

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY  
COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, MARCH 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 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 Clerk, Fire Chief, Police Chief, City Comptroller, and a small audience including Mr. Miller and Mr. Shrake from the local news media.

**Absent Officials:** Ms. Hansen

**Consideration of the Agenda** The Mayor called for consideration and discussion of the Council Agenda. After discussion, Mr. Grummitt moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey, to approve the agenda, as submitted. 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 March 09, 2010, Regular Council Meeting** The Mayor called for comments, modifications, amendments, and consideration of said minutes. Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker, 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 modified.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Hotel/Motel Committee** The Mayor call upon the Hotel/Motel Committee Chair Mr. Grummitt to report on the March 10, 2010 Hotel/Motel Committee meeting activities including a discussion on the 2010/2011 budget proposal, additional discussion on the nonpayment of tax and approval of funds for an event to be conducted at the Savanna Army Depot. After a brief discussion, the Mayor called for action on this report with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Ms. 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.

**Finance Committee** The Mayor called for a Committee report from Chairperson Mr. Fosdick on the committee activities considered at the March 15, 18, and 23, 2010 Committee meetings.

The Committee at the 3/15/2010 Committee meeting layed over an agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc. related to proposed building renovations at 333 Chicago Avenue, reviewed a proposed departmental Capital Improvement and Equipment Listing, discussed funding a request from the PWS to acquire a Ford 250 truck, discussed a clothing allowance issue, reviewed employee salary adjustments and reviewed the Budget Work sheets for 2010/2011.

The Committee at the 3/18/2010 Committee meeting reviewed and amended items on the Capital Improvement and Equipment Listing, heard a clarification on the clothing allowance from the Comptroller, and reviewed and amended the Budget Work sheets.

The Committee at the 3/23/2010 8:00 AM meeting reviewed the Willett, Hofmann, & Associates, Inc. agreement for engineering services for the building renovations at 333 Chicago Avenue and learned, after negotiations, the costs proposed had been reduced by approximately \$10,000.00 with the Mayor noting this item will be considered later in the agenda, reviewed and amended the Capital Improvement and Equipment Listing and discussed a letter from the City janitor requesting an additional \$10.00 per week, if the City moves to the 333 Chicago Avenue location and again reviewed and modified the 2010/2011 budget Work sheets.

The Committee at the 6:30 PM meeting again reviewed the Capital Improvement and Equipment Listing and initiated several adjustments to the Budget Work sheets. After further discussion on the report, the Committee recommends to the City Council to include in the proposed budget a 3% salary increase for all non-union employees and also include in the budget the Capital Improvement and Equipment Listing distributed around the table for review with the proposed draft budget for 2010/2011. After a full discussion, Mr. Fosdick moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to accept this recommendation. 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 recommendation accepted, as presented.

The Mayor called for consideration of this Finance Committee Report with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to accept this report, as given. The Mayor called for additional comments or 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.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor called for any communications and read aloud a communication from Mr. William R. Scott, dated March 15, 2010 resigning from the Police Pension Board. After limited discussion, Ms. Hunsaker moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to accept this resignation with regret. After no discussion, the Mayor called for a voice roll call 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.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Police Pension Board, Linda Yenney, Remainder of Bill Scott's 2 Year Term 04/30/11  
The Mayor called for ratification of this appointment, as stated with Ms. Hunsaker moving, seconded by Mr. Fosdick to accept said appointment, 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 appointment accepted.

#### **BIDS**

Skate Board Park, Reinforced Concrete Slab The Mayor called for bid proposals for this project with the following proposals received:

1. Colgan Excavating, LLC----- \$11,420.00
2. Rockafellow Construction - 4" Slab ----- \$ 9,100.00
3. Rockafellow Construction - 6" Slab ----- \$ 9,625.00
4. Harn Construction Co. - 4" Slab ----- \$15,400.00
5. Harn Construction Co. - 6" Slab ----- \$17,000.00
6. Behm's Concrete and Masonry - 4" Slab----- \$ 6250.00
7. Behm's concrete and Masonry - 6" Slab----- \$ 7500.00

After opening the bid proposals, the Mayor referred all bids to the Skateboard Park/Snowmobile Committee for review and recommendation. This action accepted by Council consensus.

