

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT
7:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 333 CHICAGO
AVENUE SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

Call to Order Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey called the meeting to order on June 14, 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey asked for member roll call with Mr. David, Ms. Hunsaker, Mr. Grummitt, Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey, Mr. Long, Ms. Hansen and Mr. Robinson present, constituting a quorum. Absent – Mayor Stebbins and Mr. Griswold. Other Officials Present: City Attorney, City Clerk, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and in the audience Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Walter Shrake and Mark Schoening from the local news media w/others present Pastor Larry Thomson, Connie Zink, Attorney Carol Gloor and David Decker – Tri-State Tourism Council.

Consideration of the Agenda Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey asked for consideration and discussion of the Council Agenda and with no modifications, Mr. Grummitt moved, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve the agenda, as written. Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey 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. Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey declared the motion passed, carried and said agenda approved, as presented.

Consideration of the Minutes of the May 24, 2011 Regular Council Meeting The Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey asked for comments, discussion, modifications, and 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 Haffey asked for consideration of said minutes with Ms. Hunsaker moving, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to approve said minutes, as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey asked for additional 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. Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey declared the motion passed, carried and said minutes approved and accepted, as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey asked the Committee Chairperson Robinson to report on the activities discussed at a Finance Committee meeting conducted on June 14, 2011 at 6:30PM with Mr. Robinson commenting the Committee reviewed and accepted the Comptrollers accounting reports and recommends approval of a request from Thomson Development Corporation of \$750.00 for a building demolition project at 836 Bowen Street, a request from the Savanna Train Car Committee for \$150.00 from the Hotel/Motel Fund for advertising the Great Route 64/84 Shop Hop event (Mr. Long noted the train car has nothing to do

with this request and Ms. Zink originally requested and received approval from the Hotel/Motel Committee for said funds on behalf of the Great Route 64/84 Shop Hop Committee. The Committee concluded to send the check to the Train Car Museum Board and said board will issue the \$150.00 request for said purpose) , and the Finance Committee recommends paying an invoice from Civil Construction in the amount of \$272,974.48 (38-41300- Tot. Bud. \$511,000) and apply the 10% deduct for \$27,297.45 to the second payment deduct as noted on the warrant. The Committee recommends paying Warrant #2 with stipulations noted herein.

The Committee recommends approval of a request for funds (Fund #'s 34 and 36) from the Police Department for two laptop computers and software totaling \$3000.00 with the Police Chief addressing the need for said units and Mr. Long asking for clarification on purchasing new computers instead of just installing Window 7 on the existing laptops. After a full discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve the Finance Committee recommendation, as stated. The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for supplementary discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Mr. David, Ms. Hunsaker, Mr. Grummitt, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Ms. Hansen and Mr. Robinson present voting in favor. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion passed, carried and said expenditure authorized, as presented and discussed.

The Committee recommends approval of a request for funds (Fund#23) from the Fire Department for a Jaw Cutter for \$5500.00 with the fire Chief addressing the need for said units. After a full discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve the Finance Committee recommendation, as stated. The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for supplementary discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Mr. David, Ms. Hunsaker, Mr. Grummitt, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Ms. Hansen and Mr. Robinson voting in favor. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion passed, carried and said expenditure authorized, as presented and discussed.

The Committee recommends approval of a request for funds (Fund#23) from the Fire Department for a two head radio for Unit #122 for \$1700.00 with the fire Chief addressing the need for said units. After a full discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Hansen to approve the Finance Committee recommendation, as stated. The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for supplementary discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Mr. David, Ms. Hunsaker, Mr. Grummitt, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Ms. Hansen and Mr. Robinson voting in favor. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion passed, carried and said expenditure authorized, as presented and discussed.

The Committee heard a report from the PWS on an Insurance Committee review of the Health Insurance options with the PWS commenting the Committee concluded to continue with the current health insurance provider. The Council accepted this report by majority consensus.

The Committee reviewed and laid over a report on water, sewer and refuse fund arrears with no action anticipated after review. The Council accepted this report by majority consensus.

After conclusion of the Finance Committee presentation, Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey asked for consideration of the Finance Committee Report with Ms. Hansen moving, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker, to accept this Finance Committee report, as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey asked for additional discussion or comments and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey declared the motion passed, carried and approved, as presented.

WARRANT #2

Bills for the Month of May 2011 Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey asked for comments, discussion and consideration of said Warrant #2 distributed with the packets totaling \$508,117.61 and including \$77,314.86 payroll. Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey noted the Finance Committee recommended approval of said warrant with stipulations related to Civil Contractors, Inc. and asked for consideration of Warrant #2. Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to approve said warrant #2 for payment. Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey asked for additional comments on the motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Mr. David, Ms. Hunsaker, Mr. Grummitt, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Ms. Hansen and Mr. Robinson voting in favor. The Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey declared the motion passed, carried and said Warrant #2 approved for payment.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor Pro-Tem Haffey asked for any communications with no communications submitted for Council consideration.

