

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 101 MAIN STREET SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

Invocation The invocation was given by Pastor Wayne Carvell, Pastor.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stebbins at 7:30 P.M. Notice of the meeting was delivered to all board members and was posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Pledge of Allegiance The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent Mr. Robinson and Ms. Hansen

Consideration of the Agenda The Mayor called for consideration of the agenda, and asked for any additions to the agenda. With no additional discussion, Ms. Bowman motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker 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 agenda approved.

Consideration of Previous Minutes The Mayor called for presentation and consideration of the minutes of the June 09, 2009 regular Council meeting and the previous Executive Session Minutes and May 26, 2009 Executive Session Minutes with Mr. Grummit making a motion, seconded by Mr. Fosdick, to approve all minutes, as submitted and stipulated the Executive Board Meeting conducted on June 09, 2009 ( related to previous minutes in 2008) can be made public with all other Executive Session minutes sequestered. 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 minutes approved.

## **Agenda Items**

### **Committee Reports**

- Hotel/Motel Committee Report – The Mayor called for presentation of this report with Mr. Grummitt reviewing Committee activities of the meeting, noting the Savanna Army Depot and Civil War Reenactment group had been tentatively been granted the sum of \$1500 from Hotel/Motel funds to pending submittal of a detailed plan for advertising an event to be conducted at the Army Depot on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. After presentation and additional discussion, Mr. Grummitt noted he had received the detailed plan just before this meeting and made a motion to approve the expenditure. Discussion ensued prior to a second being stated resulting in Mr. Grummitt withdrawing his motion. After further discussion, with Mr. Ed Breck, representing the Savanna Army Depot group, addressed the Council stating the funds were approved at the last Hotel/Motel Committee meeting. After more discussion, the Council decided by consensus to send this item back to Committee for further review. The Mayor called for action on the committee report with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman to accept this report. The Mayor called for a 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 Report – The Mayor called for presentation and consideration of this report with Chairperson Ms. Bowman reviewing the activities discussed at the June 11, 2009 committee meeting. After discussion, Ms. Bowman motioned to recommend to the City Council to approve a silent auction be conducted to reduce the City's surplus property inventory. The City attorney advised an ordinance authorizing the event must be in place prior to conducting a silent action. The Mayor called for additional discussion with all members present concluding an authorizing ordinance will not be approved prior to June 26 and 27, 2009. After further discussion, the Mayor called for action on the committee report with Mr. Long making a motion, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve the committee report. The Mayor called for further comments and a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- Skateboard and Snowmobile Committee Report - The Mayor called for presentation and consideration of this report with Chairman Mr. Fosdick reviewing the activities of the June 17, 2009 committee meeting presenting handouts from Mr. Kurt Dregger consisting of correspondence from John Hunter, Sales Manager for The American Ramp Company, a letter from Mr. Terry Dunk, local Savanna Resident and Dennis Bowman local businessman. Mr. Dregger also volunteered to clean-up the adjacent city property located on the proposed Portland Avenue site. The Mayor will view this site and determine any City involvement in this process, as well as granting Mr. Dregger authority to cleanup adjacent city properties. Additionally Mr. Dregger was invited to attend the next meeting of the committee.