Skate Board Park, Fixed Facilities The Mayor called for opening bid proposals for this project with the following proposals received;

1. Spohn ranch Skateparks Inc. - Option 1 ----- \$59,948.80
2. Spohn ranch Skateparks Inc. - Option 2 ----- \$55,045.83
3. American Ramp company ----- \$58,329.42

After opening the bid proposals, the Mayor referred all bids to the Skateboard Park/Snowmobile Committee for review and recommendation. This action accepted by Council consensus.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution of Support for Carroll County Humane Society Grant** The Mayor referred to proposed Resolution #999, delivered with the packets and supporting the grant application of the Carroll County Humane Society for funds to be used to spay/neutering of feral cats in the towns of Carroll County with Mr. Grummitt moving, seconded by Mr. Fosdick to read said resolution by title only and approve proposed Resolution #999, as written. The Mayor read said proposed Resolution #999 by title only and 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 Resolution #999 adopted and approved.

**Supplemental Resolution, MFT funds for Engineering Services for 4<sup>th</sup> Street Wall Project** The Mayor referred to proposed Resolution #1000, delivered with the packets and appropriating supplemental finds for engineering services in the amount of \$20,379.65 for a proposed improvement consisting of a concrete wall, concrete curb and pavement on Fourth Street Between Murray Street and Quincy Street. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Fosdick to approve proposed Resolution #1000. 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 resolution #1000 adopted and approved.

**Willett, Hofmann & Assoc. Inc., Agreement Proposal for Professional Services, Building Renovation, 333 Chicago Avenue** The Mayor referred to said agreement with all site improvements excluded from the scope of the project and includes Part 1 - Phase 1 Final Design Phase services for preparation of bid and construction documents, as well as, two review meetings for a fee not to exceed \$35,500 and Part 2 - Bid Phase for engineering services on a time and material basis not to exceed \$4,000. Mr. Griswold commented on the need to further stimulate citizen involvement by providing a "Question and Answer" open meeting for the public or just add this as an agenda item. The Mayor and others responded that this building project has been discussed at numerous meetings over the last few years with news articles appearing in the local newspapers and the public should be well aware of the project and the potential cost. Several members commented on the general discussion with attendees at the Saturday Open House on 333 Chicago Avenue with both positive and negative comments received. After full discussion and comments, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve said agreement, as presented. The Mayor called for additional comments and hearing none called for a roll call vote on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said agreement approved.

**New City Hall/Police Department Building, Request To Go Out For Bids** The Mayor called for consideration of this request with Mr. Fosdick moving, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve seeking bids for the building renovation work at 333 Chicago Avenue. The Mayor called for additional discussion on said motion and after discussion called for a roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said action approved.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

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

**Ms. Pam Brown** The Mayor recognized Ms. Brown, representing the Savanna Chamber, from the audience who addressed the Council inviting them to attend a website launch party and news conference for the new Travel Mississippi River initiative in downtown Davenport at the Figge Art Museum on April 12, 2010 at 10:00 AM.

**Mr. Mick Morfey** The Mayor recognized Mr. Morfey from the audience who congratulated the Council on the success of completing work associated with a boat launch grant recently completed at the end West end of Division Street and further noted that he had not heard of any positive action initiated in Savanna to get ready for the impact of the occupation of the prison facility in Thomson.

**Fire Chief** The Mayor recognized Mr. Picolotti from the appointed officials table who announced the Fire Department had additional grant funds through Representative Boland.

**Police Chief** The Mayor recognized Mr. Moon from the appointed officials table who commented he has arranged for a community service worker to begin with his trash clean-up project on the streets and parkways of Savanna.

**Ms. Hunsaker** The Mayor recognized Ms. Hunsaker from the Elected Officials Table who commented she had recently attended a Tri-state sponsored tourism event and will share learned information with the Hotel/Motel Committee.

**Mr. Fosdick** The Mayor recognized Mr. Fosdick from the Elected Officials Table who commented a meeting of the Skateboard/Snowmobile Committee is scheduled to be conducted at 6:00 PM on March 25, 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT** With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30:39 P.M.

Minutes Composed *by Paul Hartman* Savanna City Clerk