

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY
COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER
24, 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, 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. Hansen, and Vacancy Ward 1

Consideration of the Agenda The Mayor called for consideration of the City Council agenda and received a request to add "Liquor License Request" to the agenda under New Business. The Mayor called for additional modifications and hearing none called for a motion on the amended consideration. Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker 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 November 10, 2009 Regular Meeting. The Mayor called for comments, modifications, amendments and consideration of said minutes. Mr. Fosdick noted a modification is needed under "Skateboard Committee Report" by identifying the committee Chair as Mr. Fosdick.

Mr. Robinson noted under "Uses for New Building at 333 Chicago Avenue - Mr. Robinson" - strike the words after the word hall - "and building a new Police complex in its place".

The Comptroller suggested adding the word "Fire" before the word "department" under Uses for New Building at 333 Chicago Avenue - Mrs. Hunsaker.

Mr. Griswold asked to add under "Funds for Architect Service at 333 Chicago Avenue" the word "single" right before the word "design" in the motion sentence and also "Funds for Architect Service at 333 Chicago Avenue" strike the words "excluding the Police Department administrative use of the building".

After supplementary clarifying discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve said minutes, as amended. 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 said minutes approved, as modified.

AGENDA ITEMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hotel/Motel Committee Report. The Mayor called upon Committee Chair Mr. Grummitt to report on the November 11, 2009 Committee meeting, with Mr. Grummitt reviewing the minutes of said meeting declaring no Committee actions resulting for Council consideration. After discussion and comments, Mr. Long motioned, seconded by Mr. Fosdick to accept this report, as presented. The Mayor called for additional discussion on the motion with the Comptroller asking for clarification on forthcoming committee meetings in

December and January with the Committee Chair providing clarification that the Committee will be meeting on both months. With no further discussion, 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 report accepted.

Census Committee The Mayor noted the Committee Chair absent, as well as a report of a Committee meeting conducted on November 17, 2009 and with Council majority consensus approval, postponed this report to the next regular meeting of the Council.

WARRANT #7A

Mayor called for consideration and discussion on said warrant. After discussion, Mr. Robinson made a motion seconded by Mr. Fosdick to approve said warrant in the amount of \$26,390.00. 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 said warrant approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Gail Bowman submitted an e-mail suggesting the Council consider Ms. Peg Haffey to serve as alderperson in the vacated seat in Ward 1. After discussion, the Mayor declared this item be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next regular Council meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Finance Committee - Rosalie Hansen. The Mayor submitted for Council ratification the aforementioned candidate for appointment to the Finance Committee. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the appointment as hereinabove stated. The Mayor called for supplemental discussion on the appointment, with Mr. Griswold questioning making this appointment with a Ward 1 vacancy, with the Mayor providing rationalization in filling the Finance Committee vacated seat now to optimize a committee quorum status. After discussion, the Mayor called for a voice 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 with Mr. Robinson requesting a modification to Section 3-12-7 ((G) 1 by adding provisions that solid waste collection services will be obtained by the special event sponsor. The Mayor called for a motion on the matter with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve the modified proposed Ordinance #1936. 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 support of the motion. The Mayor declared the motion carried and Ordinance #1936 passed and approved.

Uses for New Building at 333 Chicago Avenue The Mayor called for any additional comments or recommendations from all members on the use of said building. The Mayor commented on his recent clarifying discussions with the Fire and Police Chiefs and a recent panel visit to Fulton and Morrison City Offices having Police administrative offices in a single building. Mr. Thomas W. Houck, Architect Engineer, representing Willett Hofmann and Associates briefly spoke from the audience and responded to questions from those present on the matter. After a full discussion on the proposal Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Griswold to authorize entering into an agreement

with said firm to provide a Preliminary Design Phase - Building Renovation Project for the purpose of developing a functional floor plan to include the City Administrative Offices, Police Administrative Offices and Public Works superintendent Offices all in accordance with the services included in the proposal agreement. The Mayor called for supplemental discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the matter with all members voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said proposal agreement approved.

Funds for Architect Services at 333 Chicago Avenue The Mayor called for consideration of authorizing funding for said renovation project. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$7250.00 with Willett Hofmann and Associates for services outlined in a letter proposal agreement dated November 04, 2009. After a brief discussion, the Mayor called for a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said expenditure approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution, supplemental MFT Funds. The Mayor presented proposed Resolution #993 authorizing an additional \$30,445.30 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund to pay for the retaining wall work project completed on Fourth Street between Murray Street and Quincy Street. After a briefing by the PWS, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve proposed Resolution #993 authorizing said expenditure, as presented. The Mayor called for a roll call on the motion with all members present confirming. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said resolution passed and approved.

