

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY
COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 08,
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 State of Illinois 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, Ms. Hansen, Mr. Griswold, and Mr. Fosdick, and Mayor Stebbins present, **constituting a quorum.** Other Officials Present: City Clerk, Public Works Superintendent, Police Chief, and City Comptroller and others including news media present in the audience.

Absent Officials: NONE

Consideration of the Agenda The Mayor called for consideration of the City Council agenda and requested "Bids" be inserted in the agenda after Communications. The Mayor called for additional modifications and hearing none called for a motion on the amended consideration. 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 modified.

Consideration of the Minutes of the November 24, 2009 Regular Meeting. The Mayor called for comments, modifications, amendments, and consideration of said minutes. The Clerk noted a modification is needed under "Ordinance, Abatement of Taxes 2004-A and B" by removing the word "by" in the motion sentence after the words " a first reading" and also modify the crossed out section of the same sentence by restoring the language and replacing the word "postpone" with the words "laid over". (see City Code- Section 1-6-9 (B) 14)

The Clerk noted a modification is needed under "Ordinance, Tax levy to modify the crossed out section of the same sentence by restoring the language and replacing the word "postpone" with the words "laid over". (see City Code- Section 1-6-9 (B) 14).

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

Census committee The Mayor called upon Committee Chair Ms. Hansen to report on the November 17, 2009 Census Committee meeting with Ms. Hansen reviewing the activities discussed at said meeting with no action items presented for Council consideration. After discussion, the Mayor called for a motion on said report with Mr. Grummitt moving to accept this report, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker. The Mayor called for additional discussion 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.

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Street/Alley Committee The Mayor called upon Committee Chair Mr. Robinson to report on the December 02, 2009 Committee meeting activities

with Mr. Robinson reviewing activities discussed at said meeting with the following action items presented:

- Mr. Robinson and Mr. Lindeman reviewed the status of the 4th Street Wall and Water Main Project and recommended the Council accept a change order to enter into an agreement with Martin and Company to complete the Water Main Project. After discussion, the Mayor noted this item would be considered later in the agenda.
- Mr. Robinson and Mr. Lindeman reviewed the status of the 4th Street Wall reconstruction projects recommending the Council authorize a letter be sent to IDOT on behalf of the City Council stating that Senator Jacobs is agreeable to the City utilizing the ERP funds for the repair of the 4th Street retaining wall project. The Mayor declared this action approved by Council majority consensus.
- Mr. Robinson reviewed a request from the Carroll County Housing Authority for establishing handicapped parking recommending the Police chief respond to this request by providing the legal conditions of establishing said space on public right-of-way.
- Mr. Robinson noted the Committee is reviewing the financial operation of the Solid Waste Transfer Station, pursuant to making recommendations to the Council for further consideration and review.

After discussion, the Mayor called for a motion on said report with Mr. Grummitt moving to accept this report, as presented, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker. The Mayor called for additional discussion on said report and hearing none called for a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in support.

Skate Park/Snowmobile Committee The Mayor called upon Committee Chair Mr. Fosdick to report on the December 03, 2009 Committee meeting activities including the Snowmobile Trail Grant update, and a report on the status of the Skateboard Park specifications and recommended the Resolution supporting County Wide All- terrain Vehicle trail system be removed from the Agenda. After discussion, the Mayor called for a motion on said report with Mr. Robinson making a motion to accept the report and recommendations, as presented, seconded by Mr. Grummitt. The Mayor called for a roll call on said motion with all members present voting in support. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

Finance Committee The Mayor called upon Chair Mr. Fosdick to report on the December 08, 2009 Committee meeting activities including a review of the November Accounts Receivable report, the 12/24/36/48/60 report, the 2009/2010 Budget Review report, Warrant #8 report, the pay request submitted by Martin and company, a request for donation from Good Samaritan, a request from the Savanna Times Journal and requests for reimbursements of demolition expenses . After discussion and review, Mr. Grummitt motioned , seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve the Martin and Company pay request included in Warrant #8, no Council action was initiated on the donation request from good Samaritan, no Council action was initiated on the Savanna Times Journal ad, the Council agreeing to pay for demolition expenses included in Warrant #8 and with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve the use of an electrical outlet, as requested by Ron and Dawn Cole and recommended by the Finance Committee.

After discussion and review, Mr. Grummitt motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to accept said report including Committee recommendations, as presented. The Mayor called for additional comments and discussion on the motion 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 approved.

WARRANT #8

The Mayor called for consideration and discussion on said warrant. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick made a motion seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve said warrant for \$491,244.95 including salaries of \$70,807.33, and a pay request from Martin & Company for \$63,308.45. 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 None submitted for consideration.

