

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL,
CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 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, Ms. Hansen, Mr. Fosdick, and Mayor Stebbins present, **constituting a quorum**. Other Officials Present: City Attorney, City Clerk, Fire Chief, Police Chief, City Comptroller, Public Works Director and a small audience including Mr. Miller and Mr. Shrake from the local news media.

Absent Officials: None

Public Hearing to Discuss 2010/2011 Budget The Mayor opened the floor for comments and discussion on the proposed Ordinance making appropriations for corporate purposes of the City of Savanna, commencing on the first day of May 2010 and ending April 30, 2011. The Mayor noted a change has been made to the Water System Improvement Fund by adding \$5000.00 to line item 49200 for Water Tower Improvements increasing the total budget to \$5,840,305.00. After discussion, the Mayor declared the first reading of this proposed Ordinance concluded and the Hearing concluded at approximately 7:45 PM

Consideration of the Agenda The Mayor called for consideration and discussion of the Council Agenda and added Personnel Committed to committee reports. After discussion, Mr. Grummitt moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve the agenda, as modified. 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, as modified.

Consideration of the Minutes of the March 23, 2010, Regular Council Meeting The Mayor called for comments, modifications, amendments, and consideration of said minutes. With no discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Fosdick, 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

Skateboard Park/Snowmobile Trail Committee The Mayor called upon Committee Chairperson Mr. Fosdick to report on the March 25, 2010 and the April 06, 2010 committee meeting activities. Mr. Fosdick reviewed a request from the Winter Warriors Snowmobile Club (March 25, 2010 meeting) to support a grant opportunity to provide signage to extend a snowmobile trail from Poopy's Pub easterly through his back yard and eventually connect with the Scenic Bluff Road, thence Northerly to Route 52/64, thence Westerly to Oakton Road and thence Northerly to the City of Savanna city limits. Said grant totaling \$50,972.00 will require no City up-front or matching funds, will require very limited administration activities, and should be submitted to the proper authorities before May 1, 2010. After discussion, Ms. Hanson motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to support by signing this grant application. The Mayor called for additional discussion and hearing none called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said support for said grant approved.

Mr. Fosdick also commented on the Committee's review of bids received for providing a concrete slab for a proposed skate park facility, noting a total of seven bids were received with Behm Concrete and Masonry, Sabula, Iowa submitting the lowest bid. The Committee

recommends this bid be awarded and a notice to proceed be approved under agenda item bids.

Mr. Fosdick also commented on the Committee's review of the bids received for fixed equipment for a proposed skate park facility with two bids reviewed. The Committee recommends, after review, to declare all bids received from Spohn Ranch Skatepark Inc. is declared non-responsive to the equipment specifications, with 10 items noted in the March 25, 2010 minutes.

Mr. Fosdick reviewed the activities of the April 06, 2010 Committee meeting commenting the Committee further reviewed the fixed equipment bid received from American Ramp Company and declared this proposal as meeting all the required specifications and recommend to the Council to disqualify this bid due to an issue with calculating the total bid. Mr. Fosdick moved to disqualify all bids for fixed equipment, seconded by Mr. Robinson. 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.

Mr. Fosdick commented the Committee recommends the Council waive the bidding requirements and negotiate directly with American Ramp Company for this equipment for this project, subject to the final cost resulting in budgetary restraints. Mr. Fosdick moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to waive all bidding requirements related to providing fixed equipment for a skate park. 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 bidding requirements waived.

Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to award the contract to American Ramp Company for a final negotiated (by the Mayor Mr. Fosdick and City Clerk) amount within budget limits established in the 2010/2011 budget and approve the Mayor and City Clerk affixing his signature on subject contract documents. The Mayor called for additional discussion on the motion 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 related bidding requirement waived and said project awarded to American ramp company under the conditions hereinabove stated.

The Mayor called for consideration of the Skateboard Park/Snowmobile Trail Committee report with Mr. Grummitt moving, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve the report, as given. 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.

