

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, JULY 25, 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, Jeff Griswold and Jim Friedenbach. Christine Lee was absent. Non-members in attendance were Linda Grissinger, Bill Nemecek, Sharon Pepin, News Media: Michael Miller, Colton Ostrum and Mike Nester, Superintendent John Lindeman, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Fire Chief Shawn Piccolotti, City Attorney Phil Jensen and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the agenda. **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve the agenda, with a second from Roger Husband.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the July 11, 2017 Meeting: Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from July 11, 2017. **Sara DeSpain Purdom made a motion to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes, with a second from Jeff Griswold.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Contracts and Lease/Collective Bargaining 7-10-17: Jeff Griswold gave a report on the meeting from July 10, 2017.

***Verizon Wireless Lease Agreement:** Jeff stated this agreement does not expire until 2019 but there were some key items that the response from Verizon returned to the committee in April. The first was the replacement of equipment. Verizon wants to replace with like/kind without approval. The committee decided the approval is important because of weight and stresses on tower. Second was the corral be placed on the tower when the city has to paint the water tower, Verizon stated the removal and replacement of equipment will be at the city's cost without addressing the corral. Third was the mutual termination agreement, which Verizon stated they can't accept. The committee also reached out to Verizon to provide cellular service at no cost, which Verizon stated is currently against company policy. Jeff also addressed the amount of rent the committee had submitted to Verizon, stating it came back considerably lower with no explanation on their part. Jeff also offered to Verizon if they weren't agreeable to the terms, there is plenty of City land available for lease to construct their own tower, but has not had a response from Verizon.

***Mediacom Building Rental:** Jeff then reported on the second item of the meeting, Mediacom Building Rental on Wacker Road. For use of this space, they were providing the City offices with a free internet connection, which Mediacom would like to discontinue that practice. At this time the only department using this is the fire department. The city offices are using the fiber connection. It is being researched on the cost of changing the fire department to something else, so Jeff stated this was tabled pending further information.

***West Carroll CUSD #314 Tower Rental:** Jeff Griswold then reported on their third item. This is an annual renewal at the cost of \$1 per year. The school district would like to change that to a 5 year term, which the committee agreed to, but which hasn't been forwarded at this time. Jeff Griswold then concluded his report. **Samantha Ritchie made a motion to approve the report provided by Jeff Griswold, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Street/Alley Committee 7-19-17: Pat Sanchez reported on the committee meeting from July 19, 2017. John Lindeman had been asked to get a cost on televising the sewer line under Wacker Road project. But since that cost has come in at about \$3000, the committee is recommending a different path, which will be cover later in the meeting under new business. The next item covered was the fire station alley and parking lot. The original contract with Fischer Excavating called for the replacement of any damaged pavement in the excavation behind the fire station relate to the new sewer plant. Upon further review of the area involved John Lindeman recommended a change order to the original contract. Rather than have an uneven surface in the

parking lot next to the fire station with a strip of asphalt down the middle, John Lindeman recommended the entire area and alley be chip and sealed to make it a uniform even surface with not spending a great deal of money. **Pat Sanchez recommended to the full council for approval of the change order not to exceed \$35,000 for chip and seal in the fire department parking lot, down the alley to Adams St. and Oak St., with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** A roll call followed with Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband and Jim Friedenbach voting favor, none opposed. The motion passed. Pat Sanchez then continued with his report regarding industrial account billing. It had been brought to the committee to look at how commercial and industrial accounts are billed. Pat Sanchez reported that this issue will be tabled at this time pending the usage from the business in question and address the billing issue at that time. Pat Sanchez also reported on the letter received from the **Carroll County Help Center** asking for their utility bill to be waived due to their not-for-profit status. Pat stated that city policy does not waive utility bills for any other not-for-profit or religious entity. The committee recommended this request be denied at this time. **Pat Sanchez made a motion to deny the request to waive the utility bills for the Carroll County Help Center, with a second by Roger Husband.** A voice roll showed all in favor, none opposed. The motion passed. **Samantha Ritchie made a motion to accept the Water/Sewer/Refuse/Street and Alley Committee report, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Building and Public Property/Health and Safety Committee 7-24-17: Jim Friedenbach reported on the committee meeting on 7-24-17. Jim spoke about the report provided by Chief Dimmick and Ordnance Officer Matt Herpstreith. The report is very thorough on the violations he has contacted and completed. Jim also reported on the committee's discussion of building permit fees. The committee has suggested a possible increase from \$15 to \$50, due to the amount of time necessary to research the permits. This was tabled pending more research. Jim also stated that the Rental Inspections were tabled pending more research. The property condition watch list has decided on two properties for possible demolition: 811 N. Main St., and 620 Viaduct Rd. Jeff Griswold asked if the Barczy residence on Adams St. had been added since their fire. Jim stated the current list had been compiled by a previous committee but he would look into it. Jim then explained about the IHDA grant list of possible demolitions. The committee had decided on 7 properties to move forward with. Those properties are 920 Main St., 300 Webster St., 1025 and 1035 Chicago Ave, 715 and 938 Bowen St., and 231 Walnut St.. Jeff Griswold questioned if the Adams St. house would qualified to be on this list. Mayor Chris Lain answered that no the IHDA property list has already been identified and submitted to the state with the grant application. Properties cannot be added to the list, but can be removed. There is a total of 14 properties identified on this list. The committee has decided that all 14 cannot be demolished for the grant amount of \$50,000, but feel at least these 7 can be. Jim had asked for the total available from the city budget but hadn't heard back from Sheryl Sipe. Jim said those funds would be applied to the demolition of 811 N. Main St. and 620 Viaduct Road. Chris James asked about the rental inspector item. He wondered if we couldn't share an inspector with surrounding townships. Pat Sanchez suggested contacting the Carroll County Board as maybe the county would like to consider this as well with the entire county sharing the cost. Jim Friedenbach also suggested using a state certified home inspector. Phil Jensen stated he will have a report ready to advise the council on this subject by the August meeting. Phil will also order the title searches necessary for the proposed demolitions. **Samantha Ritchie made a motion to accept the Building & Property/Health & Safety Committee report, with a second by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. **Sara DeSpain Purdom made a motion to move forward with the 7 properties identified from the IHDA list, with a second by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

