

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY
COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, MARCH 09,
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 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. 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 the removal from the agenda "Willett Hoffman & Assoc. Inc., Agreement Proposal for Professional Services, Building Renovations, 333 Chicago Avenue. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve the agenda, as amended. 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 23, 2010, Regular Council Meeting The Mayor called for comments, modifications, amendments, and consideration of said minutes. Mr. Robinson called for amendment to the Contracts and Agreements Committee report and the Personnel Committee report. After discussion and remedy Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Ms. Haffey, 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 and written.

AGENDA ITEMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee The Mayor noted said Committee Meeting was canceled.

Hotel/Motel Committee The Mayor call upon the Hotel/Motel Committee Chair Mr. Grummitt to report on the March 03, 2010 Hotel/Motel Committee meeting activities discussed including a discussion on the billboard design with the Committee deciding by majority consensus not to modify the sign face during this cycle ending March 28, 2010. After a brief discussion, the Mayor called for action on this report with Ms. Haffey moving, seconded by Mr. Fosdick 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.

Building and Public Property Committee The Mayor called for the Committee Chair Mr. Long to report on the March 04, 2010 Building and Public Property Committee meeting activities discussed including a short discussion on the Bike Trail, a 10 Chauncy Street bidding update and a discussion and presentation from Willett Hofmann engineers on the building renovation rehabilitation project at 333 Chicago Avenue with the Committee recommending moving forward with the project pending Finance Committee review and consideration. Upon completion of this

report the Mayor called for action on said report with Ms. Haffey moving, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker, to accept said report, as submitted. 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.

Finance Committee The Mayor called for a Committee report from Chairperson Mr. Fosdick on the committee activities considered at the March 09, 2010 meeting. The Committee discussed the acquisition of a Ford 250 Truck for the Public Works department with further review conclude, reviewed and accepted the Comptroller's Accounts receivable monthly report, reviewed accepted the Comptroller' 12/24/36/48/60 monthly report, reviewed the 2009/2010 Budget monthly report, recommends payment of Warrant #11, took no action on a Prairie Almanac request, Mr. Fosdick motioned to approve payment from MFT funds for the construction inspection of the 4th. Street wall project. After further discussion rescinded his motion and a Resolution will be prepared for the next Council meeting for payment approval. The Committee further decided to negotiate engineering service cost options for the building renovation for 333 Chicago Avenue , pursuant to making a recommendation to the City Council, agreed not to bid out the Health Insurance, reviewed a Capital Improvement listing from the Police and Public Works Department with no action initiated and laid over considerations related to clothing allowance, salary adjustments and budget worksheets due to time restraints and set a meeting for 9 A.M. , Monday March 15, 2010 to further review the budget process. After a full discussion, the Mayor called for consideration of said report with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to accept this report, as submitted. 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.

WARRANT #11

The Mayor called for consideration of said warrant distributed in the packets and totaling \$177,207.62 including warrant items for \$106,481.90, payroll of \$70,725.72. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve payment of said warrant. 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 said motion carried and approved, as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor called for any communications and presented correspondence distributed around the table, from the Humane Society of Carroll County requesting a letter of support related to a PetSmart Charities grant they are seeking. After discussion the Council agreed by majority consensus for the Mayor to compose a letter of support and the City Attorney compose a Resolution for Council consideration at their next regular meeting supporting said grant approval.

APPOINTMENTS

Police Pension Board, Marty Rubio, 2 Year Term 04/30/12, Fire Pension Board, Keith Brown, 2 Year Term 04/17/12 The Mayor called for ratification of the appointments, as stated with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey to accept said appointments, 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 accepted, as presented.

BIDS None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS The Mayor called for any unfinished business with no response.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial, Police, Fire & Public Works for February 2010 The Mayor called for consideration of said reports with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve said reports, 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 reports accepted, as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Savanna train car Museum, Inc. 3rd Addendum t Use Agreement for Savanna Train Car The Mayor presented said agreement document extending current agreement for 1 year, included in the packet, for consideration with Mr. Griswold moving, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve said agreement. 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 motion carried and approved.

