

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 101 MAIN STREET SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074

Invocation The invocation was given by City Attorney Phil Jensen.

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 Mayor Stebbins led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call The Mayor called for member roll call with Ms. Bowman; Mr. Grummitt; Mr. Long, Ms. Hunsaker, Mr. Robinson Mr. Fosdick, Mr. Griswold and Mayor Stebbins present, constituting a quorum. Others Present: City Clerk, City Attorney, Public Works Superintendent, Police Chief, Fire Chief, City Comptroller, Amy Trimble, and Cory Jobe representing Peoples Economic Corporation, several representatives from MSA and Willett Hofmann Engineering firms and Members of the Press, and several citizens.

Absent Ms. Hansen

Consideration of the Agenda The Mayor called for consideration of the agenda. With no additional modifications, Ms. Bowman motioned, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve the agenda, 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 the agenda approved as submitted.

Consideration of Previous Minutes The Mayor called for presentation and consideration of the minutes of the July 14, 2009 regular Council meeting and the previous July 14, 2009 (Distributed by the Clerk at the meeting) Executive Session Minutes with Mr. Grummitt making a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman to approve both minutes, as submitted. The Mayor called for supplementary 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, as submitted.

Agenda Items

Committee Reports

- Boat Ramp Committee. The Mayor called for presentation and consideration of this report with Mr. Robinson, Committee Chair presenting a summary of the Committee meeting conducted on July 23, 2009. Mike Leslie, Willett Hofmann and Associates, provided an update on the project and announced the project can be started after signatures are acquired and the successful contractor provides schedule pursuant to completion predicted to be accomplished by Labor Day. After additional discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to accept and approve the committee report, as presented. The Chair called for supplementary 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. The Mayor called for presentation and consideration of this report with Committee Chair Mr. Robinson providing a summary of the Committee minutes of July 23, 2009. Mr. Robinson provided an update on the proposed sanitary sewer connection to the City's sewage system scheduled to begin construction in the spring of 2010. Mr. Matt Wagner, Willett Hofmann & Associates was present to respond to questions. Copies of this agreement were included in the packets and will be considered later in the agenda.
 - Mr. Robinson also addressed the applicability of the City hiring an engineering firm to provide consulting services to complete a Facility Plan and a Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Savanna. Mayor Stebbins called for each council member to respond to their preference of three engineering firms recently utilized for engineering services, resulting in a motion by Mr. Robinson to approve negotiating with the firm of Willett Hofmann to provide consulting engineering services for the projects stated herein above. After supplementary discussion, the Chair called for a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor of the motion, except Ms. Hunsaker and Mr. Grummitt voted to deny the motion. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
 - Mr. Robinson also stated the Mayor had received notification that the city may be considered for a grant for \$225,000.00 for improvements to a portion of Longmoor Avenue. Mr. Lindeman provided engineering information on the scope of the work proposed to be initiated for this project noting an engineering estimate for the project is \$ 327,000.00. Mayor Stebbins he noted he had not received any additional correspondence or notification on the matter. Mr. Robinson noted, the Committee would continue to monitor this potential project and provide updates as they become available.
 - The Mayor called for a motion on the WSRSA committee report with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman to approve the report, as presented. The chair declared the motion carried and said Committee report approved.

Communications The Mayor called any communications with no communications presented for consideration.

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

New business Mayor called any communications with no communications presented for consideration.

