

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY  
COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010  
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, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Griswold, and Mr. Fosdick, and Mayor Stebbins present, constituting a quorum. Other Officials Present: City Clerk, Public Works Superintendent, Fire Chief, Police Chief, City Attorney, and City Comptroller, and a small audience.

**Absent Officials:** NONE

**Consideration of the Agenda** The Mayor called for consideration of the City Council agenda. After discussion, the Mayor called for a motion on the consideration of the Agenda with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve the agenda, as written. 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 written.

**Consideration of the Minutes of the December 22, 2009 Regular Meeting.** The Mayor called for comments, modifications, amendments, and consideration of said minutes. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned seconded by Ms. Hansen to approve said minutes, as written. 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 written.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Water/Sewer/Refuse/Street/Alley Committee** The Mayor called upon Committee Chair Mr. Robinson to report on the January 05, 2010 Committee meeting with Mr. Robinson reviewing activities discussed at said meeting and recommended to the City Council to approve the proposal under "New Business" submitted by the firm Community Funding and Planning Services and the Committee referred the matter of funding for said proposal to the Finance Committee. The Mayor called for action on this report with Mr. Fosdick moving to accept said 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.

**Finance Committee** The Mayor called upon Committee Chair Mr. Fosdick to report on the January 12, 2010 Committee meeting activities with Mr. Fosdick reviewing activities discussed at said meeting with the following action items presented:

- The Committee reviewed and after discussion, accepted by consensus, the Comptroller Accounts Receivable Report, the 12/24/36/60 Report, and the 2009 /2010 Budget Report.
- The Committee reviewed Warrant #9 and by consensus approval recommends the City Council approve payment of said warrant.
- The committee reviewed an application received from John Hansen for reimbursement of demolition expenses totaling limited to \$1000.00 for razing a dwelling building at 22 East Fifth Street. The Mayor called for action on this application with Mr. Fosdick moving, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve this application and expenditure. After supplementary discussion, the Mayor called for a roll call vote on the motion with Ms. Hansen abstaining and all other members present voting in favor of said motion. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.
- The Committee reviewed the WSRSA Committee referral concerning funding a CDAP Grant application and recommended the Council approve this expenditure in accordance with the WSRSA Committees recommendation to be considered in "New Business" later in the Council Agenda.
- The Committee reviewed the scope of work currently under review by the WSRSA Committee related to proposed for replacing a portion of a retaining wall on 4<sup>th</sup>. Street and after a full discussion, deferred funding considerations, pursuant to receiving additional information from the WSRSA Committee.

After discussion and review, Mr. Grummitt motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to accept said report, 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 #9**

The Mayor called for consideration and discussion on said warrant. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick made a motion seconded by Ms. Haffey to approve said warrant for \$182,001.43 including \$91,083.85 in bills and \$90,917.58 for payroll. The Mayor called additional discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a roll call on said motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said report accepted.

**COMMUNICATIONS** The Mayor asked the Clerk to read the e-mail correspondence received from the Savanna Train Car Museum Board requesting the Savanna Fire Department consider retaining the 1976 Ford Fire Truck for utilization by the Haunted Forest group for their purposes. The Mayor declared this item to be considered with Agenda item "Bids".

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**Mayor Pro-Tem** The Mayor referred to the City Code Section 1-6-5 PRESIDING OFFICER and opened the floor to selecting a Mayor Pro-Tem with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to nominate Mr. Fosdick for the position. The Mayor called for additional nominations with Ms. Hunsaker making a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Robinson. The Mayor called for a voice roll call on the motion to close nominations with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved. The Mayor called for a roll call on the previous motion to approve the nomination of Mr. Fosdick for Mayor Pro-tem with Mr. Griswold voting nay and all other members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

**BIDS** The Mayor called for consideration of this item pursuant to Section 1-21-3 of the Savanna City Code, bids received, as follows:

**1978 GMC 1 Ton Truck** The Mayor asked the Clerk to open the bids for said truck and read aloud. The Clerk opened and read aloud 22 bids for this item. The Mayor called for action on said bids with Mr. Fosdick moving, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to accept the bid submitted by Mr. Paul Wurster Jr. for \$3107.00 for said truck. The Mayor called for additional comments on said 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.

