

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL,
CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS AT 333 CHICAGO AVENUE SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

Call to Order Mayor Stebbins called the meeting to order on July 12, 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. David, Mayor Stebbins, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Mr. Griswold, and Mr. Robinson present, constituting a quorum. Absent – Mr. Grummitt and Ms. Hunsaker. Other Officials Present: City Attorney, City Clerk, PWS, Fire Chief and in the audience Mr. Mark Schoening, Mr. Mike Miller, Mr. Walter Shrake from the local news media w/others Ms. Sara Sorensen – 114 Madison Street and Carol Fosdick – N. 5th. St and Craig Mathers – School District 314.

Consideration of the Agenda The Mayor asked for consideration and discussion of the Council Agenda and with Ms. Haffey asking for consideration to add to new business “ Open Proposed Burning Ordinance Amendment” and Mr. Long asking for consideration to add “Review of Purchasing Electric Power off the Grid”, The Mayor asked for consideration of the agenda, as amended and Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson 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 approved, as written.

Consideration of the Minutes of the June 28, 2011 Regular Council Meeting The Mayor asked for comments, discussion, modifications, amendments on said minutes with the Mayor asking for corrections to add language to Agenda Item “Police Department, Police Officer1, New Hire by adding language as follows after the words “hereinabove stipulated” add the words “beginning August 1, 20011 at \$16.00 hourly hiring Mr. Mark Skorup”. The 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 Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey, 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 June 29, 2011. Chair Ms. Haffey commented on a Committee review of a June 2011 report given by Diane Bausman for the Blackhawk Waterways Agency, considered and approved a

recommendation to the Finance Committee in support of funding the Savanna Chamber of Commerce for \$3500.00, considered and approved a recommendation to the Finance Committee in support of funding ads for a Garden Walk event for \$380.00 and heard a presentation from Mr. Dave Decker, Executive Director of Tri-State Tourism and recommended to the Finance committee funding for \$1000.00 in support of purchasing a camera for the Upper Mississippi River refuge, heard a report from the Committee consultant, reviewed and contributed amendments to the 2011/2012 Savanna Marketing Plan and reviewed the new face on the billboard sign. After discussion, the Mayor asked for consideration of this Committee Report with Mr. Griswold moving, seconded by Mr. Long to accept said report, as presented. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said report accepted, as presented.

Ordinance/Public Relations/Health Committee The Mayor asked the Committee Chair to present an activity report on the OPRH Committee meeting conducted on July 07, 2011. Ms. Haffey commented on a proposed intergovernmental agreement with the Carroll County Health Department concerning inspections conducted within the corporate limits with Mayor Stebbins stating he had overlooked this assignment and proceed to resolution and Ms. Haffey reported on a draft proposed Ordinance concerning solid waste collection was presented by the PWS for Committee review, noted a proposed Ordinance adopting specific building codes, including a fee structure will be composed by the PWS, pursuant to City Attorney review and subsequent presentation to the City Council for first reading consideration, the Committee reviewed and approved for Council consideration a proposed burning regulations amendment recommending Council consideration, the Committee heard from the PC that a proposed ordinance concerning authorized drivers of City vehicles is still in review by the City Attorney, deferred action on year end bonus regulatory amendments to the Personnel/Safety Committee, the Committee removed from the Committee Agenda and the Committee considered a proposed amendment to the parking regulations related to parkways, the Committee tabled a proposal to amend the City Code regulation concerning hiring procedures, the Committee heard a presentation by the PC on the need for additional provisions to regulate noises related to a compliant heard from Ms. Sara Sorenson with the Committee asking the PC to research other Cities for additional clarification on this issue, and finally the Committee referred to the City Attorney regulations related to paying fines at the Police Offices. After discussion, the Mayor asked for consideration of this report with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Mr. Griswold to accept this report, as presented. The Mayor asked for additional discussion or comments on the motion 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 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 July 12, 2011. Mr. Robinson commented the Committee reviewed and accepted the accounts receivable, the Committee heard and approved for recommendation a request from the Hotel/Motel Committee to fund the Savanna Chamber for \$3500.00 (listed on Warrant #3), the Committee heard and approved a

