

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M.,  
ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 101 MAIN STREET SAVANNA, ILLINOIS  
61074**

**Invocation** The invocation was given by Mike Wey.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance** The Mayor led 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, Public Works Superintendent, City Comptroller, Members of the Press, and several citizens.

**Consideration of the Agenda** The Mayor called for consideration of the agenda, and asked for any additions to the agenda. With no additional discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Ms. Bowman to approve the agenda, as written. 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 the amended agenda approved.

**Consideration of Previous Minutes** The Mayor called for consideration of the minutes of the May 12, 2009 regular meeting with discussion and review resulting in a recommendation to amend the "Citizen's Comments" related to Ronda Rathje's Website Service contract status, by adding the language, as follows (All further work on the Website by this potential client is to be stopped until final Council remedial actions have been approved) and the May 12, 2009 Executive Session minutes (said executive session minutes distributed by the Clerk to each Council member at the meeting to be initialed indicating approved and returned) with Mr. Robinson making a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman, to approve said minutes, as amended herein and 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 minutes approved.

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

- **Hotel/Motel Committee** – Mr. Grummitt reviewed Committee items of the meeting for consideration of the May 13, 2009, noting the amount of funds requested by the Savanna Army Depot Military Museum should be amended to read \$1500.00 and referred to previous minutes of the Committee related to website consultant fees. After discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve the minutes of said committee, as amended. The Mayor called for additional discussion and a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- **Building and Public Property Committee** – Ms. Bowman reviewed the activities of the May 14, 2009 Committee meeting for consideration. Discussion produced the following suggested minute amendments:
  1. Under unfinished business amend the address related to Mayor contacting William Sweeney to reflect **626 Viaduct**.
  2. Under unfinished business correct the item "Portland Avenue bridge project status" to read "**Iris Street Bridge Project status**"
  3. Under unfinished business #13 correct address to read **520** Main Street – and add the words "Send letter"
  4. The City Superintendent noted that a proposal to tear down and remove the remaining structure on property commonly known as "**Betty Mom's**" located on Bowen Street and clean up site was presented at the Committee meeting, but not included in the Committee minutes. The Mayor referred this to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

After discussion, the Mayor called for consideration of this report with Mr. Robinson making a motion, seconded by Fosdick to approve this report, as amended. The Mayor called for additional discussion and a voice roll call on the matter with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

- **Web Page Committee** Mayor Stebbins reviewed the activities considered at the May 19, 2009 Committee meeting noting Savanna does not own its present website and the committee will work towards establishing a savanna.gov domain. The following goals were produced;
  1. Bring site up to date
  2. Have employees be responsible for site
  3. Have city meeting calendar on site

After discussion, the Mayor called for consideration of said report with Mr. Robinson making a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman to approve this report. After discussion, the Mayor called for additional discussion and a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

- **Cable Committee** Mr. Long reviewed the activities considered at the May 20, 2009 committee meeting, noting the Committee had conducted a telephone conference with the City Attorney resulting in the composing of three proposed ordinances for Committee consideration, pursuant to making a

recommendation to the full Council for further deliberations. After discussion, the Mayor called for consideration of this report with Mr. Long making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen to approve this report. The Mayor called for additional discussion and a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

**Communications** The Mayor called for presentation of any correspondence or communications.

- JDS 4-LANE 20 ASSOCIATION presented correspondence requesting a resolution endorsing the upgrade of Highway 20 to four lanes, more specifically the Freeport by-pass and the Galena by-pass and additionally consideration of a contribution, to the association to assist in meeting their fundraising goal of \$100,000.00. After discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker, to approve the drafting of the requested resolution of support without monetary contribution, for consideration at the next regular meeting of the City Council. The Mayor called for further consideration and a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