Resolution on the Proposed sale of Thomson Correctional Center The Mayor called for consideration of proposed Resolution #994 and commented on a status update memo from Russ Simpson, TCED Interim Executive Director and read aloud a cover letter from the Executive Office of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, Washington D.C. describing the likely economic impacts on the local economy related to the purchase and modification of the State prison in Thomson, Illinois. Upon completion of said reading, the Mayor called upon the City Clerk to read aloud the proposed Resolution #994. After said reading and additional discussion, the Mayor called for a motion on the matter with Mr. Long making a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve said proposed resolution with Mr. Grummitt, Mr. Long, Ms. Hunsaker, Mr. Fosdick, Mr. Robinson voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Griswold voting against the motion (5 aye - 1 nay). The Mayor declared the motion carried, passed, and approved.

ATV Trail. The Mayor called upon Mr. Scott Sullivan and Mr. Kevin Promenshenkel to present their proposed ATV Trail venture to the Council. Mr. Sullivan addressed the Mayor and Council referring to documents distributed in the meeting packet to all members, describing the proposed routes for a planned ATV Trail connecting Savanna with area Cities and Villages and promoting the use of and operation on identified City right-of-ways for all-terrain type vehicle traffic on certain streets within the City. The aforementioned promoters provided projections of Carroll County revenues to be gained by supporting this venture. Mr. Sullivan asked the City Council to support this venture by providing a letter or resolution of intent to support this proposed venture, pursuant to the Council adopting regulatory provisions governing the operation of all terrain vehicles on public right-of-way, within the City of Savanna. After much discussion, the Mayor declared it is the majority consensus of the City Council to place this request on the next regular meeting agenda, a proposed resolution (composed by the City Attorney) supporting the formation of an ATV Trail accessing the City of Savanna, pursuant to and providing regulatory and operational provisions are established

by committee favorable recommendation, review and conclusion, prior to further City Council consideration. Further, the Mayor declared the Skateboard Park/Snowmobile Trail Committee would assume review and recommendation responsibilities for the ATV Trail request review, pursuant to recommendation to the City Council.

Ordinance, Abatement of Taxes 2004A and 2004B Bonds The Mayor called on the City Comptroller to review the purpose of said bonds and the reason for abating said taxes related to said bonds. After review and presentation, the Mayor called for a motion on said proposed Ordinance, for said purpose with Mr. Fosdick moving to approve, seconded by Mr. Robinson, a first reading ~~by~~ of said proposed Ordinance by title only and ~~postponed~~ laid over action on said ordinances to the next regular meeting of the City Council The Mayor called for additional discussion and raising none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in support. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved, as stated.

Ordinance, Annual Tax Levy The Mayor called upon the City Comptroller to provide an overview of the proposed Annual Tax Levy commencing on May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010. The Comptroller noted several levy amounts have been amended to produce maximum taxes for various purposes and said proposed levy does not exceed 105%. After limited discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Fosdick, to initiate the first reading by title only and ~~postpone~~ laid over action on the proposed ordinance until next meeting. The Mayor called for additional discussion, hearing raising none called for a voice roll call on said motion with all members present voting in support. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

Request from Liquor License Holders to Extend Hours of Operation for Christmas. The Mayor presented this request from Kevin Promenshenkel and polled the members to determine guidance in responding to this request. All except Mr. Griswold favored revisiting this request at the next regular meeting. After full discussion the Mayor declared by majority consensus of the City Council to place this request on the agenda for consideration at the next regular meeting of the City Council. City Code (3-7-23 (A))

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

The PWS together with the Mayor announced that the improvement project for Longmoor Avenue will require approximately \$200,000.00 matching funds from the City and the awarding agency has been contacted, as well as Senator Jacobs, to request said funds be reassigned to a proposed retaining wall replacement project on 4th Street. A positive response from both sources has been verbally received. As information is received, the Council will be advised.

Mr. Robinson commented on a concern of meeting conflicts that need to be addressed.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55:09 PM

Minutes Composed by *Paul Hartman* Savanna City Clerk