- > Mr. Ron Preston questioned the availability of funding for this project and other skateboard related issues. He was invited to attend the next Committee meeting with his questions.
- > Mr. Fosdick discussed the feasibility of relocating the skate park site to the parking facility located adjacent to the alley located west of the 300 block of Main Street and asked the Council to table consideration to allow members to view the site.
- > Mr. Fosdick also requested the City Attorney investigate the Skate Board Park grant document to determine the need for bidding this project in accordance with the granting agency. The Council approved this action by consensus.
- > Mr. Fosdick declared the July Skate Board/Snowmobile Committee meeting is set for July 07, 2009 @ 7 PM to further review the above referenced items.
- > After additional discussion, the Mayor called for action on the Skateboard/Snowmobile Committee report. Ms. Bowman motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve said committee report, as presented. The Mayor called for additional discussion and a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- Contracts and Lease Committee Report The Mayor called for presentation and consideration of this report with Lois Hunsaker reviewing the activities of the committee meeting conducted on June 18, 2009. It was noted the minute taker is to correct the minutes under "New Business – Consolidated Grand and Barge to reflect a 10 year historical report is to be presented at the next committee meeting. After a full discussion, Ms. Hunsaker motioned, seconded by Ms. Bowman to approve the report, 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 approved.
- WSRSA Committee Report The Mayor called for presentation and consideration of this report with Mr. Grummitt reviewing the activities of the committee meeting conducted on June 18, 2009.
  - > Mr. Grummitt reviewed the Committee's decision to seek the advice of the City Attorney to determine legal ramifications to abandoning the RFQ for engineering services after the RFQ has been advertised and five responses received for committee review. After discussion, the City Attorney advises to proceed with the guidelines to select an engineering firm for the City to produce a grant application for a Wastewater Facility Plan and a Capital Improvement Plan.
  - > Mr. Grummitt reviewed the results of the bid proposals to replace two separate sections of a retaining wall generally located on Fourth Street. After review, Mr. Grummitt motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve the proposed contract to replace approximately 149 linear feet of a retaining wall on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, as recommended for approval by Fehr Graham engineering firm, to M & M Concrete Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$128,373.30. The Mayor called for additional comments and a roll call on the motion, with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
  - > Mr. Grummitt reviewed the bid proposals received for replacing a retaining wall approximately 37 feet in length and located generally on Fourth Street and noted a bid tabulation form was not available for committee consideration. The engineering estimate to complete this work was submitted as approximately \$70,000.00 and the lowest bidder submitted a proposal for approximately \$234,000.00. Mr. Grummitt noted the Committee will review this disproportionate result with the engineer to reevaluate the design of the retaining wall replacement project, pursuant to rebidding this project.
  - > Mr. Grummitt reviewed the Great River Outreach Executive Board to request to waive the fee to relocate the water service to accommodate the demolition of the GRD building located on Viaduct Road. Mr. Grummitt motioned to recommend to the City Council to deny this request. Mr. Wayne Carvell, Pastor was recognized by the Mayor and addressed the Council to reconsider this recommendation citing numerous overwhelming costs that are being confronted by the GRD Board to provide a much-needed service to Community and Carroll County citizens. Mr. Grummitt's motion was not seconded and Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to table this item for additional Committee Review.
  - > After final discussion, Mr. Grummitt motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve said report, as presented. The Mayor called for more discussion and a 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 communications with no business brought before the Council.

**Unfinished business** The Mayor called for any unfinished business with no business brought before the Council.

**New business**

- Drilling Geothermal Wells on Public Property – Historical Society The Mayor called for presentation of this project with Mr. Keith Brown representing the Savanna Historical Society providing a historical review of the Historical Society's desire to construct several geothermal wells to be constructed on a lot adjacent to their

building for this purpose. The acquired property will only provide ½ of the area needed to be effective for their intended purpose and asked the Council to compose a letter ( the City Attorney suggested a resolution) to the Illinois Department of Transportation in support of drilling several (6-8) wells in state ROW located in front of their building located at 406 Main Street. After discussion, the Mayor referred this request to the Building and Public Properties Committee, pursuant to submitting a recommendation to the Council for further action consideration. The Council approved this action by consensus.

**Citizens , Department Heads, and Council Members Comments** The Mayor called for comments with the following results:

- There were no citizens comments brought before the Council.
- Mr. Moon, Police Chief noted the portable speed sign will soon arrive and be utilized throughout the community.
- Mr. Grummitt asked about the status of the Ordinance related to Franchises with the Mayor noting the Ordinance committee has not met recently.
- Mr. Griswold noted he had received citizen notification of a weed overgrowth at the Adams Street step location and he will contact the City PW Superintendent by phone since he is not at the meeting.
- Ms. Hunsaker reminded everyone of the Snowmobile Committee Meeting On July 07, 2009
- Mr. Fosdick Reminded everyone of the July 07, 2009 Skateboard and Snowmobile Committee Meeting at 7 PM

**Motion To Go Into Executive Session** The Mayor called for a motion to enter into Executive Closed Session to discuss probable or imminent pending litigation. Mr. Grummitt motioned, seconded by Ms. Bowman to enter into closed session to discuss probable or imminent pending litigation. The Mayor called a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Chair declared the motion carried and approved and called for a 5-minute recess at 8:30 PM to clear the room before convening in closed session.

**Action After Executive Session** The Council exited the closed session and the Mayor declared the Council in open session at 9:23:45 and called for any considerations with no business brought before the Council.

**Adjournment** With no further agenda items to consider the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:24:36 PM

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman, Savanna City Clerk