APPOINTMENTS

Hotel/Motel/Committee Peg Haffey, Chairman, William Grummitt, Jeff Griswold Mayor Pro-Tem submitted said names for appointments to said Committee and asked for ratification of these appointments. After no discussion, Ms. Hansen moved, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve said appointment to said committee, as stated herein. The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion passed and carried and said appointments approved, as stated herein.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial, Police, Fire and Public Works for May 2011 The Mayor Pro-Tem called for discussion and consideration of said reports distributed in the Council packets with Mr. Long questioning the Police Chief on apparent violations of the no smoking regulations in some of the local taverns. The Police Chief asked Mr. Long to hold this question for after the meeting for further discussion. After discussion, Mr. Grummitt moved, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to accept said reports as discussed and

presented, herewith. The Mayor Pro-Tem asked for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none called 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 reports accepted, a presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

Connie Zink/Dave Decker, Tri-State Tourism Council Presentation The Mayor Pro-tem recognized Mr. Decker from the audience and asked for said presentation. Mr. Decker commented on current activities of the Tourism Council highlighting birding programs throughout the served area and in conclusion asked the Council to consider contributing to a fund to purchase a camera to further introduce bird watching through the internet. After discussion, the Mayor Pro-Tem assigned said funding request to the Hotel/Motel Committee for review and consideration. With no further discussion, the Mayor Pro-Tem declared this action approved by consensus of Council members present.

Heartland Pet Welfare, Inc., Request for Waiver of Kennel License Fee The Mayor Pro-Tem referred to correspondence from the referenced group and asked for Council consideration of waiving the requirements of City Code Section 6-2-10. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by r. Long to allow said waiver. 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, carried and said waiver approved.

Resolution, Request for DOT Permit Authorizing the Construction of Manholes, Point Repairs and Cured –In-Place Lining within the Right-Of-Way of the State of Illinois. The Mayor Pro-Tem referred to a prepared proposed Resolution #1020 authorizing construction as written hereinabove and asked for Council consideration of said proposed Resolution. After limited discussion, Mr. Long moved, seconded by Ms. Hansen to pass and approve said Resolution #1020, as written. 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 and carried and said Resolution #1020 approved.

Resolution, Determining the Prevailing Wages The Mayor Pro-Tem referred to a prepared proposed Resolution #1021 to determine prevailing wages, as written hereinabove and asked for Council consideration of said proposed Resolution. After limited discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to pass and approve said Resolution #1021, as written. 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 and carried and said Resolution #1021 approved.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Finding of Fact, Kurt and Lue Ann Dreger, North Main Street and Carol L. and John f. Gloor The Mayor Pro-Tem referred to a written report from the Savanna Zoning Board of Appeals concluding and recommending approval of a variation to allow a zoning variance in the front

yard reducing the required setback of 20 feet to zero feet to the property owners herein referenced and conditioned on access consideration approval of the Illinois Dept of Transportation, Division of Highways regarding the access drive to said properties. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to accept the report from the Zoning Board of Appeals, as written and subject to the passing of authorizing ordinances pertaining thereto. 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 of said motion. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion passed, carried and said report accepted, as written.

Ordinance Authorizing Zoning variation to Reduce Front Yard Setback to Zero Feet, Kurt and Lue Ann Dreger and Ordinance Authorizing Zoning variation to Reduce Front Yard Setback to Zero Feet, Carol L. and John F. Gloor

The Mayor Pro-Tem referred to prepared proposed ordinances for said individuals for Council discussion and first reading consideration. The City Attorney commented on the history of said property negotiated issues and recommended an agreement between the City and said property owners be drafted for consideration and subsequently consummated contingent on passage of said zoning proposed variation Ordinances. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. David to read said proposed Ordinances by title only for the first reading of said proposed ordinances and to accept the recommendation of the City Attorney. The Mayor Pro-Tem read both Ordinances by title only and asked for additional discussion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all member present voting in favor. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion passed, carried and said first reading of said Ordinance completed and said City Attorney recommendation approved, as stated herein.

CITIZENS, COMMENTS/COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mr. Lindeman The Mayor Pro-Tem recognized the PWS from the appointed officials table who commented on the Street Improvement Project is about half completed and should conclude sometime in August this year..

Mr. Picolotti The Mayor Pro-Tem recognized Mr. Picolotti from the Appointed Officials table who commented the fire Department Ball date has been set with dates to be posted.

Mr. Moon The Mayor Pro-Tem recognized Mr. Moon from the Appointed Officials table who commented he recommends conducting a Personnel Committee meeting..

Ms. Hunsaker The Mayor Pro-Tem recognized Ms. Hunsaker from the Elected Officials Table who commented she is not comfortable with the fact that new businesses are written up in the newspapers but lost businesses are not mentioned.

Mr. Robinson The Mayor Pro-Tem recognized Robinson from the Elected Officials Table who commented on the favorable recent news article in the Prairie Advocate by Mike Miller concerning the plight of the sewer treatment plant assessed re-construction requirements and while he was in a praising mode praised the City crew for expeditiously removing a storm damage tree on Wacker Road.

The Mayor Pro-Tem commented she as Chair of the Hotel/Motel Committee is considering setting a meeting for the Wednesday following the second Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor Pro-Tem declared the meeting adjourned at approximately **8:37:48 P.M.**

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman, Savanna City Clerk