

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018 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 7:32 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, Jeff Griswold, Samantha Ritchie, Chris James, Jim Friedenbach and Pat Sanchez. Absent were Sara DeSpain Purdom, Roger Husband and Christine Lee. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller and Mike Nester, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, and Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Samantha Ritchie made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Pat Sanchez. All in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the February 13, 2018 Meeting: Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 13, 2018 Council meeting. **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve the February 13, 2018 minutes as presented, seconded by Chris James.** All in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Public Property/Health & Safety Meeting 2-22-18: Chairman Jim Friedenbach reported on the meeting. The property at 842 Chicago Ave was discussed and was added to the Property Conditions Watch /Send Letter List. The Property Teardown Assistance Program was reviewed and Roger Husband questioned whether it was a valid program and maybe a checklist for livability was a better idea. The Watch List has remained the same. Rental Inspection Program was discussed to further the possibility of putting this program into action. There are other details to be worked out, but it is moving forward. The site for the Veterans Memorial was also discussed on whether the North Main Street is the best site. The Site Plan still needs to be provided by the VFW Committee before moving forward. An appraisal cost is suggested to be added to the 2018/2019 budget for the old STP property. Mayor Chris Lain clarified the Rental Inspection Registration/License portion of the Chairman's report. He stated this was the beginning steps and three different communities programs were reviewed. Roger Husband will be drafting a plan for Savanna, combining those three programs for the Committee to review and edit. **Samantha Ritchie motioned to approve the Building & Public Property/Health & Safety Committee report, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Finance Committee Meeting 2-27-18 Mayor Chris Lain reported on the meeting. The Finance Committee met before the Council meeting to continue their review of the Capital Expenditure List and the 2018/2019 Budget Worksheets. The need of the Sales Tax Rebate program was

discussed and will be reviewed at the next Finance meeting. **Pat Sanchez motioned to accept the Finance Committee report from February 27, 2018, seconded by Samantha Ritchie.** All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Illinois Rural Water Association: Mayor Chris Lain read a letter from the Illinois Rural Water Association stating that Tim Schoenig was selected as its "Runner-Up Wastewater System Operation Specialist of the Year" at their 36th Annual Technical Conference in Effingham on February 20, 2018. **The Council would like to recognize and congratulate Tim for this honor.**

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Public Works for January 2018: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to accept the January 2018 Public Works report, seconded by Jeff Griswold.** All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance, Amending Title 7, Chapter 6, Section 4, Sewer Funds: This is the second reading of a proposed Ordinance amending the \$9.00 monthly increase to the Sewer Debt Service Fund to go into effect on May 1, 2018. This Ordinance amendment will keep the Sewer Debt Service Fee at \$20.00 per month. This increase is not needed to fulfill the principal and interest charges for the loan. After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to read by title only and approve Ordinance #2218, seconded by Samantha Ritchie.** Roll Call voting in favor were Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Chris James and Jim Friedenbach, none opposed, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Savanna Train Car Museum Inc. - Train Car Lease Agreement: Train Car Committee member Jeff Griswold addressed the Council to explain this agreement. Once Donna Flack had stopped overseeing the Train Car, the City Attorney suggested a Use Agreement be approved to define the use of the property and premises 25 Third Street. Jeff Griswold explained the Train Car Committee carries additional liability insurance, while the City pays utilities. The Federal program, "Work Experience" staffs the Train Car during the summer months. **Chris James motioned to approve the First Addendum to the Train Car Use Agreement with the Savanna Train Car Museum, Inc. dated March 1, 2013, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Roll Call voting in favor were Pat Sanchez, Chris James, Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie and Jeff Griswold, none opposed, motion passed.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm.

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.