

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M.,
ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 101 MAIN STREET SAVANNA, ILLINOIS
61074**

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stebbins at 7:30 P.M.

Invocation and pledge of allegiance The invocation was given by Mike Wey, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call The Mayor called for member roll call with Ms. Bowman; Mr. Grummitt; Ms. Hansen; Mr. Griswold; Mr. Long; Ms. Hunsaker; Mr. Fosdick and Mr. Robinson present, constituting a quorum. Others Present: City Clerk, City Attorney, Police Chief, Public Works Superintendent, City Comptroller, Fire Chief, William D. Murley, Miyun Cho, Members of the Press, and several citizens.

Consideration of the Agenda The Mayor called for consideration of the agenda, and asked for consideration of an addition to the agenda to conduct an information hearing on Revenue Bonds. Said item to be added after approval of the minutes. After a brief discussion, Ms. Bowman motioned, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the agenda, as amended. The Mayor called for discussion and a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and the amended agenda approved.

Consideration of Previous Minutes The Mayor called for consideration of the minutes of the April 28, 2009 regular meeting of the City Council with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve said minutes, as submitted. The Mayor called for discussion and a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said minutes approved.

Revenue Bond Hearing The Mayor opened the public hearing on the matter of refinancing industrial revenue bonds for Metform, 2551 Wacker Road and asked the City Attorney to provide clarifying comments on the matter. After presentation, including an oral presentation from Mr. William Murley, Vice President and Controller, Metform and Ms. Miyun Cho, Managing Director, Stern Brothers and Co. After presentation and further discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the request for refinancing said industrial bonds. The Mayor called for further discussion and a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said action approved.

Committee Reports The Mayor called for consideration of committee reports, as follows;

Finance: Mr. Robinson gave a verbal report on the Finance Committee meeting conducted on May 12, 2009 and recommended the following action considerations:

- **Heartland Pet Welfare Request** After discussion, Ms. Bowman motioned, seconded by Ms. Hansen to approve a request from Heartland to waive the annual license fee of \$100.00 required by Section 6-2-10 (A) of the City code and to refer to the Ordinance Committee for consideration to permanently waive this requirement for Heartland Pet Welfare Association. The Mayor called for further discussion and a roll call vote on the motion with all members present voting in favor, except Mr. Fosdick and Ms. Hansen, voted not to waive the fee. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said fee waived.
- **Photocopy Machine, Request for Funds, Police Department** After discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Bowman to approve the request for said item request totaling \$4700.00 and a maintenance contract for \$86.00 monthly. The Mayor called for further discussion and a roll call vote on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said action approved, as stated.
- **West Carroll Lease** After discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Griswold to deny a request to waive the \$600.00 annual fee in accordance an Agreement for Facilities Space Lease (water reservoir) between the City and Unit School District 314. After further discussion, the Mayor called for a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said action approved, as stated.

- Warrant Review After discussion, the Chair noted the Finance Committee recommended, after review, to pay Warrant #1. This item will be considered later in the agenda.
- Training for Newly Elected Officials – June 4, 2009 at Bloomington - After discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Fosdick to approve said training for all newly elected officials, including one night in a motel. After further discussion, the Mayor called for further discussion and a roll call vote on said motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said action approve.
- Finance Report After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Bowman to accept this verbal report, as presented. The Mayor called for further discussion and roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said action approved.

Bills Totaling \$252, 302.09 The Mayor called for consideration and discussion of said Warrant #1 for bills for April 2009 with Ms. Hunsaker making a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman to approve payment of said Warrant #1. The Mayor called for further discussion on the motion and a roll call with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said warrant authorized for payment.

Communications The Mayor called for presentation of any correspondence or communications. No comments or correspondence submitted.

Appointments The Mayor called for consideration of appointing officials, as follows;

- Police Chief - A motion by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fosdick to appoint Mr. Michael Moon to a (4) year term for Police Chief. The Mayor called for further discussion on the motion and a roll call with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said appointment approved.
- Fire Chief - A motion by Ms. Hunsaker, seconded by Ms. Bowman to appoint Mr. Shawn Picolotti to a (4) year term for Fire Chief. The Mayor called for further discussion on the motion and a roll call with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said appointment approved.
- Comptroller/Treasurer - A motion by Ms. Hansen, seconded by Ms. Bowman to appoint Ms. Sheryl Sipe to a (4) year term for Comptroller/Treasurer. The Mayor called for further discussion on the motion and a roll call with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said appointment approved.
- Public Works Superintendent - A motion by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to appoint Mr. John Lindeman to a (4) year term for Public Works Superintendent. The Mayor called for further discussion on the motion and a roll call with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said appointment approved.
- City Attorney - A motion by Mr. Fosdick seconded by Ms. Bowman to appoint Attorney Phillip Jensen to serve as City Attorney. The Mayor called for further discussion on the motion and a roll call with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said appointment approved.
- Mayor Pro-Tem - A motion by Mr. Griswold seconded by Ms. Bowman to appoint Mr. Merle Long to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. The Mayor called for further discussion on the motion and a roll call with Long abstaining and all other members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said appointment approved.
- Committees – (Attach Amended Listing as part of these Minutes identified as Addendum #1) The Mayor submitted a listing of standing committees and other committees for appointment consideration, noting Ms. Hansen asked not to be placed on the Hotel/Motel Committee and Ms. Bowman agreeing to serve on said committee. After discussion and amendment, Mr. Grummitt motioned, seconded by Ms. Hansen to approve the Committee listing, as amended. The Mayor called for further discussion and a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said amended committee listing approved.

