

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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 7:30:12 P.M. Notice of the meeting was delivered to all board members and 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. Haffey, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Fosdick, and Mayor Stebbins present, constituting a quorum. Other Officials Present: City Attorney, City Clerk, Police Chief, Public Works Superintendent, City Comptroller, and audience including Mr. Alan Hulstedt and Thomas Houck representing Willett Hofmann & Associates, City Engineers, Mr. Miller and Mr. Shrake from the local news media and a small audience.

Absent Officials: Ms. Hansen

Consideration of the Agenda The Mayor called for consideration and discussion of the Council Agenda and called for a motion on the consideration of the Agenda, with Mr. Fosdick moving, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker 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 said agenda approved.

Consideration of the Minutes of the February 29, 2010, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting and the February 18, 2010 TIF Board Meeting The Mayor called for comments, modifications, amendments, and consideration of said minutes. After a brief discussion, Mr. Robinson called for modifications of the February 09 Regular Meeting minutes by deleting language referring to the location of the billboard sign under "Louis Hunsaker" and then motioned, seconded by Mr. Fosdick, to approve all three documents, as modified hereinabove. 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 and written.

AGENDA ITEMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hotel/Motel Committee The Mayor call upon the Hotel/Motel Committee Chair Mr. Grummitt to report on the February 10, 2010 Hotel/Motel Committee meeting activities discussed including a report from Blackhawk Waterways Diane Bousman, a review of the financial reports from the City Comptroller, a report from the consultant Ashley Hatteberg, a brief discussion on budget matters, a referral action to the City Attorney related to nonpayment of tax fees, heard an update on action initiated to collect receipts from a special event, reviewed Committee marketing plan, and discussed the consultant reimbursement from the county. No recommendations for council actions were submitted by the committee for consideration. After a brief discussion, the Mayor called for action on this report with Ms. Hunsaker moving, seconded by Mr. Haffey 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. The Mayor declared said report accepted, as presented.

Personnel Committee Report - Hiring Police Officer, Police Department The Mayor called upon the Personnel Committee Chair Mr. Long to report on the February 15,

2010 Committee meeting with Mr. Moon and committee members fielding several questions related to hiring Mr. Michael Herrig to fill the vacancy created by a recent retirement in the Police Department. After review and discussion, Mr. Long motioned, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the hiring of Mr. Herrig for the Position of Officer 1 for the Police Department at a wage of \$15.00 hourly, beginning Mar1, 2010. 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.

The Committee Chair further noted the Committee reviewed the department time reports, a proposed Ordinance amendment related to repealing Section 1-23-21 (A), (B), & (C), the Committee discussed Police Officer II relevant changes to the Employee Classification Plan with the Chair noting this item will stay on the Committee Agenda, pursuant to additional Classification Plan review and modification by the Public Works Department, the Committee discussed and referred a recommended service award plan, relevant to City volunteers, be placed on the City Council agenda for further consideration.

The Mayor called for consideration of the Personnel Committee report with Mr. Griswold moving, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker 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. The Mayor declared said report accepted, as presented.

Skateboard Park/Snowmobile Trail Committee The Mayor called on the Skateboard Park/Snowmobile Committee Chair, Mr. Fosdick to report on the activities discussed at the Committee meeting conducted on February 17, 2010. The Committee recommended the Council authorize the Public Works Superintendent develop bidding documents and seek bids for the ramp components and concrete work for the proposed Skate Board Park Project. After discussion and review, Mr. Fosdick move, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to accept the recommendation of the Committee and authorize the Public Works Superintendent to seek bids for the proposed Skate Park Project Fixed Facilities Equipment work. 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 more discussion and review, Mr. Fosdick moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to accept the recommendation of the Committee and authorize the Public Works Superintendent to seek bids for the proposed Skate Park Project Re-Enforced Concrete Work. 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.

The Mayor called for consideration of the Skateboard Park/Snowmobile Committee report with Ms. Haffey moving, seconded by Mr. Robinson 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. The Mayor declared said report and actions accepted, as presented.

Contracts and Lease Agreements Committee/Cable Committee The Mayor called for a Committee report from the Committee Chairs Mr. Robinson (Contract and Lease Agreements) and Mr. Long (Cable Committee) on the activities discussed at a committee meeting conducted on February 19, 2010 and a combined meeting of both committees conducted on February 23, 2010, as follows:

The Contracts and Lease Agreements Committee reported on the review of the Savanna Train Car Museum Use Agreement recommending extending said agreement with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Mr. Fosdick to extend this use agreement one (1)

year terminating February 28, 2011. 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

The Contracts and Lease Agreements Committee reported on the review of a lease with Computer Dynamic of NW Illinois recommending modifying said lease to include language that in the event the City finds it necessary to move any tower or relay station said work will be completed by West Carroll School District #314 and further the Committee recommends extending this lease for one (1) year, as modified. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve this Committee recommendation, as stated. 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 said report and actions accepted, as presented.