Computer Dynamics of NW Illinois, LLC, 2nd Addendum To that Certain Facilities Space Lease The Mayor presented said agreement document extending the current agreement for 1 year, included in the packet, for consideration with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve said agreement. 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 motion carried and approved.

Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc., Agreement proposal for professional Services, Building renovations, 333 Chicago Avenue the Mayor declared this item removed from the Agenda and no action initiated - still in Committee. Mr. Griswold was recognized by the Mayor and commented that the general public has not adequately been informed of the concept or need for the proposed building renovations and proposed a special or public meeting be held, since this is al large amount of money, for the specific purpose of informing the public. The Mayor responded this matter has been publicized through the local news media for the past several months and has been on the City Council agenda on several occasions without public participation. Mr. Fosdick asked to be heard on the matter with the Mayor referring to the "Comment" portion of the Agenda to further discussion this item.

New City Hall/Police Department Building , Request To Go Out For Bids No action initiated - still in Committee.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

Mr. Steve Silberman The Mayor recognized Mr. Silberman from the audience who addressed the Council encouraging the Council to include more details in the agenda document so the general public can be better informed on the proposed items for consideration. The Mayor thanked Mr. Silberman for his comments.

Mr. Roger Husband The Mayor recognized Mr. Husband from the audience who addressed the Council commenting he would like to see more public input on the proposed building renovations project and further the Council should consider hiring an engineer and place on staff instead of paying all the engineering costs the council has authorized recently. The Mayor thanked Mr. Husband for his comments.

Mike Moon The Mayor recognized Mr. Moon from the Appointed Officials Table who commented on the prevailing wage costs, the need for additional space for the police department, and long term cost saving by completing the building renovation project.

Mr. Moon also commented on the tsunami of trash inundating our City right-of-ways, as well as, along the highways leading into our city and encouraged everyone to participate in making our City more pleasing to the eye by volunteering to remove these discarded items in their area of concern.

Mr. Robinson The Mayor recognized Mr. Robinson who commented on receiving a letter notifying him he would soon receive census documents.

Mr. Long The Mayor recognized Mr. Long from the Elected Officials Table who commented he has received several calls concerning the funding for building renovations have become a major concern for the taxpayers and the funds for this project should be directed to other priority projects.

Ms. Haffey The Mayor recognized Ms. Haffey from the Elected Officials Table who commented she has also received several calls concerning the funding for building renovations that have become a major concern for the taxpayers and agrees with Merle's comment on funding other projects.

Ms. Sipe The Mayor recognized Ms. Sipe from the Appointed Officials Table who commented the Council has planned for the proposed costs for building renovations and funds are available for completing this project and certain funds cannot be used elsewhere for other projects.

Mr. Grummitt The Mayor recognized Mr. Grummitt from the Elected Officials Table who commented a Hotel Motel/Motel Committee meeting will be conducted at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

Ms. Hunsaker The Mayor recognized Ms. Hunsaker from the Elected Officials Table who commented she has also received several calls concerning the funding for building renovations that have become a major concern for the taxpayers, citing additional costs yet to be addressed by the council i.e. furniture, telephone and other communication concerns.

Mr. Fosdick The Mayor recognized Mr. Fosdick from the Elected Officials Table who commented he has also received several calls concerning the funding for building renovations that have become a major concern for the taxpayers and commented he would like to see the bids taken and then schedule a town meeting to obtain public input on the building issue and the city should probably consider hiring an engineer on staff.

Mr. Fosdick Also commented and updated the Council on the status of the Skate Park Project stating specifications have been completed, bids are advertised, and 401 clearance have been ratified with concerned agencies, with bids to be received on the 23 of March, 2010.

Mayor Stebbins commented on the costs related to the building venture noting that long term this project will be beneficial to the taxpayers and supports the completion of the project.

ADJOURNMENT With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:09:35 P.M.

Minutes Composed by *Paul Hartman* Savanna City Clerk