

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 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 7:34 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, Jim Friedenbach and Christine Lee, Jeff Griswold absent. Non-members in attendance were Linda Grissinger, Marne LaShelle, Andrea Rumler, Todd Swanson, Paul Mayer, Kathy Sanchez, News Media: Michael Miller, Colton Ostrum and Mike Nester, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, City Attorney Phil Jensen and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the agenda. **Samantha Ritchie made a motion to approve the agenda, with a second from Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the August 8 2017 Meeting: Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from August 8, 2017. **Sara DeSpain Purdom made a motion to approve the August 8, 2017 minutes, with a second from Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed, the motion passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Committee 8-15-17: Chairman Christine Lee reported that Chief Dimmick had come to the committee with a request to increase the starting hourly rate of pay for part-time police officers. The department is and has had difficulty hiring and keeping part time police officers. Chief Dimmick presented a printout of the pay scale of other local departments for review by the Committee. **Christine Lee reported the Committee accepted Chief Dimmick's request to increase the part time police officers starting wage in the FY 17/18 Classification Plan from Not Less Than Minimum - \$16.00 to a range of \$17.00 - \$18.00 to apply at the discretion of the Police Chief & Mayor.**

Hiring of Police Officer: Christine Lee reported that the most recent police officer hired, Dustin Lawson, will be attending the Southwest Law Academy in Belleville, IL, but the department is still short one patrolman. Chief Dimmick was recently made aware that former Chief Moon had reserved an opening in the Suburban Law Academy in DuPage, IL and is requesting to hire a second officer to fill the classroom training spot reserved for September 18th. Chief Dimmick is recommending the Ordinance Officer Matthew Herpstreith for the fulltime position. Christine Lee stated the Committee approved Chief Dimmick's recommendation and also recommended approval to the full Council. **Christine Lee made a motion to hire Matthew Herpstreith as a full time police officer at the rate of \$17.47 per hour per the FOP Union agreement, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** Voting in favor were Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Jim Friedenbach and Roger Husband, none opposed. Motion passed.

Chief of Police, Salary Increase & Payout of Benefits Earned as Lieutenant: The Personnel Committee recommended to full Council a pay increase for Chief Kevin Dimmick of 5% to an hourly wage of \$27.26. **Christine Lee made a motion to increase Chief Kevin Dimmick's wage an additional 5% to \$27.26 per hour retroactive to July 11, 2017 which is the date he was appointed Police Chief, with a second by Pat Sanchez.** Voting in favor were Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach and Christine Lee, none opposed. Motion passed. Christine Lee also explained there were benefits that Chief Dimmick earned as a Lieutenant that he is ineligible for as a Chief. The personnel committee recommended to the full council that those benefits be paid at his Lieutenants rate, but prorated to the date Kevin Dimmick was appointed Interim Police Chief. These benefits are his Lieutenant Extra Duty pay and Holiday pay which are paid at the end of the year per the FOP

Union Agreement and his accumulated comp time of 57.50 hours. **Christine Lee made a motion to approve the prorated Lieutenant Extra Duty pay, Holiday pay and accumulated Comp Time pay, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** Voting in favor were Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee and Samantha Ritchie, none opposed. Motion passed.

Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve the report of the Personnel Committee, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom, all in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Finance Committee 8-22-17: Chairman Christine Lee reported the finance committee reviewed and made the recommendation to council to pay Warrant 4A.

Request for Loan & Grant Disbursements for WWTP and In-System Projects: The finance committee made a recommendation to the council to approve Draw #19 for \$787,311.01. Draw #19 is comprised of Williams Brothers Invoice #13 for \$752,394.94 and MSA Professional Services Invoice #14 for \$34,916.07. Total funds requested are IEPA Loan Funds for \$33,111.01 and EDA Funds (on hand) for \$454,200.00. **Christine Lee made a motion to approve Draw #19 for a total of \$787,311.01, with a second by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Christine Lee also reported that beginning in September the Finance Committee will be meeting at 6:30 pm instead of 6:00 pm.

Samantha Ritchie made a motion to approve the Finance Committee report, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

WARRANT #4A:

Additional Invoices totaling \$868,227.23: Christine Lee made a motion to approve Warrant #4A in the amount of \$868,227.23, with a second by Pat Sanchez. A roll call showed Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, and Pat Sanchez, Chris Lee in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Winkel, Parker & Foster CPA-PC, Presentation of Fiscal Year: Andrea Rummmler spoke to the Council about the most recent 2016/2017 audit. She went over various points with no points raising any concern. **Pat Sanchez made a motion to accept the auditor's report, with a second by Samantha Ritchie.** All 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: Mayor Chris Lain updated the council on progress. The start-up should begin this Thursday. The landscaping is planted, with the road and parking lot to be done by this fall. Bowen Street lift station has a few things to finish before being brought online. Main Street lift station is fully operational. There is no date for demolition of the old plant at the current time. **Christine Lee made a motion to accept the report, with a second by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, no opposed. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Veteran's Memorial Committee, Property Placement: Todd Swanson and Paul Mayer spoke to the Council about property for placement of the Veteran's Memorial. At this time they are looking at city owned property in the 1100 block of Main St. This is on the North end of town behind the welcome sign by the pump station. Todd Swanson is making a formal request to the City for permission to build there. **Pat Sanchez made a motion to send this to the Building & Public Property/Health & Safety Committee, with a second by Jim Friedenbach.** Voting in favor were Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James and Roger Husband, none opposed. Motion passed.

Intersection Solicitors License, Knights of Columbus: Christine Lee made a motion to approve the Request for the Knights of Columbus Solicitors License for September 15th & 16th from 8am to 4pm, with a second by Pat Sanchez. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution, Approving a Reciprocal Agreement on Exchange of Information Between the City of Savanna and the Illinois Department of Revenue: Mayor Chris Lain explained this Resolution will give himself and Sheryl Sipe the ability to request specific breakdowns of retailer

tax. This also gives them the ability to look at other possible sources of revenue for the city. **Christine Lee made the motion to read by title only and approve Resolution #1138, with a second by Samantha Ritchie.** All in favor, none opposed. Resolution #1138 passed.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Kathy Sanchez asked for assistance from the city regarding a neighbor's inability to maintain his yard. The fence line has not been maintained and weeds are over her head. It's attracting feral cats, snakes and pests. Chief Dimmick stated he would follow up on the matter.

Chris James wanted to clarify the purpose of the Rental Ordinance being considered. It is to improve the quality of housing, not to exclude anyone and not to target anyone.

Samantha Ritchie made a comment that the bike trail is looking very nice.

Mayor Lain wanted to thank Samantha Ritchie for getting the table decorations for the Blackhawk Waterways dinner on Thursday, August 24th at Manny's Pizza in Savanna. Fourteen local businesses sponsored the decorations for the tables. He stated the Main Street sidewalk repairs should be finished the middle of next week and the new trash receptacles and flower pots were delivered today.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm.

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.