

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY  
COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER  
10, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 101 MAIN STREET  
SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

**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, Fire Chief and City Comptroller and others in the audience.

**Absent Officials** : Ms. Bowman

**Consideration of the Agenda** The Mayor called for consideration of the City Council agenda and added correspondence received from the Savanna Historical society and e-mail correspondence from Gail Bowman. After limited discussion, Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fosdick 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 October 27, 2009 Regular Meeting.** The Mayor called for comments and consideration of said minutes. After limited discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve said minutes, as presented. 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**

**Hotel/Motel Committee Report** The Mayor called upon Committee Chair Mr. ~~Grummitt~~ Fosdick to report on the October 28, 2009 Committee meeting, with Mr. Grummitt reviewing the minutes of said meeting declaring no action resulting for Council consideration. After discussion and comments, Mr. Long motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to accept this report, as presented. 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.

**Skateboard Committee Report** The Mayor called upon Committee Chair Mr. Grummitt to report on the November 09, 2009 Committee meeting, with Mr. Grummitt reviewing the minutes of said meeting and declaring action items for Council consideration, following:

**Snowmobile Grant Discussion** The Committee recommends approval of purchasing signs for this project for \$7110.00.

**Skateboard Grant Discussion** The Committee recommended the Council direct the PWS to cause the composition of specifications for the proposed skateboard project, pursuant to advertising for bids to execute the scope of work included in the grant agreement. After discussion, The Mayor declared this recommendation accepted by Council majority consensus.

**Memorandum of Agreement** The Mayor read from a document entitled "Memorandum of Agreement" between the City of Savanna and the Thomson F.A.S.T. Trax Snowmobile Club outlining certain conditions related to a proposed snowmobile trail. After discussion and clarification, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt authorizing execution of said agreement document. 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.

After discussion and comments, Mr. Long motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to accept this Committee report, as presented. 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.

**Finance Committee Report**

The Mayor called upon Committee Chair Mr. Fosdick to report on the November 10, 2009 Committee meeting, with Mr. Fosdick reviewing the minutes of said meeting and declaring the following action items for Council consideration:

**Warrant #7** The Committee reviewed said warrant and recommends City Council approval of said Warrant. The Mayor noted, this item is on the Council agenda and will be considered then.

**Bloomberg Municipal Repository** The Committee recommends voiding this invoice for \$21.22 with Mr. Fosdick moving, seconded by Ms.

Hansen to void said invoice , as recommended. 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.

West Carroll Year Book Ad The Committee recommends City Council approval of placing an ad not to exceed \$55.00 with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hunsaker to allow the school district ad not to exceed \$55.00. 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.

Employee Christmas Bonuses The Committee recommends to the City Council approve said bonuses of \$175.00 for each full time employee and \$25.00 to each part-time employee. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen to approve said Committee recommendation, as presented. 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.

Request for Funds Snowmobile Trail Signs The Committee recommends City Council approval authorizing the PWS to purchase said signs not to exceed \$7110.00 and in accordance with the grant agreement. After discussion Mr. Fosdick made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen to approve said recommendation, as submitted. 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.

Request for funds, Lectronics Invoice (Coax), Picolotti The Committee recommends the City Council approve this non- budgeted payment for this invoice totaling \$14,054.84 (partially refundable) with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen to approve this recommendation, as submitted. The Mayor called for additional discussion, noting this vote will require a 2/3 majority and called for a roll call vote with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

Request for Funds , Asbestos Expense, 333 Chicago Avenue The Committee recommends the City Council execute an agreement proposal with Environmental Management Services of Iowa. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Hansen to recommend to the City Council to approve this action not to exceed

\$1850.00. The Mayor called for additional discussion 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.

Request for funds, Stand-by Pump and Controls STP The Committee recommends to approve this budgeted item request not to exceed \$8000.00. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve this recommendation, as presented. The Mayor called for additional discussion 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.

Request for funds, Fourth Street Wall 149' Section The Committee recommends approving payment of \$130,445.30. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve this Committee recommendation, as presented. The Mayor called for additional discussion and hearing none called for roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

Emergency Generator, Approval for Bidding The Committee recommends approval for the PWS to advertise for said unit, pursuant to further consideration by the Finance Committee, prior to further Council consideration. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Hansen to approve said recommendations, as presented. The Mayor called for additional discussion and hearing none called for roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

The Mayor called for consideration of the Finance Committee report with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve the Finance Committee report, as submitted. The Mayor called for additional discussion on said motion 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.

#### WARRANT #7

Mayor called for consideration and discussion on said warrant. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick made a motion seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve said warrant in the amount of \$315,094.56. The Mayor called for more discussion on the motion 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.

- JC Carey, Property Tax Rebate - The Mayor noted payment is included within the Warrant # 7 - no further action initiated.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

**Historical Society** The Mayor noted receipt of and read an email correspondence inviting and encouraging all to attend the Historical Society's annual chili supper at the museum building on the evening of November 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Mayor Stebbins will be presenting Mr. Gene Wright with a metal of recognition.

