

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY
COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER
22, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 101 MAIN STREET
SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

Invocation The invocation was given by Pastor Wayne Carvell.

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; Ms. Hunsaker, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Hansen, Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Griswold Mr. Fosdick, and Mayor Stebbins present, constituting a quorum. Others Present: City Clerk, Public Works Superintendent, Police Chief, Fire Chief, City Comptroller, two members of the news media and others.

Absent Mr. Long

Consideration of the Agenda The Mayor called for consideration of the agenda with the Mayor requesting adding Warrant #5A to "New Business" and adding correspondence received from Carroll County Housing to agenda item "Correspondence". With no additional modifications, Ms. Bowman motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt, to approve the agenda, as modified. The Mayor called for further discussion and hearing none called for a voice 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 regular Council meeting and the Executive Session Meeting conducted on September 08, 2009 with Mayor Stebbins noting a second had not been recorded on the matter of "Offer To Purchase, real Property" with Mr. Grummitt verifying he had seconded the motion to offer \$75,000.00 for the property located at 333 Chicago Avenue, Savanna, Illinois. With no additional comments Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Fosdick to approve said meeting minutes, as modified and amended. The Mayor called for supporting discussion and hearing none called for a voice 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

- ✓ **Hotel/Motel Committee** The Mayor called for presentation and consideration of this report with Committee member Ms. Bowman reviewing the minutes of a Hotel/Motel Committee meeting conducted on September 09, 2009, as follows:
 - ✓ The Committee heard a report by Diane Bausman - Blackhawk Waterways, Diane reviewed a monthly report from the Carroll County Hotel/Motel Board and noted an increase of internet activity do to the trail of terror marketing.
 - ✓ The committee reviewed the City Comptroller's financial reports.
 - ✓ Mr. Long requested the County HM taxing board be invited to the next Committee meeting.

- ✓ The Committee heard a report from Ashley Hatteberg related to funding initiatives for the Rivers and Ridges group. Also on October 7, the Quad City CBV in Moline plans to increase area advertising and encourages everyone to bring along advertising to compare. Mr. Long motioned to have Ashley attend this event with all conferring.
- ✓ Blackhawk Waterways will send out 75,000 visitor's guides and requested funding for this purpose with Mr. Long making a motion to support this effort by paying half of the total mailing costs of \$2095.00 with all voting in favor.

After presentation and limited discussion, the Mayor called for a motion on said report with Ms. Hunsaker producing a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen to accept said report, as presented. The Mayor called for additional discussion and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said report accepted.

- ✓ Building and Public Property Committee The Mayor recognized Mr. Reed Law from the audience with Mr. Law offering clarifying comments on his firm's method of disposal of the materials generated from the proposed building demolition work stating said materials will be disposed of in a certified landfill site and he will provide weight slips to the City verifying each load deposited in said site. After discussion, the Mayor called for presentation and consideration of said Committee report with Committee Chair Ms. Bowman reviewing the minutes of a Committee meeting conducted on September 10, 2009, as follows:

- ✓ The Committee heard a report from the PWS on the results of the bids for the demolition and disposal of the structures located on property identified and located at 10 Chauncy Street, 626 Viaduct, and 1013 Bowen Street. Bid proposals were received and reviewed from Richie Excavating and Law Excavating. The Mayor made a motion to recommend to the City Council awarding the contract to Law Excavating for 1013 Bowen Street project only. After discussion, this motion failed with Mr. Long and Ms. Bowman voting against said motion. After further discussion, Mr. Long motioned to recommend to the City Council, awarding the contract to Colgan Excavating for all three structures. The Committee Chair called for additional discussion with the PWS noting this action, if approved, will exceed the budgeted amount allotted for this purpose and recommended 626 Viaduct and 1013 Bowen Street only be considered. After additional discussion, Mr. Long rescinded his motion and made another motion to recommend to the Council to enter into an agreement with Mr. Colgan to raze and cleanup 1013 Bowen Street and 626 Viaduct with the City performing the restoration to the sites. No City Council action was initiated on this recommendation. Bid proposals will be considered later in the agenda under "Bids".
- ✓ No Committee action was initiated on the Committee's list of unfinished business.
- ✓ The Committee by consensus removed "Hanging Plants" from the Committee agenda.
- ✓ The PWS commented he is still working on the disposal of surplus dumpsters. A report will be submitted at the next Committee Meeting.
- ✓ The PWS reported the "Quiet Zone" review indicates that the Federal Railroad Administration has determined that the installation of two quad gates at two crossing locations in Savanna will be necessary to pursue to establish a quiet zone. Information on costs to install the quad gates will be solicited through the Burlington Railroad by the PWS, pursuant to further review by the Committee.
- ✓ The Committee Chair recognized Ms. Amy Trimble, Peoples Economic Development Corporation for presentation and review of certain

