

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL, CONDUCTED AT 7:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JULY 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 distributed to all Council 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 Mr. Fosdick, Ms. Hunsaker, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Grummitt, Mayor Stebbins, Ms. Haffey, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Long, and Mr. Robinson present, constituting a quorum. Other Officials Present: City Attorney, City Clerk, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Public Works director, City Comptroller and several in the audience, including Mr. Miller and Mr. Shrake from the local news media, members of the Savanna Historical Society and Kathryn Callaghan SVN Vista.

Absent Officials: None.

Consideration of the Agenda The Mayor called for consideration and discussion of the Council Agenda and included an Executive Session in accordance with Illinois State Statutes 5/ILCS 120/2c(11) probable or imminent litigation. After discussion, Ms. Haffey moved, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to approve the agenda, as modified. The Mayor noted the Executive Session to be placed on the agenda after Citizen, Council Comments and called for further 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 agenda approved, as modified.

Consideration of the Minutes of the July 13, 2010 Regular Council and Executive Session Meetings The Mayor called for comments, discussion, modifications, amendments, and consideration of said minutes. The Council by majority consensus of the members present dispensed with the reading of said minutes. The Clerk distributed the executive session minutes to all members present and collected said minutes after each member completed a review of the executive session minutes. With limited discussion, Mr. Fosdick moved, seconded by Mr. Grummitt, to approve both 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 both minutes approved, as written.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hotel/Motel Committee The Mayor called upon the Hotel/Motel Committee Chair Mr. Grummitt to report on the July 14, 2010 Hotel/Motel Committee meeting activities. Mr. Grummitt commented on the Blackhawk Waterway monthly report, noting funding reductions, reviewed the Comptroller's financial reports, noted a report from Connie Zink on the garden walk event, noted the savanna Chamber website will hereafter be displayed on the billboard, noted the billboard face will be redesigned and the Committee is working on guidelines for billboard advertising. With no discussion, Mr. Long motioned, seconded by Ms. Hunsaker, to accept this Hotel/Motel Committee report. The Mayor 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.

COMMUNICATIONS The Mayor called for any communications for Council consideration with no communications submitted for consideration.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pinnacle Water Tank Maintenance Agreement The Mayor called on the City Attorney to report on the progress of amending this agreement with the City Attorney verifying the agreement has been modified, as recommended and after further discussion the Mayor declared said modified document laid over to the next meeting to allow the Council to review the revised document pending final consideration by council members. The Council approved this action by majority consensus of the members present.

Ordinance, Amending Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 19, Two-Way Streets-Bowen & Pike Street The Mayor referred to a laid over proposed Ordinance #1950 amending said City Code Regulations by adding a two-way stop intersection on Bowen Street at Pike Street. After discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Ms. Hansen to read this proposed amendment Ordinance by title only and approve said Ordinance #1950. After discussion, the Mayor read the Proposed Ordinance by title only and called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said Ordinance #1950 passed, approved and adopted.

## NEW BUSINESS

Intersection Solicitors License, Knights of Columbus-September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 The Mayor referred to an application distributed in the packet and submitted by the above referenced applicant for standing on a highway (RTE 52/64) for the purpose of soliciting contributions from the occupant of any vehicle for a fund raising activity. After discussion, Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Grummitt to approve said permit. 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 permit approved and authorized, as submitted.

Ordinance, Amending Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 16, Scheduled through Street - Bowen Street The Mayor introduced a proposed Ordinance amendment deleting a scheduled through street from the provisions of said regulation hereinabove referenced. After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by HMs.Hansen to read proposed Ordinance #1951 by title only and waive the second reading of said proposed Ordinance and approve said Ordinance #1951. After limited discussion, the Mayor called for a voice roll call on said motion with all member present voting in favor. The Mayor declared the motion carried and said Ordinance #1951 passed, approved and adopted.

Savanna Historical Society, Transportation Enhancement Grant Project, Update The Mayor called on Dorrie Steffens from the audience to provide an update to the Council on said project. Ms. Steffens addressed the Council, noting the application has been modified for correctness and is ready for submittal to the proper authorities and the total grant project has been advanced to \$854,400.00 and recommended positive support of a support resolution.