- **Amy Trimble Presentation.** The Mayor called for presentation with Amy Trimble and Cory Jobe, representing the Peoples Economic Development Corporation, addressing the Council on an innovative and unique consulting service being offered to communities to help design a city restoration plan for revitalization and economic restoration, utilizing tax credits as the generating fund provider. After a full discussion and a question and answer period, the Mayor advised the members to review the information provided by the speakers and the handouts and submit their comments for further deliberation at the next meeting.
- **Carroll Heights Agreement** The Mayor called for additional comments and consideration of a proposed sanitary sewer connection to the City's sewage system. After supplementary discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned seconded by Mr. Fosdick to approve an amendment to the agreement by modifying Section IV Charges by adding the word "accurate " between the word "on" and the word "measured" in the second sentence. The Mayor called for a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the amendment motion carried and approved. The Mayor called for additional discussion and a motion to approve the agreement, as modified with Mr. Robinson making a motion, seconded by Mr. Griswold to approve the modified agreement with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- **Resolution Support for Savanna Historical Society** The Mayor called for action on a Proposed Resolution (#985) of Support Related to Use of State Highway 52/64/84 for Geothermal Wells with Mr. Robinson making a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman, read by title only and to approve Resolution #985. 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.
- **Ordinance, Disposal of Municipal Surplus Property** The Mayor called for discussion and first reading of said Proposed Ordinance with the Council noting said surplus items are intended to be sold through an auction house and tabled this proposed ordinance back to the City Attorney for amendments to include the necessary language. The Council approved this action by consensus
- **Ordinance, Amending Title 3, Chapter 9, Section 1, Tobacco Regulations.** The Mayor called for discussion and a first reading of said ordinance with the Police Chief providing a summary of need for said regulations. After discussion, Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman, to have the Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. 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 and the Clerk performed the first reading of the proposed ordinance by title only.
- **Ordinance, Title 1, Chapter 6, section 9, Rules of Business.** The Mayor called for discussion and a first reading of said proposed ordinance with Mr. Robinson making a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman, to have the Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. The Chair called for a roll call on the motion with all members voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved and the Clerk performed the first reading of said proposed ordinance.
- **Zoning board of Appeals, Finding of Facts, Michel Novotny, 524 N. Fourth Street.** The Mayor called on the City Superintendent to provide a clarification of the minutes and finding of fact of a Variation Hearing conducted by the Zoning Board of Appeals on July 21, 2009 with the Zoning Board recommending approval of said variation request to construct a porch within 7 inches of a property line with the regulation requiring 6 feet with the deck being built in accordance a plat of survey submitted 5/13/09 and further the site plan is amended to decrease the deck width to 8 feet and decreased in length to 35 feet to provide more separation between the deck and the neighbor's house. After discussion and review, Ms. Hunsaker motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendations, as presented. The Mayor called for further discussion and a roll call on the motion with all members voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- **Ordinance, Variation From Section 10-4-3 (G)(2) to allow side Yard Setback of 1' 7" Instead of 6'.** The Mayor called for a first reading of this proposed ordinance with Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Bowman, making a motion to read by title only, waive the second reading of this ordinance and approve the proposed ordinance (#1917), as submitted. After discussion on the rules of business, the Chair called for a roll call on the motion

with all member present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved and said variation granted.

- Zoning Board of Appeals, Finding of Facts, John Peterson, 104 Third Street. The Mayor called on the City Superintendent to provide a clarification of the minutes and finding of fact on a Variation Hearing conducted by the Zoning Board of Appeals on July 21, 2009 with the Zoning Board recommending approval of said variation request to allow a front yard setback of 5' instead of the required 20' to re-construct a porch on the front of the house in accordance with a site plan (plat of survey) submitted 6/8/2009 and further the porch cannot be enclosed. After discussion and clarification, Ms. Bowman motioned, seconded by Mr. Robinson to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Mayor called for a roll call on the motion resulting in all members voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- Ordinance, Variation from Section 10-4-4(H)(1) to Allow a Front Yard Setback of 5' Instead of the Required 20'. The Mayor called for a first reading of this proposed ordinance with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to read by title only and waive the second reading of this ordinance and approve the proposed ordinance (#1918), as submitted. The Mayor called for a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and the variation request approved.
- Discussion and Possible Action, Draft Policy Use of City Property and Equipment. The Mayor referred to a submitted document entitled "Use Of City Property" and recommended deferring this document to next meeting to allow members to review and compile any modifications. The action approved by member consensus.

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

- Mayor Stebbins commented on the surcharge of rain into numerous basements within the City and referred to a City Code regulation related to illegal connections to the city's sanitary sewer system. The Mayor announced he had discussed this event with the Public Works superintendent to aggressively enforce these regulations to reduce this surcharge of storm water entering the sanitary sewer system.

Mayor Stebbins announced the invitation from Blackhawk Waterways Sturgis at Poopy's on August 20, 2009.

- Mr. Lindeman announced Randolph Street will be chip and sealed on Wednesday 7/29/2009 and asked the news media to advise the public there is an ordinance prohibiting blowing mowed grass onto city streets.
- Mr. Moon, Police Chief commented he has received complaints on parking on Clay Street on the curve of the road before 4th Street and asked that the WSRSA Committee place this on their agenda for consideration with the Committee Chair affirming.
- Mr. Picolotti, Fire Chief commented a check for the Fire Departments involvement in the hurricane has been received and deposited with the City Comptroller.

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. Hunsaker 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 minute recess at 9:10:51 PM to clear the room before convening in closed session at 9:22:15 The Mayor asked Mr. Lindeman to attend the closed session.

Action After Executive Session The Council exited the closed session at 9:39:23 and the Mayor declared the Council in open session and declared the meeting adjourned at 9:39:25 PM.

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman Savanna City Clerk