Water, sewer, Refuse, Street, and Alley Committee The Mayor called upon Mr. Robinson to review the activities of said committee meeting conducted on March 30, 2010. Mr. Robinson committee reviewed transfer station fees and determined there is a need to examine the fee structure and directed the PWS to obtain the scales from the county and test them for accuracy. Mr. Robinson also commented on parking issues on 3rd Street at the Lutheran Church concluding additional details will be determine corrective action to be implemented. Mr. Robinson commented on a committee discussion related to proposed maintenance on the Pinnacle water tower proposed maintenance and related issues with other equipment attachments to the water tower. In conclusion, the Committee will pursue locating someone interested in constructing a tower for said equipment attachments, pursuant to removing the equipment in question. Mr. Robinson commented on a request for street lighting improvements on Portland Avenue near the residence of Linda Frerichs and the committee concluded that the PWS will obtain a cost to install a couple of lights on existing poles in this area and report back to the committee on the cost. Mr. Robinson commented the IDOT has signed off on Phase II of the 4th. Street retaining wall project and bids will be opened on this project tentatively April 21, 2010. Mr. Robinson commented Moring disposal would be conducting a citywide spring clean up on April 24, 2010.

After discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to accept this report with Mr. Long moving to accept, seconded by Ms. Hansen. 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 report accepted.

Finance Committee The Mayor called for a Committee report from Chairperson Mr. Fosdick on the committee activities considered at the April 13, 2010 Committee meetings. Mr. Fosdick confirmed that the Committee concurs in adding \$5000.00 to the project fund listing for the Pinnacle water tower maintenance under water systems improvements. The Committee concurs in also adding \$5000.00 to the budget work sheets for the Pinnacle water tower maintenance under water systems improvements. The Committee reviewed in-active accounts and authorized several write-offs. The Committee reviewed the monthly finance reports, recommended approval and payment of Warrant #12, concurred in adding \$5000 to the budget for Pinnacle water tower maintenance, concurred in recommending payment of a reduced bill to Fischer Excavating, Inc., authorized in-active write-offs for water, sewer and refuse collection services and authorized a 3% increase in employee starting salaries.

After discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to accept this report with Ms. Haffey moving, seconded by Mr. Robinson to accept this report as given. The Mayor called for additional comments 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 report accepted.

Personnel Committee The Mayor called upon Committee Chairperson Long for a report on a recommendation from the Personnel Committee meeting conducted on February 15, 2001 overlooked and not acted upon by the City Council, as follows;

Police Officer II, Request for Classification Change The Mayor called for presentation of this item with Mr. Moon requesting consideration of amending the language of the Police Officer II of the Classification Plan. The sentence as follows: "Must also have at least 16 hrs. of training in a supervisor school" is recommended to be revised to read, "Must also have 16 hrs. of relevant training", in addition, the sentence "Must also have at least 16 hrs. of training in a supervisor school" is added to the Classification language of Police Lieutenant. After discussion, Mayor Stebbins moved to recommend to the City Council to approve the Classification Plan as stated herein. 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 discussion, the Mayor called for a motion on this classification matter with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey to accept the Personnel Committee recommendation to amend the Police Officer II language as stated hereinabove. The Mayor called for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll call on said motion with all members voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said classification language change approved.

After final discussion, the Mayor called for a motion on the Committee report with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey to accept this Committee report, as presented. 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 said report accepted.

WARRANT #12

The Mayor called for consideration of said warrant distributed in the packets and totaling \$220,652.67 including warrant items for \$144, 410, 72, payroll of \$76, 241, 95 After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motion, seconded by Ms. Haffey 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

West Carroll National Honor Society The Mayor called for any communications and read aloud a communication from the National Honor Society requesting permission to hold a “homeless-for-a-night” event in Sullivan’s parking lot from 3 PM April 24 to early AM April 25 and allow a burning barrel (Resolution later) and the use of a City dump truck. After a limited discussion, the Council approved these requests by majority consensus.

Mediacom The Mayor referred to correspondence Mediacom reflecting specific increases for specific services and noted these increases are not subject to Council consideration or action and we are simply being advised of the increase. The council accepted this without further comment.

APPOINTMENTS

Freedom of Information, Officers, Sheryl Sipe and Mike Moon The Mayor called for ratification of said appointments with the City Attorney commenting on the raison d’être related to revisiting these appointments. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Hansen to accept both 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 appointment accepted, as presented.

Fire and Police Commission, William Wright, 3 Year Term , 04/30/13 The Mayor called for ratification of said appointment, as stated with Ms. Haffey moving, seconded by Mr. Grummitt, 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, as presented.

