

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY
COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER
13, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 101 MAIN STREET
SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

Invocation The Mayor called upon Reverend Larry Thomson to deliver the invocation.

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. Hunsaker, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Long, Ms. Hansen, Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Griswold, and Mr. Fosdick, and Mayor Stebbins present, constituting a quorum. Other Officials Present: City Clerk, City Attorney;\;Public Works Superintendent, Police Chief, City Comptroller and others in the audience.

Absent Officials : Ms. Bowman

PUBLIC HEARING

Regarding a Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for Funding Through the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Flexible Opportunity.

The Mayor declared the hereinabove referenced hearing in session at 7:32 PM and introduced Sharon Pepin representing Community Funding and Planning Services to present information to be covered during the hearing in preparation for submitting the above referenced application for the CDAP Flexible Opportunity Grant to be used in the preparation of a Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan and a Capital Improvement Plan for the City. A public hearing notice has been posted and placed in the newspaper in accordance with applicable laws. Separate minutes will be composed setting forth the information presented and any questions recorded at said hearing. After full discussion and with an attendance list taken, the Mayor declared the hearing closed at approximately 7:44 P.M.

Consideration of the Agenda The Mayor called for consideration of the City Council agenda with the Mayor adding to new business "Census Committee Appointments" followed by Mr. Robinson making a motion, 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 the Minutes of the Septembers 22, 2009 Regular, Executive Session Minutes, and the October 2, 2009 Special meeting. The Mayor called for comments and consideration of the previously mentioned minutes and recommended the Executive Session minutes be open to the public review. After limited discussion, Mr. Grummitt motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve all three minutes, as presented and to further to declare the executive session minutes open to public review. 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 approved.

AGENDA ITEMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Water, Sewer, Refuse, Streets and Alleys Committee Report** The Mayor called upon Committee Chair Mr. Robinson to report on the September 29, 2009 meeting, as follows:
 - > The Committee heard from the PWS requesting consideration of replacing the undersized water mains within the proposed Longmoor Avenue stimulus project and after Committee discussion referred said request to the Finance Committee for funding review, pursuant to final City Council consideration.
 - >The Committee heard from Dee Miller, Third Street and Mr. Grummit on a matter related to refuse collection services with the Committee remaining status quo with current regulations. and
 - > The Committee heard from the PWS on a matter related to the Management Plan for the Sewer Department and the Committee referred funding needs to the Finance Committee, pursuant to final consideration by the City Council. and
 - > **The Committee heard comments and background information on a request to create a one-way street on Cooley Avenue between Van Buren Street and Murray Street and recommends the City Attorney draft an ordinance for City Council consideration.** and
 - >Reviewed a request from the Carroll County Housing Authority for two handicapped parking zones without initiating any action. and
 - > Heard a report from the PWS on the work completed on the wall projects on North Fourth Street and report that the Cook Street project has been completed with Mr. Grummitt asking for details on the 38 foot section of wall to be completed on Fourth Street and the PWS providing details revealing a cost issue is the source of the problem.

After discussion and comments, Mr. Fosdick motioned, Seconded by Ms. Hunsaker, to accept this Committee report , as submitted. The Mayor called for additional comments and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in support of said motion.

Building and Public Property The Mayor called on Committee member Mr. Long to present a report on the Committee meeting conducted on October 08, 2009, resulting in the following:

- >Heard a report that bids will be considered for 10 Chauncy,626 Viaduct and 1013 Bowen Street at the Council meeting. and
- > Recommend the City Council authorize disposing of surplus dumpsters at the PWS discretion. and
- > After hearing from the PWS, costs estimated at \$400,000.00 to \$800,000.00, the Committee agreed to postpone indefinitely further consideration of establishing a quite zone and to remove this item from the Committee agenda. And
- > Heard and accepted the Ordinance Officer's report. and
- > Heard an inquiry from Alderman Long on the status of the Peoples Economic Development Corporation survey of downtown building owners with the Mayor commenting, he is waiting on a promised survey document for distribution in the business district to advance this venture.

After discussion and comments, Mr. Long motioned to accept said committee report. 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.

