

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF
SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017 AT 7:30 P.M. IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 333 CHICAGO AVENUE, SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Christopher Lain called the meeting to order on said date at 7:33 PM. Notice of the meeting was delivered to all Council members and posted at 333 Chicago Avenue, Savanna, Illinois in accordance with the State of Illinois Open Meetings Act. Mayor Christopher Lain led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

Mayor Chris Lain asked City Clerk, Rhonda Weiss to call the roll with Mayor Chris Lain, Pat Sanchez, Samantha Ritchie, Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, Christine Lee, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Roger Husband, and Chris James – **present constituting a quorum**. Non Members in attendance were City Clerk Rhonda Weiss, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, City Attorney Phil Jensen, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, Police Chief Mike Moon, Officer Kevin Dimmick, Linda Grissinger, Marne LaShelle, Sharon Eckstein, Bill Nemece, Rev Gary Paneta, Travis Prowant and Mike Miller, Mike Nester & Colton Ostrum - News Media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Chris Lain asked for review and discussion of said agenda, pursuant to consideration by the City Council. After limited discussion, **Samantha Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Chris Lee, to approve the agenda, as presented**. Mayor Chris Lain asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. Mayor Chris Lain declared the motion carried, passed and approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the May 9, 2017 Regular Meeting: Mayor Chris Lain asked for discussion and review of the minutes, as stated. **Sara DeSpain Purdom made a motion, seconded by Pat Sanchez, to waive the reading of said minutes and approve said minutes, as presented**. Mayor Chris Lain asked for discussion on the motion and hearing none asked for a voice roll call on the motion with all members present voting in favor. Mayor Chris Lain declared the motion carried, passed and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TIF Committee 05-18-17 - Chairman Pat Sanchez gave a summary of the TIF meeting.

Riverside Dental, LLC Update: Sharon Pepin of CFPS explained that at the previous meeting a redevelopment agreement had been set up for Riverside Dental with a blank regarding the state of formation of the LLC. That has been verified as established in the state of Illinois. Two copies of the signed agreements are being sent to him with one copy to be returned to the City of Savanna. He will also need to provide a closing statement for the project, this will provide basis for payouts in December.

The Answer - update:

Pat Sanchez stated that paperwork needs to be returned by Mark Klein in order to proceed any further. After further discussion it was decided Sharon Pepin would contact him for follow up.

New Business:

Recommend to the full council for approval of inducement resolutions for 44 Main St & 218 Chicago Ave. Both Business will receive the inducement resolution and a request for clarification and more information the projects and these projects can move forward as soon as approval is given. The TIF committee is also forwarding the service contract submitted by Sharon Pepin, CFPS to Financial Committee and then for approval by full council. Pat Sanchez also discussed the spreadsheet provided by Sharon Pepin regarding generation of funds already on file for the TIF district. Mayor Chris Lain asked for discussion of the report of the TIF meeting and a motion for approval. **A motion was made to accept the TIF committee meeting report of 5-18-17 by Chris Lee and seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom**. (No roll call taken) Mayor Chris Lain declared the motion passed & approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None submitted for consideration.

APPOINTMENTS:

Whiteside County Enterprise Zone – Mayor Chris Lain does not have an appointment and tabled appointment to the next Council Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wastewater Treatment Facility, Main and Bowen Street Lift Stations and In-System Sewer Improvements Project Update and Associated Action Items

Mayor Chris Lain declared no action to be taken due to no representative available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance, Amending Title 7, Chapter 3, Section 6 (B)

Mayor Lain requested this ordinance be tabled until the new ordinance committee is able to review this ordinance.

Resolution Determining the Prevailing Wage Rate of Wages under the Prevailing Wage Act: Mayor Chris Lain requested a motion to approve Resolution 1132, a resolution that is required annually. **A motion to adopt Resolution 1132 made by Sara DeSpain Purdom and seconded by Samantha Ritchie.**

Mayor Lain then asked for any further questions. Bill Nemecek asked what the prevailing wage is and was answered by Mayor Lain & Attorney Jensen it is determined by union or craft involved at the time the work is being done, there is no discretion by the city. When none was brought forth a request for voice roll call was made with all members present voting in favor. Mayor Lain declared the motion passed and approved.