incentive tools available to local building owners through a federal tax credit for historic preservation of certain buildings. After discussion, the Committee will further review this program and will initiate a mail out survey to be composed by Ms. Trimble for Committee review and initiation.

- ✓ The Committee heard a report from the ordinance officer with no Committee action initiated.

After discussion and comments, the Mayor called for a motion on the report with Mr. Robinson making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen to accept said report, as offered. The Mayor called for further comments and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and accepted.

- ✓ Contracts and Leases Committee The Mayor called for presentation and consideration of this report with committee Chair Mr. Robinson reviewing the minutes of a Committee meeting conducted on September 14, 2009, as follows:

- ✓ The Committee heard a report from Mr. Robinson on the minuscule changes to the Consolidated Grain and Barge agreement with supplemental information provided by Mr. Cruse adding language to the legal description in the agreement to encompass all of the land covered by said lease and adding the CGB would like to be reimbursed for any contributions that remain after the road maintenance is performed and also to add language to allow 120 days to remove all equipment and improvements that have been made to the property. After a full discussion, Ms. Hunsaker motioned to recommend to the City Council to enter into said Lease Agreement, as modified with all voting in favor. This item will be considered later in the agenda, under "New Business"

After summation, the Mayor called for a motion on the committee report with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to accept the Committee report, as given. The Mayor called for supplementary comments and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said report accepted.

- Ordinance, Public Relations, Health Committee The Mayor called for presentation and consideration of this report with Committee Chair Mr. Griswold reviewing the minutes of a Committee meeting conducted on September 15, 2009, as follows:

- ✓ The PWS provided a draft Ordinance restricting parking on Grant Street and after discussion and review the Committee voted to recommend adoption by the City Council. This Ordinance will be considered later in the agenda by the Council under "New Business".
- ✓ The Committee instructed the PWS to compose an amending ordinance adding "Outdoor Café" to the zoning regulation, as a special use for Committee consideration at their next meeting.
- ✓ The Committee, after discussion and by consensus removed the "Dumpsters Enclosed" from the agenda. After discussion, the Council by consensus reinstated this committee Line Item for further review by re-considering regulatory provisions requiring enclosures around refuse collection containers for all new buildings.
- ✓ The Committee reviewed the Itinerant Vendor/Transient Merchant code regulations and voted to amend the City Code Section 3-5-2-1 to charge \$500 for seasonal licenses effective May 1 to October 31 and a daily fee of \$50. A draft Ordinance will be composed by the City Attorney, pursuant to final consideration by the City Council.
- ✓ The Committee recommends a proposed ordinance adopting provisions governing "Special Events" be referred to the City Attorney for review and comments, pursuant to City Council consideration.

