. Wayne Heft and Mike Wey. Absent : City Attorney

CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor asked for consideration and discussion of the City Council Agenda and after limited discussion, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve the agenda, including adding an Executive Session in accordance with 5/ILCS 120/2 (C)(11)-Probable or Imminent Litigation involving the City of Savanna. The Mayor asked for additional discussion on said 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 agenda accepted, as amended.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 27, 2011 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND THE DECEMBER 27, 2011 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

The Mayor asked for comments, discussion, modifications, and amendments to said minutes. The City 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 Mr. Grummitt moving, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to amend said regular Council minutes by correcting the minutes as reflected in shaded form within said minutes and initialed by the City Clerk and to approve the Executive Session minutes, as written (copies of the Executive Session minutes were circulated to all members present by the City Clerk, read by the members, initialed as read, and returned to the City Clerk for secure filing.) The Mayor asked for supplemental comments or 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 minutes including amendments approved and accepted, as stated herein.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hotel/Motel Committee The Mayor asked the H/M Committee Chairperson Ms. Haffey to present the Committee activities requiring City Council consideration discussed and reviewed at a Committee meeting conducted on January 04, 1012. Ms. Haffey reported the Committee considered and recommends approving an expenditure of \$60.00 for ABATE advertising, concluding to defer this to the Finance Committee for funding considerations, the Committee considered and recommends approving an expenditure of \$1000.00 to the Savanna Chamber of Commerce to create and distribute a Savanna map guide brochure, concluding to defer this expenditure to the Finance Committee for funding consideration. After the conclusion of this report Mr. Grummitt moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to

acknowledge this report, as presented herein. The Mayor 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 declared the motion passed, carried, and accepted, as presented herein.

Finance Committee The Mayor asked the Finance Committee Chairperson Mr. Robinson to present the Committee activities requiring City Council consideration discussed and reviewed at a Committee meeting conducted on January 10, 2012. Mr. Robinson reported the proposed Sales Tax Rebate Plan is continuing forward with a meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 17, at 8AM to conclude a viable plan, the Committee reviewed the Comptrollers bookkeeping reports, concluding to advocate to the City Council to approve Warrant #9, as presented.

The Committee discussed a Fire Department anticipated plan to convert the mature City Council Chambers back to its first use as fire bays to store firefighting vehicles therein. The B&PP Committee referred this request to the Finance Committee for funding considerations. The Committee reviewed funding sources and after a lengthy discussion Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Long to consent to the Fire Department to start demolition work in the aged Council Chambers in accordance with the department's proposed rehab plan, including a review of an existing asbestos analysis report in file and stipulating demolition does not include funding for materials, as discussed in Committee for converting said portion of the unoccupied City building for said purposes, as stated hereinabove. The Mayor asked for supplementary discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on said motion with all members in attendance voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said work authorized.

The Committee recommends endorsement of a expenditure of \$60.00 for ABATE advertising, and also approving an expenditure of \$1000.00 to the Savanna Chamber of Commerce for creating and distributing a Savanna map and guide brochure. After discussion Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve said expenditures for said purpose for said amounts, as stated herein. The Mayor asked for further discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Ms. McCombie, Mr. David, Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Griswold, Ms. Hunsaker, and Mr. Robinson voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and approved, as noted herein.

The Committee reviewed a listing of 11 items identified as surplus equipment submitted by the Public Works department recommending disposal of all items listed. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to progress to declare all items listed as surplus, establish a scrap price to determine minimum bid requirements, and advance to property disposal of all items listed, in accordance with City Code 1-21-3. The Mayor asked for addition comments on the motion and hearing none the Mayor asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Chairperson declared the recommendation acknowledged, as presented.

After the conclusion of this report, the Mayor asked for consideration of said report with Ms. Haffey moving, seconded by Mr. Grummitt approve said report, as presented. The Mayor asked for supplementary 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 report accepted, as submitted.

WARRANT #9

Bills for Month of December 2011 Totaling \$321,827.27, The Mayor asked for discussion and comments on said warrant including \$94,050.91 salaries and acknowledged the Finance Committee has recommended payment of said warrant , as submitted. After discussion and questions, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve payment of said warrant, as reviewed and presented. With no further discussion, the Mayor asked for a called roll call on the motion with Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Ms. McCombie, Mr. David, Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Griswold, Ms. Hunsaker, and Mr. Robinson voting in favor. The Mayor confirmed the motion passed, carried and said recommendation approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor asked for any communications and without reference to correspondence included in the agenda packets from the Illinois Association of Realtors and written comments from ~~Senator Manzella~~ Congressman Manzullo concerning area mail delivery issues.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial, Police, Fire, Public Works for December 2011 the Mayor asked for consideration and comments related to said reports distributed with the agenda packets. Mr. Long asked for clarification of a portion of the financial reports related to the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Report, particularly the Civic Fund current annual revenues reported as \$746,987.62 and the current annual expenditures reported as \$821,597.22. The comptroller responded by noting this is the current totals and the budget runs through the end of April and cash flows, balance carried forward and investments will impact the final numbers. After additional review and discussion, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve the Financial, Police and Public Works Department reports submitted. (no Fire Dept report) The Mayor asked for other discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in support. The Mayor declared the motion, passed, carried and said submitted reports accepted, as presented and discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mediacom, Franchise Agreement The Mayor stated this item laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council.

Ordinance, Amending Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 41, Handicapped Parking Zone The Mayor referred to a second reading of said proposed Ordinance document, distributed with the agenda packets at the last meetings. Said proposed Ordinance #1992 amends said Section 41 by removing language of said section and relocating said handicapped parking zones currently established on the west side of 5th Street. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey, to perform a second reading of said proposed Ordinance by title only and adopt said proposed Ordinance #1992, as written. The Mayor read said proposed Ordinance by title only and asked for additional discussion on said proposed Ordinance #1992 and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members in attendance voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried, and said Ordinance adopted, as stated.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution, Closing Out Fourth Street Resurfacing Project The Mayor referred to a proposed Resolution distributed in the agenda packets resolving to make no further payments to the contractor Fisher Excavating , Inc. for a resurfacing project, constructed at said location and providing for the City retaining \$7,753.45 in unpaid costs. This action stimulated from said contractors failure to respond to City requests to make repairs to defective workmanship

related to said resurfacing project. After discussion, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to read said resolution by title only and approve Resolution #1030, as written 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 members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said Resolution #1030 approved.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS/COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

The Mayor asked for comments resulting in the following:

Ms. McCombie The Mayor recognized Ms. McCombie from the elected officials table who commented the Savanna Chamber encourages swift action to establish a Business Retention Plan and encourages prompt action to be initiated to accomplish this task.

Ms. McCombie asked for action's initiated on a request delivered at the last meeting of the City Council by Ms. Hunsaker regarding horses kept within the City limits. The Mayor responded he has copies of related City Code regulations and would submit said copies to Ms. Hunsaker, after the conclusion of the meeting.

Mr. Long The Mayor recognized Mr. Long from the elected officials table who addressed the council concerning the rain water puddle problem on Chicago Avenue previously discussed under audience comments, stating the puddles still exist even after DOT restoration work. Ms. McCombie responded stating she would contact the DOT in this regard.

Mr. Robinson referred to a IML legislative update requiring electronic training under the open meeting act for all elected members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to review probable or imminent litigation. Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Griswold 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 all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared a 5-minute recess to clear the Council Chambers at 8:07 PM. The City Council entered into executive session at 8:17 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the regular Council meeting at 8:34 PM. The Mayor asked for any considerations resulting from the executive session and hearing none declared the meeting adjourned with no agenda items remaining for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman, Savanna City Clerk