

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL,
CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS AT 101 MAIN STREET SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

Call to Order Mayor Stebbins called the meeting to order on said date 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.

Consideration of the Agenda The Mayor called for consideration and discussion of the Council Agenda. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Fosdick, 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, as written.

Consideration of the Minutes of the April 13, 2010, Regular Council Meeting The Mayor called for comments, modifications, amendments, and consideration of said minutes. With Mr. Grummitt, noting the word "voice" is misspelled under Unfinished Business Item 333 Chicago Avenue, Building Demolition, Update in the roll call sentence. With no further comments, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker, 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.

AGENDA ITEMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hotel/Motel Committee The Mayor call upon the Hotel/Motel Committee Chair Mr. Grummitt to report on the April 14, 2010 Hotel/Motel Committee meeting activities discussed, including a report from Blackhawk Waterways Diane Bausman, a review of the financial reports from the City Comptroller, a report from the consultant Ashley Hatteberg, commented on providing funding (up to \$100.00) in support for catering a news conference announcing the birth of TravelMississippiRiver.org and in addition, provided funding in the amount of \$3500.00 to the Savanna Chamber of Commerce for marketing tourism for the Savanna area, approved a promotional plan, and approved writing off a disputed consultant fee with Carroll County Hotel/Motel Board. 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. Haffey 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.

Building and Public Grounds Committee The Mayor called upon Mr. Long to review the activities of said Committee meeting conducted on April 15, 2010. Mr. Long called upon Mr. Dennis Astely General Manager of Engineering for Jo-Carroll Energy to present a proposed utility improvement project that will require utility easements from the City at two locations on City owned properties at locations generally described as the 700 block of North Fourth Street and the second location generally identified as the east end of East Bowen Street beginning at the route 84 intersection, thence westerly. After discussion and presentation, the Council by majority consensus referred this item back to the BPPC for additional review, pursuant to action recommendations by the City Council. The Mayor declared said item deferred to committee. Mr. Long further noted a request to purchase

City property on the westerly end of Pike Road remains under review and a dangerous building on Division Street and a dangerous tree issue on Diagonal Street are being pursued, pursuant to establishing a safe condition. 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. Haffey moving, seconded by Ms. Hansen 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.

Special Events Committee The Mayor called on Committee Chair Mr. Hartman to provide an activity report on a Committee meeting held on April 16, 2010. The Committee recommended the Council consider the following Committee recommendation; The Committee recommends granting this parade event and acknowledges the fact that parades are exempt under Section 3-14-3 Exemptions of the Savanna Code. The following recommendations and comments are offered for City Council review since this parade may generate a sprinkling of associated concession and itinerate and local merchants that may take advantage of even a small crowd. Note a vehicle show is planned in the alley west of Main Street, as well as, other supplementary concessions. The Committee recommends no conditions should be imposed on the event holders. The Committee recommends the parade event sponsors be granted the right to use public properties for the proposed parade event as follows; Staging the parade line-up in the alley West of Main Street at Division Street and including Division Street west of Main Street thence south and north in the alleys west of Main Street from Division Street as necessary to accommodate the number of participating parade units. The parade is scheduled to start at 1:00 p.m. on June 12, 2010 from said staging area and proceed from Division Street southerly onto Main Street to the intersection at Chicago Avenue with participating parade units dispersing to the staging area through the alley west of Main Street. The Committee recommends the Savanna Police Department provide the necessary traffic control efforts to appreciably guarantee a successful parade event along the parade route. The Committee does not recommend suspending any parking regulations within designated areas for this parade event. The Committee anticipates no negative impact upon public property and recommends limited actions be initiated beyond traffic control. The Committee submits no recommendations related to any inconvenience to the public that will be caused by the parade event. Traffic will be impaired for a very limited time. The Committee recommends the City stand the costs associated with wages for traffic control or any other service provided by the City. The Committee recommends the City provide support services at no cost for this event. The Committee did not discover any detrimental effects on the community for holding this parade event. The Committee concluded after review that the event would benefit the community. The Committee finds that the risk of holding this event is measurably limited. The Committee estimates this parade event will attract 500 attendees. The Committee recommends the Police Chief provide any addition recommendations related to this parade event. The Committee recommends the City Council waive any associated concessions or itinerant or local vendor's fees. Permits yes - fees no. The Committee recommends providing suitable areas (in the side streets and sidewalks) along the parade route for concessions and itinerate or local merchants. The Committee recommends waiving the requirement for insurance for concessions or itinerate merchants and instead require a permit in accord with City regulations and a hold harmless agreement in the place of an insurance policy, food vendors are required to obtain a County license and the Committee recommends the food license be required, but the City fee be waived if a County license is obtained.

