

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL. CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 25, 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, Mr. Fosdick, and Mayor Stebbins present, Constituting a quorum. Other Officials Present: Assistant City Attorney, Paul Jensen, City Clerk, 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. Fosdick moved, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker, 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 May 11, 2010, Regular Council Meeting The Mayor called for comments, modifications, amendments, and consideration of said minutes with Mr. Grummitt, moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey, 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

Hotel/Motel Committee The Mayor call upon the Hotel/Motel Committee Chair Mr. Grummitt to report on the May 12, 2010 Hotel/Motel Committee meeting activities. Mr. Grummitt commented on a report from Blackhawk Waterways Diane Bausman, including a review of the activities of the County taxing board, conducted a review of the financial reports from the City Comptroller, reviewed a report from the consultant Ashley Hatteberg, recommended that a consultant agreement with Ashley Hatteberg be approved, recommended approval of the Committee Marketing Plan, approved providing \$100.00 funding for advertising a planned garden walk event, approved funding with Gary Heide in the amount of \$750.00 for a promotional activity marketed on the Go-Carroll County website and heard Paul Mayer's advice on including event dates on the City Website. All recommendations for City Council actions were submitted by Mr. Fosdick for

consideration. After a brief discussion, the Mayor called for action on this report with Mr. Long moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey, to accept said report and recommendations, 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 and recommendations accepted, as presented.

Water. Sewer. Refuse. Street. and Alley Committee The Mayor called upon Mr. Robinson to review the activities of said Committee meeting conducted on May 18, 2010. The Committee reviewed the transfer station fee study status, where it is still in the review stage, as well as noting the scales are still at the County Highway Department. Mr. Robinson also commented on a proposed City wide street improvement project noting action has been initiated for the PWS to consult with City engineers to establish a cost to complete, noted a request for improved street lighting on Portland Avenue has been tabled pending further investigation. The Committee referred a Pinnacle Water Tank agreement to the Finance Committee for funding review, discussed a request to expand the sidewalk on Murray Street to accommodate outdoor seating for commercial use, and reviewed a new proposal from the IDOT related to a proposed street improvement project on North Main Street and also Chicago Avenue recommending further investigation by the PWS. After discussion, the Mayor called for a motion to accept this report with Mr. Grummitt moving to accept, seconded by Mr. Fosdick. 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 25, 2010 Committee meetings. Mr. Fosdick reviewed a proposed modified fencing project for the skate park site, noting the fence proposals exceeded available funds and presented a modified scope of work to transport large rocks to the site as recommended by the Skate Park Committee at a cost of \$3500.00, and submitted by Mr. Lars Cogan. After discussion and comments, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker, to approve this modified work proposal in a budgeted amount not to exceed \$3500.00. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick moved, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker, to approve this proposal for 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 the motion carried and said work project approved.

Mr. Fosdick reviewed proposed parking facilities at the skate park site, noting the Skate Park Snowmobile Committee recommended approval of \$500.00 for parking improvements. After discussion and review. Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve budgeted funding in the amount of \$500.00 for gravel, with City Forces transporting and leveling the materials for the skate park site. 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 material funding and transporting work approved,

as herein stated.

Mr. Fosdick commented that a Savanna Historical Society grant application proposal for funding a geothermal improvement for their building had failed to qualify for funding since said building is not a public building and asked the Finance Committee to recommend to the City Council to support an effort to make application for an energy grant for their building, After discussion. Mr. Fosdick moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to recommend to the City Council to support the Society's energy grant application, with a proposed grant application from the City with the City Hall building energy grant application project taking precedence if awarded funds are received and with details of combining or not combining both applications to be investigated, prior to application submittal.

Mr. Fosdick also commented on an additional grant opportunity for the Historical Society through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Grant program and advised this item would be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.

Skateboard Park/Snowmobile Committee Action on Recommendations From committee The Mayor called for a Committee report from Chairperson Mr. Fosdick on the Committee activities considered at the May 19, 2010 Committee meeting. Mr. Fosdick noted the Committee recommended the City Council authorize funding in the amount of \$3500.00 for work to be provided by Lars Cogan for site improvements and the Committee also recommended the City Council authorize a \$500.00 expenditure for providing gravel and to authorize the Public Works Department to provide equipment and effort to core out an area for a proposed parking area at the site. Mr. Fosdick commented on the numerous donations to the proposed park facility and asked the City Council to authorize the Public Works Department to provide necessary equipment and personnel to core out an area for parking and a highway mower be utilized to reduce the weed population in the area. After discussion and scope of work clarification. Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to support this recommendation, as presented. The Mayor called for supplementary discussion or 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 recommendations approved. As presented. Mr. Fosdick invited all to attend the scheduled skate park opening on June 5, at 10:00 AM with Senator Jacobs and other dignitaries attending to cut the ribbon and officially open the skate park with food, prizes and soft drinks to be provided.