**1976 Ford 900 Fire Truck** The Mayor asked the Clerk to open the bids for said truck and read aloud. The Clerk opened and read aloud 7 bids for this item. The Mayor called for action on this agenda item, noting the Train Car Museum Board has requested this truck be retained by the Fire Department to be utilized for the Haunted Forest annual event. Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve this request. The Mayor called for discussion on the motion with Mr. Robinson commenting he is not in favor of the Fire Department keeping the truck and maintaining, storing and servicing the truck at City expense. After further discussion, Mr. Fosdick withdrew his motion and then motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to table this item to the next meeting, pending additional response from the Train Car Museum Board. The Mayor called for a voice roll call on the motion to table this item with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and approved.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

The Mayor called for discussion and action on the monthly reports submitted by the Administration, Police, Fire, and Public Works department heads. Mr. Robinson questioned the hours worked in the Refuse Department with Mr. Lindeman responding. Mayor Stebbins questioned the hours worked by Public Works employees for the Fire Department with Mr. Lindeman responding. After supplementary discussion and comments, the Mayor called for Council action on said monthly reports with Mr. Fosdick moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey, to

accept said monthly reports, 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.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Mayor called for consideration of any unfinished business, as follows:

**Ordinance, Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property , Old Street Signs** The Mayor called for consideration of proposed Ordinance #1940 with Mr. Fosdick moving, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to read proposed Ordinance #1940 by title only and approve said Ordinance, as written. The Mayor called upon the City Clerk to read aloud the title of said proposed Ordinance #1940. After the reading of said title the Mayor called for 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 Ordinance #1940 approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Mayor called for consideration of any new business, as follows:

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary closing of The Savanna Army depot, Ron Johnston** The Mayor recognized Mr. Johnston from the audience to provide the details of this proposed event. Mr. Johnson requested City assistance in support of this event by allowing a parade and other activities in Savanna. After discussion, the Mayor referred this activity to the newly formed Festival Committee for review and disposition. The Council accepted this action by majority consensus.

**Public Act 96-542, Open Meetings Act, Members to the Public Access Counselor** The Mayor referred to a related document included in the packet with the City Attorney providing a related memo for Council member consumption, prior to considering at the next meeting the appointment of an officer or officers to the FOIA and an officer or officers to the Public Access Counselor.

**Community Funding & Planning Services, Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Improvement Grant Application** The Mayor called for consideration of said agreement with the Mayor noting the WSRSA Committee and Finance Committee have recommended entering into an agreement with said firm for an initial cost of \$2000.00 and an additional cost of \$2000.00 upon grant approval. Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to enter into said agreement for said dollar amount and in accordance with both Committee recommendations. 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, as stated.

**Fehr-Graham & Associates, Agreement for Fourth Street Wall Project** The Mayor called for action consideration of this item with Mr. Robinson providing a brief overview of the status of this project and the Council accepted the recommendation of the Finance Committee to delay funding consideration on this item until additional data has been analyzed supporting positive planned action. After discussion, Mr.

Robinson motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to sign said agreement to start the engineering process.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

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

**Ms. Hansen** Praised the Public Works employees for a good job on the recent snow fighting efforts and reminded everyone of a forthcoming Census Committee meeting on January 19, 2010 @ 7:00 PM.

**Mr. Grummitt** Noted a water leak was reported to him at the Division Street and Cooley Avenue location with Mayor Stebbins referring said comment to the PWS for investigation and remedial action.

**Mr. Grummitt** Reminded everyone of Hotel/Motel meeting on January 13, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

**Ms. Hunsaker** Asked for a status of activities at the proposed new City Hall building with several responses of "waiting on an architect action plan".

**Mayor Stebbins** Commented the City will be asked to consider a 10-acre addition to the enterprise zone and a link has been added to the City Website for realtors.

**Mayor Stebbins** Will place on the next Council Agenda placing John Lindeman on the Enterprise Zone Board representing Savanna.

**Mayor Stebbins** Noted the snow removal plan is available on the internet.

The Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:42:27

Minutes Composed by *Paul Hartman* Savanna City Clerk