

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF SAVANNA, ILLINOIS  
CONDUCTED AT 7:30 PM, FEBRUARY 09, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT  
101 MAIN STREET, SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074

Call to Order

The Hearing was called to order by Mayor Stebbins at 7:30 P.M. Notice of said hearing was delivered to all members of the City Council Members and posted in accordance with the State of Illinois Open Meeting Act.

Roll Call

Mayor Stebbins directed the Clerk to call the roll of members with Mr. William Grummitt, Ms. Peg Haffey, Mr. Jeff Griswold, Ms. Lois Hunsaker, Mr. Merle Long, Mr. Jack Fosdick, and Mr. William Robinson answering present and Ms. Rosalie Hansen absent, constituting a quorum. Others present are attached hereto, as part of the minutes.

Purpose of Public Hearing -

The Mayor read the purpose of the meeting, as follows: The City of Savanna is holding a **Public Hearing to obtain citizens' views on the submission of a** Public Infrastructure Grant Application from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP). This Public Hearing is a requirement of the grant program, and is the first of two Citizen Participation Public Hearings. Specific areas that must be addressed are presented by Sharon Pepin, as follows:

Amount of Funds Available -

Each year, the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity establishes funds for each of **their program categories. This year, the state's allocation is estimated at \$33,000,000.** A breakdown of each program category's funding allotment is as follows: **Economic Development** - \$8,000,000, maximum grant amount is \$750,000; **Public Facilities Construction** - \$12,250,000, maximum grant amount is \$350,000; **Public Facilities Design Engineering** - \$1,000,000, maximum grant amount for design engineering is \$100,000; **Housing Rehabilitation** - \$4,350,000, maximum grant amount is \$350,000; **Additional Housing Rehabilitation for Physically Disabled Persons** - \$750,000, maximum grant \$100,000; and **Public Infrastructure Set-Aside** - \$750,000, maximum grant amount is \$100,000; **Community/Downtown Revitalization** - \$2,500,000, maximum grant amount is \$750,000; and the **Flexible Opportunity Program** - \$3,000,000, maximum grant amount is \$750,000. Approximately \$740,000 is set aside for State administration.

Range of Activities Funded Through These Grant Programs -

**The Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity's Community Development Assistance Grant Program** was established to assist Illinois communities meet their greatest economic and community development needs, with an emphasis upon helping persons of low-to-moderate income. Specific objectives of the program include strengthening community economic development through the creation of jobs, stimulation of private investment and strengthening the tax base; improvement of public infrastructure and elimination of conditions which are **detrimental to health, safety and public welfare; and the conservation and expansion of the state's**

housing stock in order to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for persons of low-to-moderate income and the developmentally disabled.

Eligible activities funded under the Public Infrastructure component include: the funding priority is for water and sanitary and storm sewer projects. Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, demolition, or installation of public infrastructure and improvements are all eligible activities. Projects must be primarily residential in character.

*Proposed Benefit To Low-and-Moderate Income Persons -*

Based upon the data gathered from the community-wide income survey that was completed by the City in 2005, this project will benefit at least 66.87% low-to-moderate income families.

*Plans For Minimizing Displacement -*

No displacement is anticipated because of this project.

*Detailed Prioritized List of Community Development Needs -*

The City of Savannah adopted its first Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan in 1997, at which time it was completed in conjunction with a Comprehensive Plan and a Strategic Plan. Over the years, projects have been added to the plan as they are identified. Below is a list of the public facility and community development projects identified by the City.

- Sanitary Sewer Main Improvements
- Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Water Distribution System Improvements
- Water Tower Maintenance
- Roadway Improvements
- New City Hall and Police Department

The City has been working on many of the projects identified above, and most recently have been focusing on sanitary sewer improvements. In 2006, an Infiltration/Inflow Analysis was completed that consisted of reviewing televising tapes of the collection system and installing flow meters in the drainage basins. This analysis helped to identify areas where excessive amounts of clear water enter the sanitary sewer collection system and contribute to backups and flooding issues. The analysis also identified recommended improvements and prioritized the improvements. The City then started to implement the recommended improvements, focusing first on the priority one problem areas. In 2007, roughly 12,000 lf of deteriorated sanitary sewer mains were lined. A majority of the priority one problem areas were addressed as part of the first sanitary sewer rehab project. The City is now looking to continue with the recommended improvements and has identified the second phase of sanitary sewer rehab improvements, which include the remaining priority one problem areas as well as priority two areas.

The **City of Savannah's** grant application request is for the repair and lining of approximately 5,200 lf of sanitary sewer main, along with the repair and replacement of roughly 18 manholes located in sanitary drainage districts E1 and E2. The proposed project areas have all been identified as high priority problems **that contribute to excessive inflow and infiltration of clear water into the City's** sanitary sewer collection system. The proposed project will address residential sanitary sewer

backups and flooding issues in the project area. It will also address excessive wear and tear and **flooding issues at the City's lift station and wastewater treatment plant, as the City should see a** reduction in the amount of water transported through its collection system and processed at the wastewater treatment plant.

The project cost estimate is \$462,600. The City is applying to DCEO for a Community Development Assistance Program Public Infrastructure grant in the amount of \$350,000, which is 75% of the construction project cost, plus \$19,000 for grant administrative fees. The City will be contributing 25% of the construction project cost, which is \$112,600.

The public may access the City's Community Development Assistance Program application by contacting the City at 273-2251 to arrange a time. A complete copy of the grant application will be available after February 22, 2010.

Ms. Pepin called for any questions or comments and hearing none concluded her presentation.

Mayor Stebbins closed the Public Hearing at 7:41 P.M.

Minutes composed by Paul Hartman, City Clerk of Savanna, Illinois