BIDS

Dump Body/Hydraulics The Mayor called for consideration of this item and proceeded to open bids, as follows:

	Base Bid	Option	Total Bid
Bonnell Industries Dixon, Illinois	\$28,360.00	\$3,700.00	\$32,060.00
Henderson Truck Equipment Manchester, Iowa	\$26,047.00	\$1,405.00	\$27,452.00
Monroe Truck Equipment Monroe, Wisconsin	\$25,650.00	\$4,675.00	\$30,325.00

After opening the bids, the Mayor called for action consideration on said bids with Mr. Robinson making a motion, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to refer all bids to John Lindeman for tabulation and recommendation at the next scheduled meeting of the City Council for further action. The Mayor called for supplementary discussion and comments and hearing none called for voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Ward ONE Alderperson - Term 04/30/2011. The Mayor submitted for Council ratification the name of Peg Haffey, as candidate for appointment to the City Council - Ward 1 Alderperson. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Griswold to approve the appointment of Peg Haffey as Ward I Alderperson for term expiring 04/30/2011. The Mayor called for supplemental discussion on the appointment, 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. The Clerk administered the oath of office to Ms. Haffey and Ms. Haffey assumed the seat as Alderperson Ward 1.

Hotel/Motel Committee, Building and Public Property Committee and Ordinance/Public Relations/Health Committee. The Mayor submitted for City Council ratification of Peg Haffey for appointment to said Committees. With no discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve said appointments, as presented. The Mayor called additional discussion and 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 appointments approved.

Special Events Committee - Savanna Chamber, Savanna Vision Network and Service Club The Mayor mentioned he is still working on getting all three members for this Committee with Pam Brown agreeing to serve for the Chamber of Commerce and Paul Hartman agreeing to serve for the Savanna Vision Network and the Mayor waiting on a candidate from the Lions Club. The Mayor requested that action be postponed until next meeting on this item with a majority consensus of members accepting this action.

MONTHLY REPORTS The Mayor called for consideration of said reports included in the packets with Mr. Fosdick moving, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to accept said reports, as presented. The Mayor called for additional discussion on said 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance, Abatement of Taxes 2004A Bonds (Pamida) The Mayor called for consideration and discussion of this proposed Ordinance #1937 with Mr. Fosdick, making a motion,

seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve proposed Ordinance #1937 abating said taxes for said bonds. 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 #1937 passed and approved.

Ordinance, Abatement of Taxes 2004B Bonds (Sullivan's) The Mayor called for consideration and discussion of this proposed Ordinance #1938 with Mr. Fosdick, making a motion, seconded by Mr. Griswold to approve proposed Ordinance #1938 abating said taxes for said bonds. 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 #1938 passed and approved.

Ordinance, Annual Tax Levy The Mayor called for consideration and discussion of this proposed Ordinance #1939 with Ms. Hansen, making a motion seconded by Mr. Long to approve proposed Ordinance #1939 setting forth the annual tax levy commencing on the 1st day of May 2009 and ending on the thirtieth day of April 2010. 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 #1939 passed and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Martin and Company Agreement and Change Order, 4th Street Water Main The Mayor called for presentation of this item with Mr. Robinson and John Lindeman reviewing an agreement document, together with a change order to substantially complete the water main and retaining wall work project on 4th Street by amending said agreement with Martin and Company completing the water main portion of the contract only and, including the delivery of certain materials reducing the contract price to Martin and company by \$120,456.55 to a contract price to Martin and Company for \$63,808.45 and the wall portion of the work to be rebid with additional retaining wall work to be included and funding with stimulus dollars. After a full discussion, the Mayor called for a motion on the Agreement and Change Order. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve the agreement document and change order, as presented. The Mayor called for supplementary 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.

Resolution, varying Title 3-7-23 (A) for Christmas Day 2009, time of Sales- Closing Hours. The Chair called for consideration of this proposed resolution with The Mayor recognizing from the audience Ruth Kelly, 525 Third Street, Savanna Illinois, Pastor Wayne Carvell and Pastor Mike Wey addressing the Council in opposition of any amendments to the City Code that would extend the hours that alcohol can be sold or served on Christmas day. During discussion, the Mayor relinquished his authority as Mayor to Mayor Pro-Tem Mr. Long to comment on this issue in opposition of said Resolution and after delivering his comments, Mr. Long turned the meeting over to Mayor Stebbins. After a lengthy discussion, The Mayor called for a motion on the proposed Resolution and hearing none declared this consideration died for lack of a motion.

Resolution, of Support For County Wide All-Terrain Vehicle Trail System. The Mayor called for discussion on this item with the Chair of the Skateboard/Snowmobile Committee, Mr. Fosdick recommending this item be removed from the Agenda. After further discussion, the Mayor declared this recommendation approved by Council consensus.

2009 Financial Report, Auditors Notes. The Mayor called for comments and discussion on the informational letters, expressing the auditor's positive opinion on the effectiveness of the City's financial reporting. After discussion, the Council considered no action on this report and accepted said report by majority consensus.

Consideration of Cancelling December 22, 2009 Council Meeting. The Mayor called for discussion, comments and consideration of this meeting cancellation with discussion failing

to produce a motion for consideration. The Mayor declared this matter died for lack of a motion.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

Mr. Long called for clarification and received clarification on the meetings to be posted for the next calendar year.

Mr. Grummitt and Ms. Hunsaker welcomed Peg Haffey to the City Council

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44:39 PM

Minutes Composed *by Paul Hartman* Savanna City Clerk