Resolution of Support DOT, Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program The Mayor called for consideration of a proposed Resolution #1007 a resolution of support related to the City of Savanna being project sponsor for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant

application on behalf of the Savanna Historical Society, an Illinois Not For Profit Corporation to develop a Transportation Museum. After the Clerk read the proposed Resolution and with limited discussion by Mr. Long related to the in-kind funds, Mr. Fosdick moved, seconded by Ms. Hansen to adopt Resolution #1007 with the grant application and the proposed Resolution amended to reflect the amended grant amount of \$854,400.00. With no further discussion, the Mayor called for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. The Mayor declared Resolution #1007 passed, approved and adopted, as modified.

Ordinance, Amending Enterprise Zone, Wahl Clipper Corp. and Brackemyer Business Park The Mayor referred to a proposed Ordinance to amend an Ordinance establishing an Enterprise Zone within the Illinois Counties of Whiteside and Carroll by amending the legal description to include (in Whiteside County) additional territory to the enterprise zone (as described as Attachment "A" and "B" and containing 21.25 acres more or less). After discussion, Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Long to read by title only and lay said proposed Ordinance over to the next meeting. The Mayor read said proposed Ordinance by title only and 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.

Train Car Museum The Mayor called upon Mr. Long to provide information on this item. Mr. Long commented the Train Care Museum has been offered a drinking fountain for use at the museum location to enhance the use of the area for visitors generated by the bike trail, the train car museum and the nearby marina operations. Mr. Long suggested the Council authorize the acceptance of the drinking fountain and further to consider having this unit installed by City forces. After discussion, the Mayor deferred further consideration of this item to the Building and Public Property Committee for recommendations. The Council accepted this action by majority consensus.

CITIZENS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS The Mayor called for Public/Council Member comments with the following results:

Mayor Stebbins complemented all those involved for their superior effort put forth during the massive flooding event over the weekend and leaving the area with a monumental recovery task. The Mayor noted, restoration efforts are already in place for this massive effort and impacted area residents are encouraged to contact emergency management through City Hall, to begin the process of restoration and the Mayor declared the impacted areas a ~~formal~~ disaster.

Mr. Fosdick called for a 5-minute recess and left the meeting. The Mayor called the meeting to order after said recess.

Ms. Valissa Bearsley was recognized by the Mayor and questioned City Council on the installation of a stop sign on Bowen Street at the intersection of Pike Street. Speeding was the popular response with Ms. Hansen attempting to expand on a response, but Ms. Bearsley continued and also questioned the issuance of a building permit to construct and operate a crematorium on Bowen Street near her home and commented no notification had been extended to the neighbors of this construction. The Mayor called upon the building official to respond to this inquiry. Mr. Lindeman commented that the Public Works Superintendent serves as Building Official for the City of Savanna and no notice is required if the applicant meets the zoning regulations for obtaining a building/zoning permit. The permit was issued based on the allowed use in accordance with

City zoning regulations as an undertaking establishment or funeral parlor. Mr. Lindeman noted the City Council does not review every permit application and are only involved in consideration of Zoning Board variation or appeal recommendations.

Ms. Penney Gharst was recognized by the Mayor and questioned the City Council on the decision to include crematoriums within the allowed use of undertaking establishments or funeral parlors. The Mayor called upon Mr. Lindeman to address this inquiry and Mr. Lindeman noted he had verified this as correct with the City Attorney, prior to issuance of the related building/zoning permit. Ms. Gharst also questioned the Mayor about the 3-minute speaking rule (City Code 1-6-9(A) 15, noting that she is speaking fast to point out that other presenters have enjoyed more than 3 minutes without being stopped. The Mayor did not respond to this question.

Ms. Valissa Bearsley Ms. Bearsley again approached the podium from the audience with the Mayor noting she had exceeded her time before the Council and could not address the Council to allow other audience to speak. Two elected officials appealed to the Mayor and City Council to allow Ms. Bearsley to speak (City Code 1-6-9 (B) 2). Ms. Bearsley again addressed the Council with concerns of her property value being reduced by allowing a crematorium to be constructed next door to her property on Bowen Street. No response from the elected officials was initiated.

Kristina Paisley The Mayor recognized Ms. Paisley from the audience who addressed the Council, noted her easterly line of sight view from her house has been significantly reduced because of the construction permitted and questioned not being notified of the construction. Ms. Haffey was recognized by the Mayor and responded by reviewing a conversation with Mr. Jones (owner of permitted property) related to the crematorium installation on his property and briefly reviewed the State Statutes regarding crematoriums, as related to funeral homes and also the EPA emissions regulations and concluded by extending an invitation to all those interested to attend a meeting to discuss any issues on this matter with the owner at a meeting to be set. After presentation, no actions were initiated by the City Council, with Ms. Haffey asking for phone numbers of those interested in being notified of the meeting suggested..