**Gail Bowman** Mayor Stebbins announced he had received an e-mail from Ms. Bowman resigning her council seat, effective immediately. After discussion and comments, Mr. Griswold motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to accept said resignation with regret. The Mayor called for supplementary discussion on the motion 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.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Financial, Police, Fire, Public Works, October 2009** The Mayor called for consideration of said reports. After discussion, Mr. Long motioned, seconded by Mr. Griswold to approve all reports, as submitted. The Mayor called for supplementary discussion on the motion 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.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 12, Special Events.** The Mayor called for consideration and discussion of this proposed Ordinance generating several modification recommendations. After discussion, the Mayor declared this proposed ordinance referred to the City Attorney for modification and consideration is postponed to the next meeting. The Council approved this action by majority consensus.

**Ordinance, Amending Title 9, Chapter 1, Sections 24, Cooley Avenue One-Way Street Northerly from Murray Street to Van Buren Street.** The Mayor called for consideration of proposed **Ordinance # 1934** with Mr. Grummitt making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen to read by title only and approve said Ordinance. The Mayor called for additional discussion 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.

➤ **Ordinance, Authorizing Disposal of Municipal Surplus Property, 2 Fire Department Trucks** The Mayor called for consideration of this proposed **Ordinance # 1935**. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick made a motion seconded by Ms. Hansen to read by title only and approve said Ordinance. The Mayor called for additional discussion 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proclamation, Recognizing Gene Wright** The Mayor called for and read a Mayoral proclamation recognizing Mr. Gene Wright as the recipient of the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award and as a champion of the humanities in Savanna, Illinois.

**Uses for New Building at 333 Chicago Avenue** The Mayor called for comments or recommendations from all members on the use of said building acquisition resulting in the following comments:

Ms. Hansen suggested the building be utilized for City Business office and other office needs of agencies or groups i. e. Chamber of Commerce and Park Board and similar uses and not for Police and Fire operations.

Mr. Long was against the purchasing this property since only the City Administrative office and the Public Works Director will occupy the building and does not favor separating the Police and fire Department.

Mr. Robinson favored moving all City services currently located in the city complex, except the Fire Department and use by other agencies and groups. Mr. Robinson also is for temporarily moving the Police Department to 333 Chicago Avenue and favors demolishing the current City hall, ~~and building a new Police complex in its place.~~ Mr. Robinson stated the money is available to complete this effort.

Mr. Fosdick favors keeping the Police and Fire Departments together utilizing the Administrative Office to expand the Police department into this space for a couple of years before demolition and reconstruction initiatives are considered. No actions should be initiated to separate the Police and fire Departments should be considered.

Ms. Hunsaker favors moving City Hall only to the 333 location without splitting the Police and Fire Departments and attempt to utilize the building for leasing to others. Ms. Hunsaker is in favor of providing space for evidence needs for the Police Department in the acquired building and is concerned with potential spending controls.

Mr. Griswold spoke against the acquisition of the property at 333 Chicago Avenue.

Mr. Grummitt favors placing City Hall and the Police Department at the 333 Chicago Avenue location.

Mayor Stebbins favored placing City Hall and the Police at the 333 Chicago Avenue location.

Fire Chief provided a memo indicating he does not favor separating Police and Fire operation primarily to keep the continuity of dispatching operations in one building to provide optimum police and fire response at a high level. The Chief commented separating the departments will dramatically reduce police and fire service to the general public.

Police Chief favors any positive action resulting in providing evidence storage and more building space for the Police Department. The Chief prefers having a new building located at the present site with expansion to the north by demo of the current City Hall and constructing a new Police complex in its place.

Comptroller - was not asked for an opinion

PW Superintendent - was not asked for an opinion

Funds for Architect Service at 333 Chicago Avenue The Mayor called on the PWS to review a letter proposal solicited from Willett Hofmann & Associates to provide professional services to produce a Building Design Phase 1 - Building Renovation Project for the City building located at 333 Chicago Avenue. The discussion was reduced to council consideration of alternative plans to include various floor plans based on the Police Department occupying the building or not. After presentation and review discussion the Mayor called for a vote to consider this letter agreement for professional services. After discussion and comments Mr. Griswold motion, seconded by Mr. Long to proceed with services for producing a single design for the building renovation plan, ~~excluding the Police Department administrative use of the building.~~ After discussion, the Mayor called for a roll call on the motion with Ms. Hansen, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Long, and Ms. Hunsaker voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Fosdick, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Grummitt voting no on the motion. The Mayor asked the City Attorney on a point of order related to the Mayor voting in this situation. Upon receiving the opinion of the City Attorney Mayor Stebbins voted no on the motion, resulting in a tie and a failed motion.

The Mayor called for supplementary discussion and action on this agenda item and after review of the letter agreement resulting in the need to clarify with Willett Hofmann the multiple alternatives written in the proposed agreement to develop multiple floor plans. After additional discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to postpone execution of this agreement to the next meeting pending clarification, as noted. 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.

#### CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Citizens, Department Heads, and Council Members Comments The Mayor called for public comments with the following results:
  - The Police Chief noted the PWS has a key if any Council members wish to view the building interior located at 333 Chicago Avenue.

- **Ms. Hansen commented on a citizen complaint she received related to the condition of a house located on North Park Street. The Mayor referred her to the building committee for a resolution consideration.**
- **Mr. Grummitt commented on a concern of getting a quorum for the forthcoming Hotel/Motel Meeting with a reduced membership.**
- **Fosdick commented on the presentation of the plaque for former Mayor Flack with Mayor Stebbins commenting details are in place and an event date will be established soon.**

**The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17:02 PM**

**Minutes Composed by *Paul Hartman* Savanna City Clerk**