WARRANT #3A:

Additional Invoices totaling \$226,733.28: These are invoices for the WWTP to Fischer Excavating and MSA Professional Services totaling \$226,733.28. **Samantha Ritchie made a motion to approve Warrant 3A in the amount of \$226,733.28, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** A roll call showed Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, and Sara DeSpain Purdom in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

2017 Illinois Municipal League: Mayor Chris Lain pointed out to the council the conference for the Illinois Municipal League is at the Chicago Hilton on September 21 - 23rd. Mayor Lain noted 75 different sessions available.

APPOINTMENTS:

Whiteside County Enterprise Zone: Mayor Chris Lain talked to them and our current representative is Bill Robinson and good until October 2017.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wastewater Treatment Facility, Main and Bowen Street Lift Stations and In-System Sewer Improvements Project Update and Associated Action Items: John Lindeman updated the council on progress. The start-up should begin in about 1 ½ weeks. The bypass pumping of Bowen Street will begin in a day or two. Cabinets were installed in the lab. **Samantha Ritchie made a motion to accept this report, with a second by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Lindeman explained that with the upgrade of Wacker Road to an 80,000 pound road with curb, gutter and storm sewer that there were conflicts with existing water and sewer infrastructure. He indicated that with the possibility of a new EDA Grant and forgivable money via IEPA Loans for the water & sewer that it makes sense to replace the infrastructure to try and ensure that there wouldn't be a need to dig into the new road. Sharon Pepin explained that she had conversations with Jerry from the EDA and he encouraged her to apply for additional grant money to assist with the replacement of the water and sewer infrastructure. She stated the grant would cover up to 50% of construction cost, but it requires a new application because it is a new budget year for the EDA. She stated the remaining 50% of construction cost and engineering could be covered by loans from the IEPA. She stated there would need to be two separate loan applications. She stated the water loan and the sewer loan could have up to 45% principal forgiveness. The following Resolution and agreements refer to these applications.

Resolution of Support and Commitment of Funds for EDA Amended Wacker Road Reconstruction Project: **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve Resolution #1137 to commit to application of funds, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** Jeff Griswold questioned if we would be able to proceed without the forgivable loan. Mayor Lain explained that the city could either get a loan or abandon the project, but would be able to continue regardless. Roger Husband also pointed out we are only obligated for the design work right now, until we know if we receive the grant money. A roll call was taken with Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James and Roger Husband voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

EDA Application Agreements CFPS, Wacker Road, Water and Sewer: **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve the agreement for services in the amount of \$5,000, to write an amended EDA PW Grant for the Wacker Road Reconstruction Project, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** This was not in the budget so a 2/3 approval vote is required. Funds will be used from the Sewer & Water System Improvement Funds. A roll call was taken with Jim Friedenbach, Roger Husband, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James and Samantha Ritchie voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

IEPA Loan Application Agreement, CFPS, Wacker Road, Water Loan: **Samantha Ritchie made a motion to approve the IEPA loan application agreement for the replacement of the water main in the amount of \$8000, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** Funds will be used from the Water System Improvement Fund. A roll call was taken with Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Jim Friedenbach, Roger Husband, Jeff Griswold and Samantha Ritchie voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

IEPA Loan Application Agreement, CFPS, Wacker Road, Sewer Loan: **Sara DeSpain Purdom made a motion to approve the IEPA Loan application agreement for the replacement of the sanitary sewer mains along Wacker Road in the amount of \$8000, with a second by Pat Sanchez.** Funds will be used from the Sewer System Improvement Fund. A roll call was taken with Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez and Sara DeSpain Purdom in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Engineering Agreement, MSA, Wacker Road Water Project Plan: **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve the service agreement for engineering designs for the Wacker Road water main project in the amount not to exceed \$49,000, with a second by Chris James.** Funds will be used from the Water System Improvement Fund. A roll call was taken with Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James and Roger Husband voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Engineering Agreement, MSA, Wacker Road for Facilities Plan for Sewer: **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve the service agreement for engineering designs for the Wacker Road Sanitary Sewer and Force Main in the amount not to exceed \$27,700, with a second by Samantha Ritchie.** Funds will be used from the Sewer System Improvement Fund. A roll call was taken with Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James and Roger Husband voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Mayor Chris Lain would also like to recognize the thank you note sent by the Bill Robinson family for the flowers sent by the city for his mother's passing.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Bill Nemec stated he had a meeting with Chief Kevin Dimmick and was happy with the answers he receive. Bill also understood there was a reciprocal agreement for towing in the City and he would like it to be opened up to County wide companies to eliminate abuses.

Linda Grissinger wanted to make the council aware that there are chickens on Bowen Street behind her house. It will be looked into by the Ordinance officer.

Samantha Ritchie would like to thank Chief Kevin Dimmick for taking on the role of Chief of Police.

Jim Friedenbach would also like to thank Chief Dimmick for the department's service in delivering the packets to the council members.

Mayor Chris Lain pointed out Roger Husband's recent medical issue and stated he was thankful that Roger was able to continue.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.