Sherrie wood The Mayor recognized Ms. Sherrie Wood from the audience who addressed the Council in opposition to the permitted crematorium, stating similar objections as previous presenters and encouraged attendance at a meeting with Law Jones Funeral representatives. After presentation, no action by the Council was initiated because of this presentation.

Esther Losh The Mayor recognized Ms. Losh from the audience who addressed the Council thanking them for the sand bags during the recent flooding event and suggested additional locations for sand bags be considered. After presentation, no Council action was initiated.

City Public Works Superintendent The Mayor recognized Mr. Lindeman from the Appointed Officials Table who commended the efforts of all involved with the flood emergency this previous weekend.

Police Chief The Mayor recognized Mr. Moon from the Appointed Officials Table who commended the efforts of all involved with the flood emergency this previous weekend and further commented Wacker Road is scheduled to be opened on Wednesday improving routing issues caused by the floodwaters.

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

on the awesome efforts of all involved with the flood emergency this previous weekend.

Mr. Robinson The Mayor recognized Mr. Long Robinson from the Elected Officials Table who praised the good job by all on the flood conditions.

Mr. Long The Mayor recognized Mr. Long from the Elected Officials Table who thanked everyone who helped with the flood control efforts and for the opportunity to fill sand bags.

Ms. Hansen The Mayor recognized Ms. Hansen from the Elected Officials Table who commented on the positive need for a stop sign on Bowen Street at Pike Street to reduce speeding and commented on the construction of a crematorium in a residential area, noting that she had contacted two property appraisers and was told that her property would be appraised at a lower value with the construction of a crematorium in her neighborhood. Ms. Hansen further noted that the Funeral Home should have been responsible to make everyone aware of his intent to install a crematorium in this area. Ms. Hansen also requested a time line related to the opening of Rte. 84 South with Mr. Moon stating the latest estimate is 3-6 months. After discussion, no action was initiated by the City Council.

Ms. Haffey The Mayor recognized Ms. Haffey from the Elected Officials Table who declared she would contact Matt Jones to set up the meeting on the crematorium and asked that interested attendees submit phone numbers to be contacted on the meeting time and date.

Mr. Grummitt The Mayor recognized Mr. Grummitt from the Elected Officials Table who commented he agreed that a crematorium should not automatically be included with a funeral home use.

Mr. Griswold The Mayor recognized Ms. Griswold from the Elected Officials Table who commented on contacts received for additional efforts be initiated related to notice on emergency situations with the Fire Chief describing in detail the evacuation procedures that were put into action based on the emergency severity and time to initiate emergency actions.

Ms. Hunsaker The Mayor recognized Ms. Hunsaker from the Elected Officials Table who congratulated all persons involved with the emergency efforts related to the flood and thanked them for the good job accomplished. Ms. Hunsaker also commented on the establishment of the crematorium related to reduction line of sight from the adjacent house noting that a castle if build next door and complying with the regulations would also reduce visual line of sight.

City Clerk The City Clerk was recognized from the Elected Officials Table and asked for clarification on the Clerk's right to speak during Council Meetings with the Mayor responding that the Clerk takes the minutes and cannot speak on matters before the Council for consideration. The Clerk's asked for the City Attorney to comment on this question with the City Attorney commenting the Clerk's duties is to record the minutes of the meeting and when the Council is in session, the Clerk's participation should be limited to recording minutes. No action was initiated by the City Council.

(Added Agenda Item) - Executive Session The Mayor called for a five minute recess at approximately, prior to going into Executive Session, 8:50 PM and called the meeting to order at 8:55 pm and called for a motion to convene to executive session with Mr. Robinson moving, Seconded by Mr. Grummitt, to enter into executive session in accordance with Illinois State Statutes 5/ILCS 120/2c(11) probable or imminent litigation. The Mayor called for a voice roll

call on the motion with all members present voting in favor.

At 9:15, the Council reconvened in regular session.

ADJOURNMENT With no further agenda items for consideration, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:16:00 P.M.

Minutes Composed by Paul Hartman, Savanna City Clerk