

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 333 CHICAGO AVENUE, SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Chris Lain called the meeting to order on said date at 7:30 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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Chris Lain led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH QUORUM:**

Mayor Chris Lain declared establishment of a quorum with members in attendance Mayor Chris Lain, Samantha Ritchie, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Pat Sanchez, Christine Lee and Jim Friedenbach. Jeff Griswold was absent. Non-members in attendance were Sharon Gatzke Eckstein, Marne LaShelle, Linda Grissinger, Travis Prowant, JC Carey, Richard Getz, Dan Pepin, News Media: Michael Miller, Colton Ostrum and Mike Nester, Superintendent John Lindeman, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, City Attorney Phil Jensen and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to amend the agenda and add a letter of support for Carroll County proposed OHV Trail to New Business. **Samantha Ritchie made a motion to amend the agenda by adding the Letter of Support for OHV Trail to New Business, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** Voice roll call of all in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Chris Lain then asked for a motion to approve the agenda. **Samantha Ritchie made a motion to approve the agenda, Sara DeSpain Purdom seconded the motion,** with a voice roll call of all voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the June 27, 2017 Meeting:** Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to amend the minutes of June 27, 2017, to correct the wording on the three TIF Redevelopment Agreement Ordinances, for The Answer, TDP Investments and Dwarika Liquors, Inc. to say approve the first reading by title only. **Pat Sanchez made a motion to amend the minutes as stated, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** Voice roll call of all in favor, none opposed. **Motion passed.** Mayor Chris Lain then asked for a motion to approve the minutes. After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve the minutes and waive the reading with Samantha Ritchie seconding the motion.** Voice roll call of all voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Personnel Committee 6-28-17 and 7-06-17:**

Chairman Christine Lee gave a report on the two previous meetings of June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Hiring of Police Officer:** The committee recommended to the full council the hiring of Dustin Lawson at an hourly rate of \$17.47 per hour, with a starting date of July 17<sup>th</sup>. Dustin Lawson currently resides in Stockton but will be relocating closer to Savanna. **Chairman Christine Lee motioned to recommend hiring Dustin Lawson at the hourly rate of \$17.47 with a start date of July 17, 2017, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** A roll call was taken with Jim Friedenbach, Chris Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband voting in favor, none opposed. The motion passed. **Chief of Police, Appointment Recommendation:** Chairman Christine Lee reported the Personnel Committee recommendation to appoint Lt. Kevin Dimmick as the permanent police chief. No motion to approve the Committee report was made.

**Contracts and Lease/Collective Bargaining 7-10-17:** Mayor Chris Lain stated since Chairman Jeff Griswold is absent and there was no action to take, this report will be tabled until the next full council meeting. **Pat Sanchez made a motion to table the Contracts & Lease Committee report until the next meeting with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** A voice roll call of all voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Finance Committee 7-11-17:** Chairman Christine Lee gave a report on the Finance Committee meeting from earlier in the evening. She reported that Sheryl Sipe had received a letter from the Triumph Community Bank stating that they will no longer pledge securities for deposits over the FDIC insurance limit of \$250,000 as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. She has approach Savanna Thomson State Bank, who is taking it under consideration with their board. This will affect approximately 40 City

accounts. Sheryl has started to move CDs as they mature. Christine Lee reported that we are waiting to see if Savanna-Thomson State Bank can help. Investment Management Company was recommended by the Triumph Community Bank as company that will cover are deposits which exceed the FDIC limits, but at a costly fee. The accounts receivable was approved in the amount of \$1,034.48 for outstanding bills. The committee received a report about the WWTF being on schedule for substantial completion. The committee also approved the 12/24/36/48/60 month report. The TBC report from the Fire Department on billing for rescue calls for persons not within the Savanna district was approved. The 2017/2018 Budget Review approved. Warrant #3 was recommended for council approval by the committee.

