

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL,
CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, MAY 11, 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. Grummitt moved, seconded by Ms. Hansen, 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 27, 2010, Regular Council Meeting The Mayor called for comments, modifications, amendments, and consideration of said minutes with Mr. Grummitt, noting under citizen comments he had not commented on a scheduled meeting on April 13, 2010. With no further comments, Mr. Fosdick 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.

AGENDA ITEMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water, sewer, Refuse, Street, and Alley Committee The Mayor called upon Mr. Robinson to review the activities of said committee meeting conducted on April 29, 2010. Mr. Robinson Committee Chair commented on and reviewed a parking issue on Third Street adjacent to the Lutheran Church with the Committee recommending this matter be sent to the Ordinance Committee for addition review, pursuant to recommending remedial action to the City Council, commented on a city wide improvement project with all Council members asked to submit a listing of deficient streets in their Ward to be including in the improvement study. The Committee laid over further consideration of a request from Linda Frerichs for improved street lighting adjacent to her residence on Portland Avenue, briefly discussed a IDOT project that will be discussed later on in the agenda, the Committee discussed and laid over a request for parking restrictions at 321Main Street and heard the PWS report on departmental activities including an update on the 4th Street Wall project, and the Pinnacle Tank Agreement After discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to accept this report with Mr. Grummitt 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 May 11, 2010 Committee meetings. The Committee reviewed the monthly finance reports, and recommended approval to the City Council payment of Warrant #1 in the amount of 310,824.12, recommends approval of a Fire Department Bay Lighting Project in the amount of \$3500, and after discussion Mr. Fosdick moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve this project. 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 said lighting project approved. The Committee further laid over a request from the City Attorney for an increase in monthly service fees. After discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to accept this report with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey to accept this

report and recommendations, 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.

WARRANT #1

The Mayor called for consideration of said warrant distributed in the packets and totaling \$310,824.12 with limited inquiries addressed, resulting in Fosdick moving, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker to approve payment of said warrant, in said amount. 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 said Warrant #1 approved for payment, as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

Century Link The Mayor referred to correspondence announcing Century Link is acquiring Qwest combining two major communications companies. The Mayor declared this information accepted and placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS

Zoning Board of Appeals, 5 Yr. Term - 05/22/2015 The Mayor noted he has not located anyone willing to serve and deferred this appointment to the next regular meeting of the city Council. This action accepted by majority consensus of the Council.

City of Savanna, Committees The Mayor referred to a distributed listing of proposed 2010 Committees and members serving for review purposes, with comments, and discussion to be considered at the next meeting of the City Council. The Council accepted this action by majority consensus.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial, Police Fire and Public Works The Mayor called for consideration of said reports with MS. Haffey 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 - None.

NEW BUSINESS

Willett Hofmann & Assoc., Inc., Engineering Agreement for Facility and Capital Improvement Plan The Mayor referred to a distributed document agreement, with said engineering firm, and the City of Savanna to determine the feasibility, land development, and design criteria necessary for the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant for the City of Savanna, Illinois. The cost for this engineering purpose would not exceed \$50,000 (with a possibility of a grant for \$47,000, noted per the PWS) and the total cost for the preparation of the Capital Improvement Plan will not exceed \$10,000. During discussion, the City Attorney noted the language, as set forth in Paragraph 6 of Section II of said agreement should be amended to reflect Carroll County, not Whiteside County. After discussion, Mr. Grummitt moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve said agreement document, as amended and subject to City Attorney review. The Mayor called for supplemental discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a roll call on the motion with all member present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said agreement approved, as amended and subject to City Attorney review.

Community Funding Planning Services, Grant Administration The Mayor referred to a distributed service agreement with the firm Community Funding and Planning Services to provide administrative services to the City of Savanna for the administration of a CDAP Flexible Opportunity Grant for the Facility Plan and Capital Improvement Project. After discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Fosdick to approve this agreement for a lump sum not to exceed \$2500. The Mayor called for supplemental discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a roll call on the motion with all member present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said agreement approved.

South Parking Lot Improvements The Mayor called for presentation of said proposed improvement project with Mr. Long, representing the Savanna Train Car Museum, providing an overview of a very preliminary plan to improve the aesthetic appearance of the areas of concern by initiating a conception plan of proposed development with collaboration from the City of Savanna, the Savanna Park District, the Savanna Train Car Museum and the Savanna Vision Network. This effort is pursuant to enhancing this area to accommodate the positive influence of tourists visiting this specific area due to the completion of the bike trail, the potential of the Canoe Landing, extending the bike trail north to the state park, the existing launching facilities provided by the Park District and the Train Car Museum. The Council accepted this report by majority consensus.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Heartland Pet Welfare, Waiver of Kennel License Fee The Mayor referred to a written request from the aforementioned organization to waive said license fee in accordance with City Code provisions 6-2-10. After a brief discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Long to approve this fee waiver request in accordance with said City Code provision. The Mayor called for supplemental 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 fee waived, as requested.

IDOT Chicago Avenue Main Street Resurfacing Project 2011 The Mayor called for consideration and comments on correspondence from the Illinois Department of Transportation requesting City Council action. The IDOT is currently planning preliminary engineering on a proposed street milling and resurfacing project on US 52/64 (Main Street) from Calhoun Street south to Division Street and Chicago Avenue from 3rd Street to east of the Plum River on Chicago Avenue and IL 84 north of Doty Road through the City of Savanna. Parking lanes located within the project limits from 3rd Street to Pike Street easterly to Ohio Street will be the responsibility of the City of Savanna. The estimated cost to the City for milling resurfacing, manhole, and water valve adjustments estimated at \$47,922.00. The WSRSA Committee recommends accepting this preliminary engineering study. After discussion, Mr. Robinson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fosdick recommending to the City Council approve participating in the proposed parking lane milling and resurfacing and adjustment work items at the referenced estimated cost. 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 action approved.

CITIZENS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

The Mayor called for public comments with the following results:

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 7PM on May 18, 2010.

Mayor Stebbins commented on a mission undertaken by the Methodist Church in Savanna to assist residents in need of assistance, with odd jobs and asked Council for any names of residents needing assistance.

Mr. Grummitt The Mayor recognized Mr. Grummitt from the Elected Officials Table who commented on a Hotel/Motel Committee meeting at 6 PM on May 12, 2010.

Ms. Hunsaker The Mayor recognized Ms. Hunsaker from the Elected Officials Table who asked about the demo work progress at the City Hall building project with Mr. Moon responding the work is progressing in an affirmative manner. Mr. Lindeman suggested the landscaping materials removed at the City Hall site be utilized at the Skate Park site with the Council accepting this suggestion by consensus.

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 with concrete work completed and fixed equipment on order.

ADJOURNMENT With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:18:18 P.M.

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman, Savanna City Clerk