### **Unfinished Business**

- MCC Illinois LCC (Mediacom Franchise and Lease Agreement) - The Mayor called for presentation of this agreement with Mr. Grummitt making a motion to table this business, with discussion taking place before a second was initiated, resulting in Mr. Grummitt withdrawing his motion. After further discussion and review, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Robinson to remove this item from the agenda. The Mayor called for further discussion and a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- Newly Elected Officials Conference, Ratification of Expense Reimbursement The Mayor called for consideration of a request for vehicle expenses to attend this conference from Ms. Hansen. After discussion, Mr. Grummitt motioned, seconded by Mr. Fosdick, to approve this action. The Mayor called for further discussion and a voice roll call on the motion with all member present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- Discussion on Possible Action on refinancing Metform Industrial Bonds. The Mayor called for additional discussion and comments with the City Attorney noting the Council had previously approved the issuing of the bonds by motion, and a resolution is required for this purpose and recommended the Council ratify the passage of a resolution to officially approve said action. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Bowman to approve **Resolution #980** authorizing the refinancing of the Metform bonds, as requested and presented. The Mayor called for further discussion and a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and **Resolution #980** approved.

### **New Business**

- Client Retainer, Ashley Hatteberg The Mayor called for further consideration and review of an agreement with Ashley Hatteberg for consulting services, related to Hotel/Motel activities with discussion calling for an amendment to the agreement document to be added to the Agreement Section 2 Compensation and Payment to include the language stipulating the total expenditure for this purpose shall not exceed the current amount budgeted for this purpose. After discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve the agreement document with amendments stipulated. The Mayor called for further discussion and a voice roll call vote on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- West Carroll, Lease Agreement Addendum #2 The Chair called for consideration of this agreement addendum with the City Attorney reviewing the addendum document noting said document extends the term of an agreement to grant the Unit School District to lease antenna space on top of the water reservoir from 9/1/09 to 8/31, 2010. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Bowman to approve this addendum, as presented. The Mayor called for further discussion and a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- Anna Rice City Wide Yard Sales – The Mayor called for presentation of this item with Anna Rice presenting a detailed activity report on a proposal to conduct and market this yard sale event tentatively set for June 26 and 27, 2009. After discussion and comments, the Council accepted and approved this action by consensus of the members present.
- Removal of Tree, Dale Schultz 700 Chicago Avenue The Mayor called for presentation and consideration of this request with the City Superintendent reviewing the city code regulations pertaining to tree removal on public properties, noting said trees have caused various safety issues related to sidewalks and adjacent street curbs. The superintendent advised the requestor (Mr. Dale Schultz) to present his tree removal request to the Council in accord with the City Code. Mr. Schultz addressed the Council and presented a condition report on two City trees located in the right-of-way adjacent to his referenced residence, referring to heaving sidewalks, falling dead tree limbs, other related deficiencies. Mr. Schultz further noted the electrical service company had advised they would remove said trees at no cost to the City, after Council approval. After discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Ms. Hansen to

approve this action, as stated. The Mayor called for further discussion and a voice roll call on the matter with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved. The City Superintendent will contact the local electrical provider to ratify the Council's approval decision.