The Contracts and Lease Agreements Committee reported on the review of a request from JCWIFI, Computer Dynamic Technology for use of the South water tower to attach broadcast equipment to the tower. The Committee concluded the City should not compete with private enterprise and recommends the City Council direct the City Attorney to compose a letter to said firm declining said request. The Mayor declared this recommendation accepted by majority consensus and directed to compose said correspondence.

The Contracts and Lease Agreements Committee reported on the review of the lease agreement with Consolidated Grain and Barge Company and recommend modifying said document to correct the dates relevant to the dates in the current agreement modifying the fees. After clarifying discussion, the Mayor directed, with City Council majority approval consensus, the City Attorney to initiate action to correct this error with said firm.

The Contracts and Lease Agreements Committee reported on a review of a franchise agreement and a lease agreement with Clinton Cablevision (Mediacom) recommending said agreements are no longer needed and noted all equipment has been removed from the tower structure.

The Contracts and Lease Agreements Committee and the Cable Committees reported on a review of a site lease agreement with Mediacom recommending the City Attorney compose a letter to said firm requesting re-negotiating this agreement, prior to the termination of said lease on June 12, 2012. After discussion, the Council by consensus decided to defer this recommendation to a future Committee meeting.

The Mayor called for a motion to accept this report with Ms. Haffey moving to accept the committees reports, as presented, seconded by Mr. Grummitt, 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 said report and actions accepted, as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor called for any communication for consideration with no response.

APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor called for ratification of appointments of Mr. Grummit to the Finance Committee, Mr. Robinson to the Cable committee, Ms. Hunsaker to the Personnel Committee and Mr. Fosdick to the Contracts and Lease Agreement Committee. After no discussion, Ms. Haffey motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve said appointments to said Committees. 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 said report and actions accepted, as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Mayor called for any unfinished business with no response.

NEW BUSINESS

Project Costs, New City Hall/Police Department - Willett Hofmann The Mayor called on Mr. Alan Hulstedt and Thomas Houck representing Willett, Hofmann & Associates City Engineers to present a power point review of the proposed improvements and proposed project costs to be considered by the City Council for the rehab of the new City Hall venture on 333 Chicago Avenue. After a summary of professional options of probable project budget costs (estimated at \$512,000.00) for the renovation of the building located at 333 Chicago Avenue. After discussion and questions and answers, the Mayor deferred the project proposal to the Building and Public Property Committee (scheduled for March 4, 2010 at 3:30 P.M.) for review and recommendations to the Council, pursuant to further actions. A listing of available funds supporting this project was included for review by the City Council, including monthly loan projections in the event the City council chose to borrow funds for this proposed project. The Council by consensus approved this action.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

Michael Wey The Mayor recognized Mr. Wey from the audience who addressed the Council encouraging the Council to be more discretionary in passing resolutions that override ordinances and strive to keep the public informed.

Mrs. John Powell The Mayor recognized Ms. Powell from the audience who addressed the Council stating her opposition to the Council passing a resolution allowing liquor to be served on Christmas Day.

Ms. Anna Rice The Mayor recognized Ms. Rice from the audience who addressed the Council announcing her and others would be conducting a citywide garage sale on June 25/26, 2010 at a cost to participate of \$6.00 per participant.

Mr. John Powell The Mayor recognized Mr. Powell from the audience who questioned the Council on the actions taken to pass a recent resolution with voting members absent. The Mayor replied it is required that a quorum is present and a majority is needed to adopt resolutions.

Public Works Superintendent noted the electrical would be off on Wednesday morning at 4:30 A.M. for 15 minutes.

Police Chief announced Officer Long has been chosen as a referee for the upcoming State girl's basketball tournament.

Mr. Grummitt noted he had read in the sunshine laws distributed that the City should send someone for training for the Freedom of Information act. The Mayor responded that Sheryl Sipe and the office staff has been designated for this purpose.

Mr. Long announced he had no comments and later asked for more details on the power outage and further announced a Personnel Committee will be scheduled for March 1, 2010 at 7:00 P.M... The Mayor responded to the power outage inquiry by

announcing a major project is being planned and preliminary re-build work is underway by J0-Carroll Energy to improve the electric distribution system in Savanna to increase system efficiency and improve reliability. The rebuild- includes a complete voltage conversion of the City providing backup services to all parts of the City with all electric sub-stations having the same voltage. After completion of the project, electricity can be rerouted during planned outages or emergencies resulting in a reduction of inventory needs and line loss, ultimately decreasing operational costs.

ADJOURNMENT With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:47 P.M.

Minutes Composed *by Paul Hartman* Savanna City Clerk