Finance Committee The Mayor called on the Finance Committee Chair for a Committee meeting report held on October 13, 2009, resulting in the following:

- Reviewed correspondence from the Savanna Park District recommending using larger rock on the Boat Ramp Project and the Committee after clarifying discussion, **recommends the City Council initiate no action on**

- this request, since the City has maintenance responsibility for this area and the 2" rock is already in place. and
- Heard that Carroll County Treasurer will provide clarification on Illinois e-pay funds and the next Committee meeting. and
 - Heard the Mayor will report on tax rebates at the next Committee meeting. and
 - Heard that the City Attorney will resubmit an invoice for services at the next Committee meeting for review. and
 - Reviewed and accepted the 12/24/36/48/60 report submitted by the Comptroller. and
 - Reviewed and accepted the 2009/2010 Budget Review report submitted by the Comptroller. and
 - Reviewed and accepted Warrant #6 for Committee approval recommendation to the City Council. and
 - Reviewed and recommended approval for the PWS to acquire a portable generator light. and
 - Reviewed and recommended approval of a partial payment to Fischer Excavating for work completed on the Boat Ramp Project. and
 - Reviewed and recommended approval for the FD to acquire a thermal camera. and
 - Reviewed and recommended approval to accept a letter agreement to provide engineering services to complete a Sludge Management Renewal Plan. With Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve the letter agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates to complete a Sludge Management Plan and recommending funding resources from the Sewer Fund contingency line item. The Mayor called for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a roll call on the motion with all members voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved. and
 - Reviewed and recommend approval of acquiring a cab and chassis from Kunes Country Ford, with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen to award the cab and chassis bid to Kunes Country Ford for \$26,390.00. The Mayor called for additional comments and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in support. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
 - Reviewed and after clarifying discussion postponed action to the next Committee meeting on determining a funding source for coax expenses. and
 - Postponed review of train car expenses to the next Committee meeting.

After discussion and comments, Ms. Hunsaker motioned, seconded by Robinson to approve the Finance Committee report, as submitted. 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 approved.

WARRANT #6

- Bills for the Month of September 22, 2009 Totaling \$346,081.76. The Mayor called for comments, consideration and discussion on said warrant with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson to postpone consideration on the tax rebate to Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Robinson to later on the agenda and accepting and approving the remainder of said warrant for payment. The Mayor called for more discussion and hearing none called for a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in support. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- Property Tax Relief, Cletus and Lisa Robinson The Mayor called for consideration of a tax rebate for the above named applicants residing at 107 Lost Lane, Savanna, Illinois in accordance with new construction incentives allowed under City Code, Title 5, Chapter 7 resulting in a \$500.00 refund in property taxes. The Mayor called for additional

comments on the motion 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.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Financial, Police, Fire, Public Works for September, 2009 The Mayor called for review and comments on said reports and after limited discussion, Ms. Hansen motioned, seconded by Mr. Fosdick to accept said reports, as submitted. The Mayor called for supplementary discussion and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting on support. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **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 consideration of proposed Ordinance # 1924 with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to read by title only and to approve said Ordinance. The Mayor called for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- **Ordinance, Repealing Title 2, Chapter 8, Sections 1-6, Commission on Youth** The Mayor called for consideration of proposed Ordinance # 1925 with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen to read by title only and to approve said Ordinance. The Mayor called for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- **Ordinance, Repealing Title 1, Chapter 3, Section 21 (A), (B), and (C) Continuing Compensation for City Employees.** The Mayor called for discussion and consideration of this proposed Ordinance with comments generated from the Police Chief and several alderpersons, and after discussion Mr. Griswold made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen to approve this proposed Ordinance. The Mayor called for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none called for roll on the motion with Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Long, Ms. Hunsaker, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Fosdick voting against repealing said sections and Mr. Griswold and Ms. Hansen voting in favor of the motion. The Mayor declared the motion denied and deferred further consideration to the Personnel Committee for additional discussion and review, pursuant to consideration by the City Council.
- **Award of Demolition and Disposal of 10 Chauncy Street, 626 Viaduct Road, and 1013 Bowen Street** The Mayor called for action to remove this agenda item from the table with Mr. Robinson making a motion to take this item off the table. The Mayor called for discussion and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion with Mr. Griswold voting against and all other members voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved. After more discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Ms. Hansen to award the contracts to Mr. Law for demolition and removal for all three properties. The Mayor called for discussion on the motion resulting in Mr. Robinson withdrawing his motion. After supplementary discussion, Mr. Griswold motioned, seconded by Mr. Long to award the contract in accordance with the original Building and Grounds Committee recommendation with the City completing site restoration associated work. The Mayor asked the Comptroller to bring forth the minutes in question dated September 10, 2009 to determine exactly the recommendation before a vote on the matter is called. Said minutes were produced the following motion approved by the Building and Grounds Committee to wit: " Mr. Long made a motion to recommend to the City Council to enter into an agreement with Colgan Excavating for the demolition and disposal of 1013 Bowen Street and 626 Viaduct Road" with