**Request for Loan & Grant Disbursements for WWTP and in-System Projects:** Draw request #18 from IEPA Loan Funds and CDBG Grant Funds totaling \$860,827.23 was recommended for approval by the committee. **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve Draw #18 in the amount of \$860,827.23 for the WWTP, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** A voice roll call of all voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Willett Hofmann & Assoc., Proposal for Professional Services Bike Path Bridge Over CP Railroad Preparation of Documents for Re-Bid:** Christine Lee explained this proposal is to update the specs to go through the bidding process again since the previous bids were too high to accept. **Christine Lee made a motion to approve the payment of \$1400.00 to Willett Hofmann & Associates Inc. to assistance with the rebid in the spring for \$1400.00, with a second from Jim Friedenbach.** A roll call vote showed Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee and Samantha Ritchie in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Request for Funds, Bike Trail Pavement Sealing & Repairs:** The Finance Committee recommends release of budgeted funds from Fund 69 up to \$24,480.

**Request for Funds, Portable Generator, Public Works Department:** The Finance Committee recommends release of budgeted funds from Funds 53, 31, 33 not to exceed \$2500.

**Request for Funds, Rust Repair-Brush Truck #123, Fire Department:** The Finance Committee recommends release of budgeted funds from Fund 23 not to exceed \$1500

**Request for Funds, SCBA Bottles, Fire Department:** The Finance Committee recommends release of budgeted funds from Fund 23 not to exceed \$5000.

**Samantha Ritchie made a motion to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation and release the four previously budgeted fund requests, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** A roll call showed Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**Samantha Ritchie made a motion to approve the Finance Committee report with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** A voice roll call of all voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

#### **WARRANT #3:**

**Bills for the Month of June 2017 \$1,999,303.79:** Christine Lee made a motion to approve **Warrant #3, with Sanchez seconded.** A roll call vote showed Roger Husband, Pat Sanchez, Samantha Ritchie, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Sara DeSpain Purdom and Chris James in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Letter of Commendation, Officer Nicholas Meeker:** Mayor Chris Lain read a memo for recognition to Officer Meeker. He responded to an ambulance call and performed CPR until the ambulance arrived, which saved the subject life. This is his second letter of commendation for his prompt response and quick actions.

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Whiteside Enterprise Zone:** Mayor Chris Lain asked to table this again. He does not have a recommendation at this time.

**Chief of Police, Balance of 4 Year Term:** Mayor Chris Lain is taking the recommendation from the Personnel Committee and asked for a motion to appoint Kevin Dimmick as Police Chief. **Christine Lee made a motion to approve the appointment of Kevin Dimmick as Police Chief for the balance of a four year term, with a second from Samantha Ritchie.** A roll call vote showed Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Christine Lee, Jim Friedenbach voting in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Financial, Police & Public Works for June 2017 and Fire for May & June 2017:** Christine Lee made a motion to approve the reports as presented, with a second by Sara Purdom. A

voice roll call of all voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Wastewater Treatment Facility, Main and Bowen Street Lift Stations and In-System Sewer Improvements Project Update and Associated Action Items:** John Lindeman spoke on this and stated they are on target for the substantial completion date. Bypass pumping will start in the next two weeks with the plant to be brought online in mid-August.

**Ordinance, Approving a TIF Redevelopment Agreement with The Answer:** Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve Ordinance #2203. Reimbursement will be 20% of projects costs, which is estimated to be \$11,375 to be paid out in equal installments of \$2,275 over five years and the business must remain in business for those five year. **Christine Lee made a motion to waive the second reading, read by title only and approve Ordinance #2203 a TIF Agreement with The Answer, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** With Roger Husband commenting that he is concerned that this doesn't bring any increase to the taxing body with the payout of this money. Mayor Chris Lain pointed out this does keep the storefront as a viable business in town. Christine Lee also pointed out the vast majority of requests in a town of this size will be for keeping the downtown vibrant, which is the biggest payback we may expect. A roll call vote showed Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Jim Friedenbach, and Christine Lee voting in favor and Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband opposed. Samantha Ritchie abstained. Ordinance #2203 passed.

**Ordinance, Approving a TIF Redevelopment Agreement with TDP Investments:** Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve Ordinance #2204. Reimbursement will be 30% of project costs, which is estimated to be \$11,375 to be paid out in equal installments of \$6,864 over 12 years, and the business must remain in business for 12 years. **Christine Lee made a motion to waive the second reading, read by title only and approve Ordinance #2204 a TIF Agreement with TDP Investments, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** A roll call vote showed Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee and Sara DeSpain Purdom voting in favor and Chris James, Pat Sanchez opposed. Samantha Ritchie abstained. Ordinance #2204 passed.