- ✓ The Committee heard the Mayor agree to contact the Carroll County Health Department regarding an intergovernmental agreement and report back to the Committee at its next meeting.
- ✓ The Committee by consensus removed from the Committee agenda the consideration of discarded cigarette butts on Main Street.
- ✓ The Committee by consensus removed from the Committee agenda further consideration of establishing a kennel License waiver for Heartland Welfare.
- ✓ The Committee heard the Mayor state that no procedures are in place to regulate spending for advertising in the newspaper and further stated said regulatory provisions need to be adopted to require all ad requests go to the Finance Committee recommendation consideration, pursuant to the full City Council consideration. This item referred to the City Attorney to draft regulations for said purpose.
- ✓ The PWS noted that several City Code Solid Waste regulatory provisions need amending since the City contracts for solid waste collection and current regulations no longer apply. The PWS will coordinate with the City Attorney and provide a listing of suggested regulatory provision amendments for additional Committee review and consideration at their next Committee meeting.
- ✓ The Committee by consensus postponed discussion on building permit fees.
- ✓ The Committee was not sure why Mediacom is on the Committee agenda and decided to refer this item back to the City Council for guidance.
- ✓ The PWS noted the Street Committee will review the need to establish Cooley Avenue as a one-way street north and this item should be removed from this Committee agenda.

After summation, the Mayor called for a motion on the report with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Bowman to accept the report, as presented. The Mayor called for additional comments and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Chair declared the motion carried and said report accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS

- The Mayor announced the \$70,000 grant funds have been received to complete the skate park project. After some degree of dialogue, Mayor Stebbins declared said correspondence acknowledged by Council accord. The Mayor thanked Senator Jacobs and others for their efforts in securing this grant and noted the Skate Park Committee can now begin to administer the funds in accordance with the grant agreement.
- The Mayor referred to correspondence received from the Carroll County Housing Authority requesting the establishment of two handicapped parking stalls adjacent to the housing facility located at 525 Third Street to accommodate a handicapped resident residing in said facility. After a brief discussion, this item was referred by Council consensus to committee for review, pursuant to further consideration by the City Council.
- The Mayor announced the IDOT has announced the approval of the Longmoor Avenue reconstruction improvement project in an amount of \$380,000.00 and noted additional work is necessary to complete the project.

BIDS

- **Demolition and Disposal of 10 Chauncy Street, 626 Viaduct Road, and 1013 Bowen Street** The Mayor called for review and consideration of said bids. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned seconded by Ms. Hansen to award the contract to Law excavating. The Mayor called for additional discussion resulting in Mr. Griswold motioned, seconded by Ms. Bowman to

table further action on this subject. The Mayor declared this item tabled to the next meeting. No roll call was initiated.

- **4x4 Cab and Chassis, Public Works Department** The Mayor opened bids in amounts following:
 - ✓ Rock River Block, Rockford , Illinois ----- \$26,708.00
 - ✓ Pete Harkness, Sterling, Illinois ----- \$31,805.00
 - ✓ Kunes Country, Mt. Carroll, Illinois ----- \$26,390.00
 - ✓ Reynolds Ford, Moline, Illinois ----- \$26,133.77

After limited discussion, the Mayor deferred, with City Council consensus approval, said bids to the PWS to provide a recommendation to the Finance Committee for their recommendation, pursuant to further review and consideration by the City Council at their next regular meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Mercy Medical of Clinton, Purchase of 333 Chicago Avenue** The Mayor referred to an e-mail correspondence from Paul G. Mangin, Vice President of Finance, Mercy Medical Center, Clinton, Iowa notifying the City of Savanna that the City's offer to purchase said property for \$75,000 has not been accepted. After an substantial discussion on the matter, **Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to offer \$125,000 for said property. The Mayor called for a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor, except Ms. Bowman and Mr. Griswold voting against said motion. The Mayor called for supplemental comments and hearing none, declared the motion carried and approved.** 5 Aye - 2 Nay