recommendation to approve a request from the Savanna Train Car Museum for funding \$380.00 (included on Warrant #3) for advertising the recent garden walk event, the committee heard and approved for recommendation to the City Council a funding request submitted by Upper Mississippi River Refuge for \$1000.00 (included on Warrant #3) for purchase of a camera, the committee heard and approved for recommendation to the City Council payment of \$5,700.00 for conducting an income survey for Savanna with Mr. Robinson moving followed almost immediately by a withdrawal of said motion for Community Funding & Planning to conduct said income survey with this request held over to the next meeting of the City Council (not on agenda or included in Warrant #3), the Committee heard and recommended approval to the City Council a funding request for a fourth drawdown payment for service rendered by Community Funding & Planning for \$4700.00 and after discussion Mr. Robinson moved seconded by Ms. Haffey to place this invoice on the next warrant for City Council consideration. After additional discussion, the Mayor asked for a called roll call on the motion with Mr. Robinson, Mr. Long, Ms. Haffey, Mr. David and Mr. Griswold voting in favor. Nays - none. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said action approved, as stated, the Committee heard and recommended approval of funding (\$10,000.00 - included in the budget and on Warrant #3) to the Illinois EPA for an NPDES permit for an EPA required sewer treatment facilities permit to operate with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey to approve this expenditure, as requested. After presentation, the Mayor asked for additional discussion on this motion and hearing none asked for a called roll call on the motion with Mr. Robinson, Mr. Long, Ms. Haffey, Mr. David and Mr. Griswold voting in favor. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said expenditures approved for payment, After presentation of this report the Mayor asked for consideration of this report with Ms. Haffey making a motion, seconded by Mr. Long to accept said Committee report, as discussed and 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 passed, carried and said report accepted, as discussed and presented.

WARRANT #3

Invoices Selected for the Month of June 2011 The Mayor asked for comments, discussion and consideration of said Warrant #3 distributed with the packets totaling \$283,114.18 and including \$80,370.70 payroll. The Mayor noted the Finance Committee recommended approval of said warrant and asked for consideration of Warrant #3. After discussion and comments Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey 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 Mr. David, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Long, Mr. Griswold, 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 The Mayor asked for ratification on the following appointments : Mr. Grummitt to the Building and Public Property Committee, Mr. Robinson to the Ordinance/Public relations/Health

Committee, Mr. Griswold to the Personnel/Safety Committee and Mr. David as Chair of Personnel /Safety committee. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to accept and ratify said appointments, as presented. 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 appointments ratified and approved, as presented herein above.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial, Police, Fire, Public Works The Mayor referred to said distributed reports and asked for consideration and comments on said reports. Mr. Griswold contributed a comment on the street cleaner requesting a schedule for this purpose, as well as the areas covered and receiving regular cleaning with the PWS responding there is no set times, except on Friday mornings of each week and more often when the leaves fall. Mr. Griswold also recommended adding to the next Council Agenda a review of budget to identify overspending in the Corporate Fund. After discussion, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to accept said reports, as submitted. The Mayor asked for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none called 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 reports accepted, as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinances, Authorizing Zoning Variation To Reduce Front Yard Zoning Setback From the Required 20 Feet to Zero Feet, Kurt and Lue Ann Dreger and Carol L. and John F. Gloor - N. Main Street The Mayor asked for consideration of said proposed Ordinances granting said zoning variations and recognized the City Attorney who advised that the City Council pass and approve said Ordinances, but not affix required signatures until an agreement related to water services to said properties are consummated by all parties. After discussion, the Mayor declared said consideration laid over with majority Council consensus approval.

Ordinance, Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Surplus Property The Mayor referred to said proposed Ordinance in accordance with City Code Section 1-21-3 identifying a safe and vehicle declared as surplus for disposal by sealed bid. After discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Ms. Haffey to read said proposed Ordinance #1975 by title only and approve proposed Ordinance #1975, as written and initiate advertising said items for bid process. The Mayor read said proposed Ordinance #1975 by title only and asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and Ordinance #1975 approved and said items for bidding processing.