**Ordinance, Approving a TIF Redevelopment Agreement with Dwarika Liquors, Inc:** Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve Ordinance #2205. Reimbursement will be 25% of project costs, which is estimated to be \$3,462 to be paid out in equal installments of \$1,731 for 2 years and the business must remain in business for 2 years. **Christine Lee made a motion to waive the second reading, read by title only and approve Ordinance #2205 a TIF Agreement with Dwarika Liquors, Inc., seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** A roll call vote showed Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James in favor, Roger Husband opposed. Samantha Ritchie abstained. Ordinance #2205 passed.

**Ordinance Approving a Certain Request for Rezoning and Amending the Official Zoning Map, JC Carey, Jr., 1811 Wacker Road:** The Planning & Zoning Board made a positive recommendation to the Council to approve this rezoning Ordinance and Map amendment. The property adjoins JC Carey, Jr's current property. Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion. **Chris James made a motion to waive the second reading, read by title only and approve Ordinance #2206 approving the rezoning request and amend the zoning map, with a second by Samantha Ritchie.** A roll call vote showed Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach and Christine Lee in favor, none opposed. Ordinance #2206 passed.

**Ordinance Approving a Certain Request for Rezoning and Amending the Official Zoning Map, JC Carey, Jr., 1819 Wacker Rd:** The Planning & Zoning Board does not recommend approval of this request. The property is not contiguous with the petitioner's business property. A residential lot separates the two properties. Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion. **Christine Lee made a motion to waive the second reading, read by title only and approve Ordinance #2207 approving the rezoning request and amend the zoning map, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** Roger Husband voiced dissenting opinion for approval. He felt we need to look at rezoning a strip rather than spot zoning. A roll call vote showed Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie voting in favor, Roger Husband opposed. Ordinance #2207 passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A Letter of Support for Carroll County Proposed OHV Trail:** Pat Sanchez explain the Carroll County Board was approached by an ATV club about creating a trail from Mt. Carroll thru Savanna then south thru York Township and finish in Thomson. It will come down Wacker Road with a posted speed of 35 mph. Thomson approved this letter of support the previous night. All vehicles need turn signals and license plates. As of right now the registration fees will be \$25. The bike trail will not be used. Chris James voiced his approval of this and thinks each town should register

the vehicles. Mayor Chris Lain clarified this is just a letter of support. A roll call vote showed Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, and Sara DeSpain Purdom voting in favor.

**CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Marne LaShelle asked if Travis Prowant could apply for TIF reimbursement again for a new project on the same property. Pat Sanchez answered yes he could as long as it was a new project on the property even while getting paid for the current project in the approved TIF agreement. Mayor Lain also included it would have to be approved under TIF conditions by Sharon Pepin and Kathy Orr.

Richard Getz voiced his concern over disabled parking at downtown businesses. He also was concerned about a noise ordinance violation of a barking dog in his neighborhood. He also disapproved of the fireworks on July 4th. He also didn't like parked vehicles in the neighborhood. He also disapproved of the outside bands at Poopy's at night.

Sharon Gatzke Eckstein also stated he blows an air horn in the neighborhood.

Travis Prowant thanked the council for voting in favor of his TIF agreement.

Chris James asked how to get the current ordinance regarding ATV's changed. Mayor Lain stated it could be brought before the Ordinance Committee or added to the agenda of a Council meeting.

Sara DeSpain Purdom wanted to commend the public works for tree cleanup of storm damage.

Christine Lee thanked the fire department on the fireworks, congratulated Kevin Dimmick and thanked Rhonda Weiss for her hard work on the meeting minutes and the Public Works Department on storm damage cleanup.

Samantha Ritchie made a point to thank the ladies in the office. She also pointed out Savanna Helping Savanna has a Facebook page for volunteers.

Shawn Picolotti stated the fire department will be hosting a WCCI cookout and open house this weekend from 11:00 to 1:00.

Chief Dimmick thanked the council for their support.

Pat Sanchez thanked Sharon Eckstein for her hard work on the fire hydrants.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:57 pm.**

**Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.**