After discussion, Mr. Grummitt moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve all recommendations, except the waiving of the insurance requirement will be modified to require an insurance rider, as determined by the City's insurance carrier. The Mayor called for additional discussion on the motion and hearing none called for voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said modified recommendations approved, as written.

Mr. Hartman also commented on the Committee review of a presentation of the SVN Festival Committee and the Garden Walk Committee activities.

After a full discussion and presentation, the Mayor declared the Committee report accepted by majority consensus of the Council.

WARRANT #12A

The Mayor called for consideration of said warrant distributed in the packets and totaling \$16,284.75 with limited inquiries addressed, resulting in Mr. Fosdick moving, seconded by Ms. Hansen 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 - None.

APPOINTMENTS

Zoning Board of Appeals - 5 yr. Term, Roger Husband, 05/22/15 The Mayor called for ratification of said appointment, as stated with Mr. Long moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey, 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

Fourth Street Wall Project, Award of Bids The Mayor called for consideration and discussion on the five bid proposals received for the proposed project. Bids were accepted and opened on Wednesday April 21, 2010 with M & M Concrete of Stockton, Illinois being the low bid at \$136,999.00. Based on the responsible bidder protest IDOT requirement Fehr-Graham & Associates recommend this project be awarded to said low bidder contingent on no protests are filed before April 29, 2010. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Griswold to approve the engineer'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 for said amount.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

An Ordinance Repealing Title 1, Chapter 25, Entitled Freedom of Information Act and Replacing it with a New Ordinance The Mayor called for consideration and discussion of proposed Ordinance #1943. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to read by title only and approve said proposed Ordinance # 1943, as written. 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 Ordinance #1943 passed, accepted, and approved.

Ordinance, Annual Budget FY 2010/2011 The Mayor called for consideration and discussion of proposed Ordinance #1944. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to read by title only and approve proposed Ordinance #1944, as written. 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 Ordinance #1944 passed, accepted, and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance, revising Annual Budget Ordinance FY 2009/2010 The Mayor called for consideration and discussion of proposed Ordinance #1945. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Haffey to waive the second reading, read by title only, and approve proposed Ordinance #1945, as written. 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 Ordinance #1945 passed, accepted, and approved.

Resolution Temporary Road Closure, Military Parade The Mayor called for consideration and discussion of proposed Resolution #1003. After discussion, Ms. Hunsaker moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve Resolution #1003, as written. 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 Resolution #1003 passed, accepted, and approved.

Ordinance Amendment Establishing and Enterprise Zone, Rock River Lumber and Grain, Morrison, IL. The Mayor called for consideration and discussion of proposed Ordinance #1946. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to waive the second reading, read by title only, and approve proposed Ordinance #1946, as written. 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 Ordinance #1946 passed, accepted, and approved.

Proclamation for GFWC Federation Day The Mayor called for consideration of said proclamation recognizing the General Federation of Women's Clubs for more than a century of volunteer services to their communities by proclaiming April 24 th, 2010 as GFW Federation Day on Savanna, Illinois. After limited discussion, the Council accepted this proclamation, as written by majority consensus.