NEW BUSINESS

Declare Vacant Seat Ward II, Term Expiring 04/30/13 The Mayor declared said Ward II Alderman Seat vacant with the Council accepting this declaration by majority consensus.

Intersection Solicitors License, VFW Post 2223 The Mayor referred to an application from said applicant permitting soliciting contributions from the occupant of any vehicle at the

intersection of Il. Rte 64 & 84 on September 2nd and 3rd in the year 2011. After limited discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to approve said permit for said purpose on said dates, as requested in the submitted application form. 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 permit approved, as stated herein.

Fourth Addendum, Facility Space Lease, West Carroll community Unit School District #314 The Mayor asked for consideration of said addendum for Facilities Space Lease Agreement with the West Carroll Community Unit School District amended to reduce the annual lease fee from \$600.00 to \$1.00 with Mr. David moving, seconded by Mr. Long to approve said addendum, as written. The Mayor asked for additional discussion and comments on said motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with Mr. Robinson, Mr. Long, Ms. Haffey Mr. David voting in favor and Mr. Griswold voting against said motion. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the City Council of the City of Savanna .

Petition submitted Mr. Tom Carr - 423 Murray Street The Mayor referred to said petition submitted by Mr. Carr requesting street surface repairs in the area identified as the ramps from 4th Street through Quincy Street to Diagonal Street and Madison Street from Diagonal Street through 5th Street. Discussion exposed the procedures for submitting petitions has not been followed and the Mayor recommended referring this petition to the WSRSA Committee for recommendations. The Council accepted this action recommendation by consensus approval of the members present.

Hotel/Motel Committee, Scheduled Meeting, First Wednesday of Each Month The Mayor asked Ms. Haffey to present this item to the City Council for consideration. After discussion and review, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Long to establish regular Hotel/Motel Committee Meetings every first Wednesday of each month. The Mayor asked for additional discussion and comments on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members resent voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion passed, carried and said meeting schedule approved, as stated.

Ordinance, Amending 7-6-5, Basic User Rate The Mayor referred to a proposed ordinance related to said City Code Section and it was discovered said document had not been include in the council packets. After no discussion, Mr. Griswold moved, seconded by Mr. Long to lay this proposed ordinance over to the next regular meeting of the City Council. The Mayor 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 laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council.

(Added Item) Open Burning Proposed Amending Ordinance The Mayor asked Ms. Haffey to present said proposed Ordinance amendment. Ms. Haffey introduced a distributed proposed Ordinance to amend Section 5-5-3 (A) of the Savanna City Codes providing for amending the exception to the burning of landscape waste by allowing burning of said yard waste between the hours of 9 AM prevailing time and sunset on the second and fourth Saturdays of each

month. After discussion, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to read by title only and lay said proposed ordinance over to the next regular meeting of the City Council. After discussion, Mayor Stebbins read said proposed ordinance aloud and 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 proposed ordinance laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council, as stated herein.

(Added Item) Power - Off Grid The Mayor asked Mr. Long to present this item with Mr. Long asking the Council to consider investigating a possible saving in energy costs by utilizing other sources of energy suppliers. Discussion led to the City Council deferring this item to the City Attorney for additional clarifying information, pursuant to further Council consideration. The Mayor declared this action approved by majority consensus of the Council members in attendance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Mark Schoening The Mayor recognized Mr. Schoening from the audience who commented on the high cost of energy.

Mr. Long The Mayor recognized Mr. Long from the Elected Officials table who commented a bench has been placed at the Train Car Museum had been donated by the ray Green Family in remembrance of Ray Green.

Fire Chief The Mayor recognized the FC from the Appointed Table who commented the Savanna Fire Auxiliary will construct a deck on the back of the fire station at their expense and with Mayor approval.

ADJOURNMENT With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately **8:08:49 P.M.**

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman, Savanna City Clerk