

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Pat Sanchez, Jim Friedenbach, and Jeff Griswold. Christine Lee and Samantha Ritchie absent. Non-members in attendance were Marne LaShelle, Sharon Eckstein, Linda Grissinger, News Media: Michael Miller, Mike Nester and Colton Ostrum, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, 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. **Sara DeSpain Purdom made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, with a second from Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the September 12, 2017 Meeting: Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 12, 2017. **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve the September 12, 2017 minutes as presented, with a second from Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TIF Committee 9-26-17: Chairman Pat Sanchez updated the council on the businesses that have applied for TIF funds. At this time the Riverview Dental, The Answer Fitness and the Filling Station have not submitted the proper paperwork for the December payout. The deadline is November 1st and if the paperwork is not submitted on time the payout schedule will be pushed back a year. He stated a request for TIF Funds for 502 Main St was tabled pending more information from the Building owner. **Jeff Griswold made a motion to approve the TIF Committee report, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Northwest Central Illinois Works (NCI Works): Mayor Chris Lain explained this a study that was received by the city that was tracked in Carroll County and the surrounding counties. There are three copies available for anyone to review.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

There are no reports for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Classification Plan Increase of Starting Wage for Part-time Police Officer: Mayor Chris Lain explained this is something that the Council missed voting on at the previous Council meeting on September 12, 2017. Chief Kevin Dimmick had requested the base pay be increased from \$16.00 an hour to a range of \$17.00 - \$18.00 depending on experience. At the last Council meeting the Personnel Committee had recommended this starting wage increase. **Roger Husband motioned to approve the pay range of Part-time Police Officers to \$17.00 to \$18.00 at the Police Chief and Mayors discretion, with a second by Pat Sanchez. Voting in favor were Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Roger Husband, Chris James and Jim Friedenbach, none opposed. Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Hiring of New Police Officer: Chief Kevin Dimmick explained that Luke Trevarthen had resigned from the police department to take another job with the Jo Davies County Sheriff's department. His last day was September 15, 2017. He is recommending the current part-time officer Courtney Grinnell to the full time position, with an approximate start date of October 10, 2017. According to the FOP Union Agreement the starting wage would be \$17.47 an hour. Courtney is 35 years old, married with 2 children and currently resides in Thomson. Mayor Chris Lain has spoken to Personnel Committee Chair Christine Lee, who is fine with by passing the Personnel Committee since he is currently employed by the police department and his starting wage is set according to the FOP agreement. **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve the hiring of Courtney Grinnell, with a starting wage of \$17.47 with a second by Roger Husband. Voting in favor were Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, none opposed. Motion passed.**

Resolution, Requesting the Army Corp. of Engineers Not Remove the Fill Materials and Sheet Piling Wall Placed on the River Bank upon Completion of the US 52/IL 64 Bridge Project: Mayor Chris Lain explained this Resolution is regarding the fill that was placed at the North end of Marquette Park for the bridge project. He has been in contact with the Army Corp who has approved the idea. Some of the property would belong to the Savanna Park District and some would belong to the City. Mayor Chris Lain will be attending the next Savanna Park District's meeting to discuss this possibility. John Lindeman has spoken to Kraemer, who also approves of the idea. The value of the sheet piling would not exceed their costs of removal. The Army Corps is definitely willing to assist getting this approved. This Resolution will be part of the new permit that will need to be filed. **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve Resolution #1142, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.**

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Sharon Eckstein asked John Lindeman what "sheet piling" was and where it was located. John explained the location and it is the steel panels that were sunk to the bedrock to hold back the fill material used in the bridge project.

Pat Sanchez stated he had received an email regarding the ATV & OHV trails. The County Board is looking for more information and approvals regarding those trails. There are changes that need to be made in the vehicle code by the state. He also asked about his parent's neighbor who has not cut down the weeds and asked how long the city will wait before they will do it. Kevin Dimmick and John Lindeman stated they will look into and will give him to the end of the week to clean up his yard.

John Lindeman commented on the demolition of the old sewer plant and the completion of the chip & seal behind the fire station. Jeff Griswold questioned an area of drilling that was done on Broderick Drive, but not returned to previous condition. John Lindeman will look into that correction.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm.

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.