- Boat Dock Ramp Contract The Mayor called for consideration and presentation of the Boat Dock Ramp Contract with Mr. Robinson providing a brief history and current status of this project including grants received and other funding considerations and recommended approval of a contract project proposal, submitted by Fischer Excavating Co. (Freeport, Illinois) in the amount of \$179,911.89. After discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Fosdick to approve this contract for the sum hereinabove stated. The Mayor called for a roll call on the motion with Mr. Fosdick, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Grummitt, Ms. Hansen, and Ms. Hunsaker voting in favor of the motion and Ms. Bowman, Mr. Griswold and Mr. Long voting against the motion. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- Proposed Ordinance, amending Title 7, Chapter 1, Section 3, Nuisances Enumerated Graffiti The Mayor called for the first reading of said proposed ordinance with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson to have the Clerk read this proposed ordinance by title only. The Mayor called for additional discussion and a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved and directed the Clerk to read said proposed ordinance by title only.
- Proposed Ordinance, amending Title 7, Chapter 1, Removal of Graffiti, Sale, Possession of Spray Paint The Mayor called for the first reading of said proposed ordinance with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson to have the Clerk read this proposed ordinance by title only. Ms. Hansen presented computer generated black and white pictures of graffiti applications at various locations in Savanna for review. After additional discussion, the Mayor called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved and directed the Clerk to read said proposed ordinance by title only.
- Proposed Ordinance, amending Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 1, Fences, Walls, Hedges, and Shrubs, General Regulations The Mayor called for the first reading of said proposed ordinance with Mr. Robinson making a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman to have the Clerk read this proposed ordinance by title only. The Mayor called for further discussion and a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved and directed the Clerk to read said proposed ordinance by title only.
- Proposed Ordinance, amending Title 10, Chapter 1, Section 4, Zoning Ordinance Definition Fence, Open The Mayor called for the first reading of said proposed ordinance with Mr. Robinson making a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman to have the Clerk read this proposed ordinance by title only. The Mayor called for additional discussion and a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved and directed the Clerk to read said proposed ordinance by title only.
- Resolution, CDAP Application for Sewer Lining Grant The Mayor called for consideration and presentation of this proposed resolution and introduced Ms. Jaynellen Holloway, Senior Project Manager, Fehr Graham and Associates, Consulting Engineers. Ms. Holloway addressed the Council and reviewed criteria for Savanna applying for a Community Development Assistance Grant for additional funding for sewer system improvements with such funds to equal estimated project costs of \$470,000 with the City funding equal to \$120,000.00. The Mayor noted this money is not in the current budget, but will not be spent this budget year and can be placed in next year's budget. After discussion, Mr. Grummit motioned, seconded by Ms. Hansen to approve **Resolution #981**, 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 approved.
- Fehr-Graham Agreement for Application for Sewer Lining Grant The Mayor called for consideration and presentation of this proposed agreement with Ms. Jaynellen Holloway, Senior Project Manager, Fehr Graham and Associates, Consulting Engineers providing an overview of said agreement providing for engineering costs to prepare and submit an application for Savanna applying for a Community Development Assistance Grant for additional funding for sewer system improvements. The Mayor noted, funds for engineering costs are available in the budget to cover costs to complete the application, estimated to be approximately \$2000.00. After additional discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker. To approve this agreement. After discussion, the Mayor called for further discussion and a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

**Citizens' Comments** The Mayor called for any questions, comments or requests from the audience with no audience questions, comments or requests presented for consideration.

**Council Members' And Staff Comments** The Mayor called for comments or considerations from Council members and staff, generating the following comments;

- Ms. Hansen – Commented it cost her \$10,000 to remove the structure adjacent to her residence on E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Ms. Hansen - Commented on potential remedial action by the Police Department related to graffiti.

- Mr. Griswold – Commented on a job well done on the Moring Disposal clean-up event on Saturday the 23rd. The City Superintendent will convey comments to Moring Disposal.
- Mr. Long Commented on a job well done on the Public Works project on the Iris Street Bridge.
- Ms. Hunsaker – Requested consideration by the City providing hanging plants on the Main Street lighting units. The Mayor referred her to the BAPPC.
- Mr. Robinson Noted the WSRSA Committee will conduct a meeting on June 2, 2009 – those interested contact the business office for an agenda.
- Mr. Robinson Recommended the Mayor provide an **ATTA BOY** letter to the First Savanna Savings Bank, 301 Main Street, Savanna, Illinois for recently completing extensive renovation work to the building exterior and interior.

**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)(1), to Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees and ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) To Review and Approve Closed Session Minutes. Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Fosdick to enter into Executive Session. The Mayor without discussion, called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

The Mayor declared a five-minute recess to clear the room, at approximately 9:18 PM.

**Discussion and Possible Action on the Matter Discussed in Executive Session** The Mayor reconvened the meeting into open session at approximately 10:32 PM and declared the Executive Session recessed until conditions dictate reconvening, at which time the Council and related participants will reconvene to further discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee. The Council approved this action by consensus.

**Closes Session Minutes** The Mayor noted the executive session minutes have not been considered for several years. After discussion the Mayor with consensus approval directed the Clerk to cause presentation of all closed session minutes for the last 4 years at the next regular meeting of the City Council, pursuant to ILCS 120/2 (c)(21).

**Adjournment** With no further agenda items to consider the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:36 PM

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman, Savanna City Clerk