The Mayor called for consideration of this report with Mr. Robinson moving, seconded by Ms. Haffey to accept this Committee report, as presented. The Mayor called for additional comments on the motion and hearing none called for a voice roll call on said motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said committee report accepted, as presented.

Police/Fire Commission Annual Report The Mayor referred to a document included in the packets representing said annual report by the Commission, as submitted by Bill Sweeney, secretary of said Commission. After discussion and comments, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Fosdick, to accept said report, as presented. The Mayor called for supplementary discussion or 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 approved, as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS - NONE

APPOINTMENTS

Zoning Board of Appeals. 5 Yr. Term. 05/22/15 The Mayor commented a candidate has not come forward to serve.

City of Savanna Committees The Mayor referred to a listing of proposed City 2010 Committees for Council ratification. After limited discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Haffey to approve said listing, as written and presented. The Mayor called for supplementary discussion or 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 approved, as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

South Parking Lot Improvements. Building and Public Property Committee The Mayor commented on the proposed work to ascetically enhance the area south of the fire station to accommodate the traveling public to participate in activities associated with the bike trail, marina, a proposed canoe landing, and the Savanna Train Car Museum and after discussion asked that all information and recommendations for Council consideration be through the Building and Public Property Committee. This action accepted by Council majority consensus.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance. Amending Title3. Chapter 14. Special Events - Circuses/Carnivals The Mayor referred to a distributed proposed Ordinance amending said Chapter 14 by adding circuses, carnivals to section 3-14-1 and to Section 4-14-6. After discussion, the Mayor called for consideration and comments on this proposed ordinance. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to read this proposed Ordinance by title only and layover to the next meeting for additional consideration. The Mayor read by title only said proposed Ordinance and 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 proposed Ordinance laid over to the next meeting.

Ordinance Repealing Title3. Chapter3. Section 3. Circuses and Carnivals The Mayor referred to a distributed proposed Ordinance repealing all regulatory provisions under 3-3-3 of the

City Code, entitled Circuses and Carnivals, and called for consideration and comments. After discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Fosdick, to read this proposed Ordinance by title only and lay over to the next meeting for additional consideration. The Mayor read by title only said proposed Ordinance and 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 proposed Ordinance laid over to the next meeting.

Client Retainer Agreement. Ashley Hatteberg. Hotel/Motel Consultant The Mayor referred to a distributed proposed agreement, approved by the Hotel/Motel Committee and called for consideration and comments. After discussion, Ms. Hunsaker motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt, to approve said agreement, as written. The Mayor called for supplemental 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 proposed agreement approved, as presented.

Resolution. Determining Prevailing Rate of Wages. Under the Prevailing Wage Act The Mayor referred to said proposed Resolution #1004 determining the prevailing rate of wages under the Prevailing Wage Act (820ILCS 130/9), distributed in the packet, and called for comments and consideration. After discussion, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Ms. Haffey, to approve said Resolution #1004, as written. The Mayor called for supplemental 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 Resolution #1004 approved and adopted, as written.

Development and Re-Zoning Agreement. Scott Sullivan and Fund 01235 LLC The Mayor referred to a distributed copy of said agreement granting the issuance of a building permit to develop an extension to an existing motel by adding approximately 28 rooms to the existing structure, prior to completion of rezoning on the property. The Mayor called for comments and discussion on the agreement document with Mr. Robinson questioning the lack of a time limit in said agreement for the developer to achieve rezoning efforts and suggested a 90-day limit be included in the final agreement. After a lengthy discussion, on the agreement, Mr. Fosdick motioned, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve said agreement with a 90-day time limit included. The Mayor called for additional comments and 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 agreement approved, as modified.

CITIZENS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

The Mayor called for public comments with the following results:

City Comptroller The Mayor recognized Ms. Sipe from the Appointed Officials Table who

commented on the storm related damage to the City Hall and related equipment.

Mr. Long The Mayor recognized Mr. Long from the Elected Officials Table who advised not to water the flowers recently planted along Main Street.

Ms. Haffey The Mayor recognized Ms. Haffey from the Elected Officials Table who asked if a listing of deficient streets for Ward 2, street improvement project was submitted for Committee consideration. Committee Chair, Mr. Robinson responded that the Committee composed a listing for Ward 2 at the meeting and included the listing in the final considerations.

ADJOURNMENT With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:26:25P.M.

Minutes Composed by *Paul Hartman*, Savanna City Clerk