The Great River Outreach, Waiver of Restaurant License Fee The Mayor called for discussion and consideration for said waiver and after reviewing Section 3-4-4-2 of the Savanna City Codes, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Fosdick to approve this request for waiver in accordance with said City Code section. The Mayor called for additional discussion on the motion 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 requested waiver approved.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

Penny Gharst, New City Hall/Police Station The Mayor recognized Ms. Gharst from the audience who addressed the Council in opposition to the projected excessive costs to rehab the building for a City Hall 333 Chicago Avenue and several other unrelated subjects. After more than 3 minutes in accordance with Section 1-6-9 (A)15 of the City Code, the Mayor thanked Ms. Gharst for her comments and asked her to relinquish the floor to hear comments from other citizens. The Mayor offered to respond to the many issues declared and Ms. Gharst choose to decline hearing any reply.

Jeannine Mills The Mayor recognized Ms. Mills from the audience who addressed the Council in opposition to the proposed excessive costs to rehab the proposed City Hall renovations at the 333 Chicago Avenue location. Several Council member responded to references to using water and sewer funds etc. in support of the proposed building renovation work by stating said funds are not being used in support of this building renovation process.

Wendy Baldrige - 1918 Portland Avenue The Mayor recognized Ms. Baldrige from the audience who addressed the Council on the potential issues with the "One Way" signs posted along the Easterly side of Main Street, stating said signs, particularly at the intersection of Madison Street, are not strategically placed to be easily located by the traveling public and asked that this situation be improved. This comment referred to the Public Works Department for remedial action.

Public Works Superintendent The Mayor recognized Mr. Lindeman from the appointed officials table who responded to Ms. Gharst comments related setting a building inspection for her business location. Mr. Lindeman confirmed the inspection is set for 2PM on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 for her business establishment on Main Street. Mr. Lindeman also commented on the information previously presented and related to the available funds in the water and sewer departments noting huge funds have not accumulated in anticipation of department improvements, but have been budgeted to complete needed work limited only by available funds. Mr. Lindeman also commented on the numerous improvements to be initiated this construction season including sidewalk improvements on Main Street and other infrastructure improvements.

Police Chief The Mayor recognized Mr. Moon from the appointed officials table who commented on water, sewer and refuse funds are not subsidizing the renovation of the building at 333 Chicago Avenue, grants are not available for upgrading or obtaining loans for the present City Hall, since the building is located in a flood zone, and related he had contacted a small village (1200 population) in Wisconsin that has or will soon construct a new City Building for an estimated cost of \$800,000 indicating that City Hall buildings are costly.

City Comptroller The Mayor recognized Ms. Sipe who commented on a comment produced by a previous presenter related to having an open house event and not allowing questions. Ms. Sipe advised that comments were welcomed on an individual basis and the notice simply stated the Council would not be in session to respond to questions as a board. Numerous questions were asked by attendees and responded to in accordance with the open meetings act.

Mr. Robinson The Mayor recognized Mr. Robinson from the Elected Officials Table who commented a Water, Sewer, Refuse, Street, and Alley committee meeting is scheduled for 6PM on April 29, 2010.

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 funding for renovation of the building at 333 Chicago Avenue may not have received funds from water sewer and refuse departmental sources, but the public has not been informed or how much available funds are available and the source of any available funds and further stated the public has not been fully informed on the building venture.

Ms. Hunsaker The Mayor recognized Ms. Hunsaker from the Elected Officials Table who commented on a declaration from a previous presenter on the high costs for the proposed City Hall Building Project stating that she has only served on the Council for approximately 1 year and may not be fully informed on the impact of investing in a new renovated City Hall and apologized for any misinformation she may have inadvertently provided to the citizenry.

Mr. Fosdick The Mayor recognized Mr. Fosdick from the Elected Officials Table who commented the skate park project is moving along in a positive manner.

Mayor Stebbins commented he has attended team meetings related to the impact of the Thomson prison opening and provided an overview of information being presented for local consumption and initiating appropriate positive actions on many areas i. e. jobs, housing, bank loans, business starts etc. The next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2010 at Buck's Barn.

ADJOURNMENT With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:49:13 P.M.

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman Savanna City Clerk