NEW BUSINESS

- **Warrant #5A** The Mayor commented the City had recently acquired property located at 24 Pike Road and inherited a tax bill for \$414.88 due soon to avoid late charges. After some degree of discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve payment of Warrant #5A for said amount. The Mayor called for additional comments and hearing none called for a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- **Consolidated Grain and Barge Addendum to Lease Agreement** The Mayor called for review and consideration of this addendum with the PWS noting this item placed on the agenda in error. After discussion, the Mayor declared with Council consensus to remove this item from the agenda.
- **Consolidated Grain and Barge Lease Agreement** The Mayor called for comments and consideration of this agreement. After boundless discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to accept and approve said agreement, as presented. The Mayor called for further discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor, except Mr. Fosdick voted against said motion. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved. 6 Aye - 1 Nay
- **Resolution, Use Agreement Authorizing Use of Certain City Property, Savanna Train Car Museum** The Mayor called for review and consideration of this proposed **Resolution #988** authorizing the Savanna Train Car Museum the use of city property to conduct Halloween festivities on property located adjacent to Poopy's and after a brief discussion Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to accept and approve this Resolution 988, as presented. The Mayor called for any additional comments and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said Resolution #988 and agreement approved.
- **Resolution , and Use Agreement Authorizing the Exclusive use of City Street, Manny's Inc.** The Mayor called for review, comments, consideration of this

proposed Resolution #989, and agreement authorizing and reserving the use of an alley located west of Main Street between Adams Street and Jefferson Street. After limited discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Bowman to approve proposed Resolution #989 and agreement, as presented. The Mayor called for additional comments on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution #989 and agreement approved.

- Resolution, Halloween Mardi Gras The Mayor called for review and consideration of a proposed Resolution #990 authorizing Trick or Treat activities and a parade. After a brief discussion, Ms. Bowman motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve proposed Resolution #990. The Mayor called for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution #990 approved.
- Resolution, Temporary Road Closure, Halloween Parade. The Mayor called for comments and consideration of this proposed Resolution #991 with Robinson noting in the first paragraph that the parade is to terminate at Jefferson Street and should be amended to read Chicago Avenue. After discussion, the Mayor called for consideration of this amended document with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen to approve this proposed Resolution #991, as modified. The Mayor called for any additional comments and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution #991 approved.
- Ordinance, Amending Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 26 (1), Schedule II, Stopping, Standing, and Parking –Northeast corner of Dewhurst and Grant Streets The Mayor called for the 1st reading of the proposed Ordinance by title only and performed the 1st reading by title only of said proposed Ordinance.
- Ordinance Repealing Title 2, Chapter 8,Section 1-6, Commission on Youth The Mayor called for the 1st reading of the proposed Ordinance by title only and performed the 1st reading of this proposed Ordinance by title only.
- Ordinance, Repealing Title 1, Chapter 3, Section 21 (A), (B), and, (C) Continuing Compensation for City Employees The Mayor called for the first reading of the proposed Ordinance by title only and performed the first reading of this proposed Ordinance by title only.
- MCC Illinois LLC (Mediacom) Franchise and Lease Agreement, Review of 3 Proposed Ordinances The Mayor called for the City Attorney to provide an overview of the provisions of said proposed Ordinances entitled “Cable/Video Service Provided Fee”, Cable and Video Customer Protection Law and, An Ordinance Amending the City Code of the City of Savanna by The Addition of Article __ Chapter __ Establishing Standards for the Construction of Facilities on the Right of Way. After the conclusion of the City Attorney overview presentation, the Mayor called for the first reading of the proposed Ordinances by title only and performed the first reading of the proposed ordinances by title only.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

- No citizen’s comments were presented for Council action.
- Mr. Lindeman commented on a proposed public hearing on the CDAP grant, with proper notification forthcoming.

- **Mr. Lindeman commented on a planned tour of the treatment plant facilities referring to a submitted descriptive document for Council review.**
- **Mr. Picolotti noted all fire trucks will be scheduled for annual inspections and the aerial truck is down for repairs.**
- **Mr. Moon commented on a scheduled meeting with the school superintendent to conduct a town hall meeting related to public safety with proper notification to be initiated.**
- **Mr. Robinson reminded everyone of the meeting of the WSRSA Committee @6:30 PM on September 29, 2009**

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43:34 PM

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman Savanna City Clerk