BIDS

Skate Board Park The Mayor called for consideration and discussion on the seven bid proposals received for the proposed skate park project. The Mayor commented on the Skate Park Committee’s review of bids received for providing a concrete slab for a proposed skate park facility, with Behm Concrete and Masonry, Sabula, Iowa submitting the lowest bid. The Committee recommends this bid be awarded and a notice to proceed be approved under agenda item bids. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick moved, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve the Committee’s recommendations, as stated. The Mayor called for additional discussion 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 said contract awarded.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial, Police Fire and Public Works The Mayor called for consideration of said reports with Mr. Fosdick making a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

333 Chicago Avenue, Building Demolition, Update the Mayor called for comments and discussion from the audience and board members with Mr. Long questioning completing demo work with City forces without knowing the final costs, resulting in a partially demolished interior and maybe a high bid. After more discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt, to proceed with the city forces providing demolition work to the interior of the structure as identified by the engineer’s demo plan. The Mayor called for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a ~~voice~~ voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said demo work authorized.

NEW BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Pavilion, Aaron Geesey Presentation The Mayor called upon Mr. Geesey to proceed with his presentation and request. Mr. Geesey addressed the panel and provided a background of his boy scouting status and a brief history of similar activities addressed by previous Councils. Mr. Geesey concluded by requesting the authority to erect a 9' x 18' pavilion on City property located along Broderick Drive near and adjacent to an established parking site and two picnic tables. Funding for this project will be provided by the requestor and said pavilion will become the property of the City of Savanna upon completion. After discussion and presentation, Mr. Fosdick moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt, to authorize Mr. Aaron Geesey to construct, at his expense, said pavilion with oversight provided by the PWS. The Mayor called for additional comments 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 authorization to construct said pavilion approved.

Ordinance Annual Budget The Mayor called for presentation of this Proposed Ordinance. After discussion, the Mayor read this proposed Ordinance by title only and laid it over to the next meeting.

Resolution, Support of 2010 Annual SpringCleanup The Mayor called for consideration and comments on this proposed Resolution #1001. After discussion and review Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Ms. Hansen to adopt and approve this proposed Resolution #1001 supporting a jointly coordinated cleanup effort to be conducted on April 22, 2010 through April 24, 2010. The Mayor called for additional comments or discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll call with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution #1001 adopted and approved.

An Ordinance Repealing title 1, Chapter 25, Entitled Freedom of Information Act and replacing it With a New Ordinance The Mayor called for the first reading of said Ordinance. After discussion, the Mayor read aloud by title only and said proposed Ordinance laid over to the next meeting.

Fischer Excavating, Inc. Change Order/Final Payment, Boat Ramp The Mayor commented this item has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and recommended for approval of a change-order reducing the final costs by \$3,633.84. After clarifying discussion, Mr. Fosdick moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve this change-order as recommended by the Finance Committee, as clarified. The Mayor called for addition 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 said change-order approved for final payment on said project.

Resolution, Allowing Burn Barrels for West Carroll National Honor Society The Mayor called for consideration, discussion and comments on this proposed Resolution #1002 requesting a variance from City Code standards of 5-5-2 on the 24th and 25th day of April to allow a burn barrel at Sullivan's parking lot so as to authorize the use of burn barrels at said time and location as a part of the West Carroll High School homeless awareness event. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve this request, as stated hereinabove. The Mayor called for additional discussion and comments 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 request approved, as stated.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

Aaron Geesey The Mayor recognized M. Geesey from the audience who addressed the Mayor requesting his signature on his project document.

Police Chief The Mayor recognized Mr. Moon from the appointed officials table who announced the Ordinance Officer would start work soon and the community worker is working on the clean-up needs in the community.

Mr. Robinson The Mayor recognized Mr. Robinson from the Elected Officials Table who commented a review of the complying with burn barrel regulatory provisions are not being monitored sufficiently.

Mr. Grummitt The Mayor recognized Mr. Grummitt from the Elected Officials Table who commented the Hotel/Motel meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2010 at 6PM.

Mr. Griswold The Mayor recognized Mr. Griswold from the Elected Officials Table who commented on the clean-up work being performed in the wooded area along the bike path. The PWS commented he is aware and will monitor activities.

Ms. Hunsaker The Mayor recognized Ms. Hunsaker from the Elected Officials Table who asked for rules concerning the planned clean up with the PWS commenting these rules are available at the City Office or can be obtained through the contractor.

Mr. Fosdick The Mayor recognized Mr. Fosdick from the Elected Officials Table who requested the Ordinance Committee review the liquor regulations and consider amendments concerning liquor sales on Sundays from 6AM to Noon.

ADJOURNMENT With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:47:34 P.M.

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman Savanna City Clerk