the City completing site restoration. The Mayor called for additional conversation on the motion and after supplementary discussion called for a roll call on the motion with Mr. Griswold, Mr. Long, Mr. Fosdick and Mr. Robinson voting in favor of the motion and Ms. Hansen, Mr. Grummitt and Ms. Hunsaker voting against the motion. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

- **Ordinance, Cable and Video Customer Protection Law** The Mayor called for consideration of proposed Ordinance #1926 with Mr. Long making a motion, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to read by title only and to approve said Ordinance. The Mayor called for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- **Ordinance, Cable/Video Service Provider Fee** The Mayor called for consideration of proposed Ordinance #1927 with Ms. Hansen making a motion, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to read by title only and to approve said ordinance. The Mayor called for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- **Ordinance, Amendment, Addition of Chapter Establishing Standards for the Construction of Facilities on the Right-of-Way** The Mayor called for consideration of proposed Ordinance #1928 with Mr. Grummitt making a motion, seconded by Mr. Long to read by title only and to approve said Ordinance. The Mayor called for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- **Census Committee Appointments** The Mayor announced he is establishing a Census Committee and appointed Ms. Hansen to Chair this committee and asked a member of each ward to volunteer to serve on this Committee with Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Robinson, and Ms. Hunsaker agreeing to serve. After some discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Griswold, to approve this action, as resolved and called for additional comments on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Resolution of Support and Commitment of Funds, CDAP Grant** The Mayor called for consideration of this proposed Resolution #992 and after discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve said Resolution, as submitted. 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 said Resolution passed and approved.
- **Ordinance, Amending Title 3, Chapter 2, Section 1 "Schedule of Fees" Peddlers, Brokers, Itinerant Vendors** The Mayor called for and provided a first reading by title only of said proposed ordinance and directed said Ordinance be posted in accordance with City Code provisions.
- **Ordinance, Amending Title 3, Chapter 5, Section 2-1, Transient Merchants, Itinerant Vendors, License Fee** The Mayor called for and provided a first reading by title only of said proposed Ordinance and directed said Ordinance be posted in accordance with City Code provisions.
- **Ordinance, Title 3, Chapter 12, Special Events** The Mayor called for and provided a first reading by title only of said proposed Ordinance and directed said Ordinance be posted in accordance with City Code provisions.
- **Ordinance, Declaring Surplus Property** The Mayor called for and provided a first reading by title only of said proposed Ordinance and directed said Ordinance be posted in accordance with City Code provisions.

- **Ordinance, Amending Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 26 (1) Schedule II, Stopping, Standing, and Parking North Side of Glenmoor Avenue.**
- **Ordinance, Amending Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 26 (1) Schedule II, Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Clay, North Fourth and Webster Streets.** The Mayor called for and provided a first reading by title only of said proposed Ordinance and directed said Ordinance be posted in accordance with City Code provisions.
- **Tree Removal Request, 115 Main Street, Duane Kistler** The Mayor called for review and comments pursuant to action consideration on a request from Duane Kistler, 115 Main Street to remove a tree on Public R.O.W' to accommodate his construction project. The PWS noted the tree of concern is a healthy tree and Council considerations should include the replacement of said tree during the re-construction phase of the project. After additional discussion, Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to allow removal of the subject tree, subject to the planting of a new tree in accordance with the City Code provisions and under the guidance of the PWS. 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 Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

- **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

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

- No citizen's comments were presented for Council action.
- The PWS announced the Public Works Department would be flushing fire hydrants throughout the City.
- Mr. Griswold declared his displeasure with conducting Council meetings for non-emergency purposes during daytime working hours resulting several alderpersons not being able to attend and be heard.
- Ms. Hunsaker asked for informati0on on Trick or Treat day and hours and was informed November 1, 2009 - 3P to 6P.
- The Mayor announced the purchase contract for the clinic building has been accepted by Mercy Medical.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:23:47 PM

Minutes Composed *by Paul Hartman* Savanna City Clerk