Monthly Reports The Mayor called for consideration and discussion on the Financial, Police, Fire, and Public works for April 2009. After discussion and review, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr.

Grummitt to accept and approve said reports, as submitted. The Mayor called for further discussion and a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said reports approved, as written.

Unfinished Business

- MCC Illinois LCC (Mediacom Franchise and Lease Agreement) - The Mayor called for presentation of with Mr. Grummitt reviewing present conditions and recommending tabling this item until next meeting, pursuant to further committee review. The Mayor declared this item tabled, with consensus approval.
- Discussion on Possible Action on refinancing Metform Industrial Bonds. The Mayor called for additional discussion and comments with Mr. Robinson making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve the **Resolution #980** authorizing the refinancing of the Metform bonds, as requested, and presented. The Mayor called for further discussion and a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution #980 approved.
- Anna Rice City Wide Yard Sales – The Mayor called for presentation of this item and noting the absence of Anna Rice for the second meeting in row, declared said item removed from the agenda, with Committee member consensus approval.

New Business

- The National Bank Corporation Authorization Resolution The Mayor called for consideration and review of said resolution with Ms. Hunsaker making a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman to approve said Resolution granting certain powers to corresponding employees and officials of the City. After further discussion, the Mayor called for a roll call vote on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said resolution approved.
- Zoning Board of Appeals – finding of Facts, Tim Mitchell, 702 Iris Street The Mayor called for consideration of said zoning variation finding fact. After a full and lengthy discussion of the submitted documents, Mr. Fosdick motioned seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve the Zoning Board recommendation to deny the variation request. The Mayor called for a roll call vote on the motion with Mr. Grummitt, Ms. Hansen, Mr. Griswold and Mr. Fosdick Voting in Favor to deny and Mr. Long, Ms. Hunsaker, Mr. Robinson and Ms. Bowman voting not to deny said recommendation resulting in a tie vote with the Mayor voting in favor of denial. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said variation request denied, as stated.
- Ordinance Authorizing Variations From the Provisions of the City code – Title – 10 – entitled “The Savanna Zoning Ordinance” The Mayor declared with Council approval consensus, this proposed Ordinance nullified due to the failure of the request for variation from 702 Iris Street.
- West Carroll Lease Agreement The Mayor noted this item had been considered hereinabove.
- Savanna Community Ambulance Assoc. – Request to Burn Building Material The Mayor called for consideration of a request from said association for said purpose with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve said request in accordance with said request. The Mayor called for further discussion and a roll call vote on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said request approved.

Citizens’ Comments The Mayor called for any questions, comments or requests from the audience with Ronda Rathje addressing the Council concerning a contract to provide Savanna’ Website updating services and further stated she has invested 22 hours @ \$50.00 an hour to date on this project and further stated the City Attorney had reviewed and approved an associated agreement document, as presented. After discussion, it was concluded this agreement document is currently in committee review, pursuant to Council consideration of any recommendations generated from this source. No other responses presented.

Council Members’ And Staff Comments The Mayor called for comments or considerations from said members and staff, as follows:

- Fire Chief - Noted an “Open House” will be conducted at the fire station on May 16th, 2009

- PW Superintendent – Noted the Iris Street Bridge Project is substantially complete and the Mayor Flack plaques have been received and will be soon installed on the bike trail bridge.
- Ms. Hunsaker requested information on the status of the Boat Ramp project with several members providing an informative update.

Motion to Go Into Executive Session The Mayor called for consideration of a motion to enter into executive session in accordance with Illinois Statutes – ILCS 120/2 (c), to Discuss the Appointment Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees. Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Fosdick to enter into Executive Session. The Mayor declared a five minute recess to clear the room, at approximately 8:36 PM.

Discussion and Possible Action on the Matter Discussed in Executive Session The Mayor reconvened the meeting into open session at approximately 10:15 PM and declared the Executive Session recessed for 10 days, at which time the Council and related participants will reconvene to further discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. This action was approved by consensus of the members present.

Adjournment With no further agenda items to consider the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:18 PM

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman, Savanna City Clerk