Resolution, Induce the redevelopment of a Certain Property within a TIF District Redevelopment Area - 44 Main St:

Mayor Chris Lain requested a motion to approve Resolution 1133. **A motion to adopt Resolution 1133 made by Chris Lee and seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Pat Sanchez clarified this resolution will allow the party to start work on the property. After a brief discussion Mayor Lain called for a voice roll call with Jim Friedenbach, Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband, Chris James, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Jeff Griswold, Chris Lee in favor, abstained by Samantha Ritchie. The motion for resolution 1133 declared passed & approved.

Resolution, Induce the redevelopment of a Certain Property within a TIF District Redevelopment Area - 218 Chicago Ave:

Mayor Chris Lain requested a motion to approve Resolution 1134. **A motion to adopt Resolution 1134 made by Sara DeSpain Purdom and seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Pat Sanchez clarified this resolution will allow the party to start work on the property. After a brief discussion Mayor Lain called for a voice roll call with Jim Friedenbach, Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband, Chris James, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Jeff Griswold, Chris Lee in favor, abstained by Samantha Ritchie. The motion for resolution 1134 declared passed & approved.

Savanna Helping Savanna Program:

Rev. Gary Paneta spoke to the council regarding a new group in Savanna called Savanna Helping Savanna. The group is looking for volunteers but also looking for homes that need the help regarding yard clean up, painting, mowing and the like.

Acceptance of the Resignation of Chief Moon Effective 06-10-17:

Mayor Chris Lain read the letter of resignation from Chief Moon. He will be taking a deferred pension retirement. Chief Moon stated his enjoyment of the job and the area but he will be taking a position in Morrison. **Pat Sanchez motioned, seconded by Chris Lee to accept the resignation with regret.** Mayor Lain asked for a voice roll call with all in favor.

Discussion and Possible Action on Appointment of Interim:

Mayor Chris Lain proposed Officer Kevin Dimmick as the interim Chief of Police. **A motion was to accept Kevin Dimmick as the interim police chief was made by Samantha Ritchie and seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Mayor Lain asked for discussion on the motion. Sara DeSpain Purdom voiced a recommendation for Dan Nevills, with his military experience and community involvement in Savanna. Chris Lee asked how process proceed, does the appointment of interim preclude any further search. Attorney Jensen stated the appointment does not preclude further search either on a national or regional level. After further discussion, Mayor Chris Lain asked for a voice roll call on the motion on the floor appointing Kevin Dimmick as Chief of Police. Voting in favor Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband, Chris James, Jeff Griswold, Chris Lee, and voting nay Sara DeSpain Purdom.

CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Travis Prowant spoke to the committee for consideration of his risk/investment on taking on 44 Main St. He wanted the committee to be aware he wants to see a future for the revitalization of Savanna downtown. The building will contain 2 separate businesses, a gaming parlor with a separate liquor license and a drive thru liquor store with another liquor license. He would like the council to take into account the purchase price of the property when determining a reimbursement

for the investment. He also would like the council to take into account his attempt to build and revitalize the economy in Savanna. Bill Nemecek questioned if Travis was unable to acquire the 10 gaming stations if that would stop development of the property. Travis stated it would not.

Jim Friedenbach thanked Chief Moon for his service to the community and Travis Prowant for speaking to the board.

Sharon Eckstein thanked the Mayor for assisting with the painting of 5 fire hydrants. She also wished Travis Prowant the best of luck in his endeavor.

Sara DeSpain Purdom thanked Travis Prowant for speaking with the council, Thanked Chief Moon for his service and congratulated Kevin Dimmick on his appointment.

Chris Lee thanked Chief Moon. Stated she is excited to see new business being brought in to town. Thanked Rev. Paneta for bringing his new group assistance to town. She was glad to see the summer mower at work and hoped we'd be acquiring one more. Chris Lee & Jim Friedenbach are trying to get together for a project in their area.

Sheryl Sipe expressed thank to Chief Moon for his assistance over the years and welcomed working with Lieutenant Kevin Dimmick.

Lieutenant Kevin Dimmick expressed his thanks to Chief Moon for his confidence and to the council for the appointment. He also expressed his interest in the permanent position.

Mayor Chris Lain also thanked Sharon Eckstein for her continued work on the fire hydrants and Rev. Paneta for the group he has started. He also was happy to see 2 new businesses open in Savanna in one week- a wine bar and an alterations and women's clothing shop.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Chris Lain called for adjournment at 8:23 pm May 23, 2017.

Minutes by: Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk