

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN  
THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 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 7:34 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, Jeff Griswold, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Pat Sanchez and Samantha Ritchie. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller and Colton Ostrum, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Superintendent of Public Works John Lindeman, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss. Citizens in attendance were Brian & Vicki Prowant, Linda Grissinger, Todd Swanson, Paul Mayer, Larry Melaas and Mary Paisley.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Chris Lain asked to add an Inducement Resolution for 502 Main St, Chris Engaldo d/b/a Bald Guy's Bistro. **Pat Sanchez motioned to add the Inducement Resolution for 502 Street for Chris Engaldo to the agenda for March 13, 2018, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed. **Samantha Ritchie then made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the February 27, 2018 Meeting:** Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2018 Council meeting. **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve the February 27, 2018 Council minutes, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Contract & Lease/Collective Bargaining Committee 2-27-18:** Jeff Griswold reported on the meeting held after the regular council meeting on February 27, 2018. This meeting was to go over a counter proposal from Verizon. A brief discussion followed with regards to Verizon's proposal. The decision was made to not return an offer at this time as the lease current lease does not expire until 2019. The Committee would like to see the new lease reflect a more reasonable and current rental figure. **Sara DeSpain Purdom motioned to approve the Contract & Lease/Collective Bargaining Committee report, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** All in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

**TIF Committee Meeting 3-06-18:** Chairman Pat Sanchez reported the Committee reviewed the status of the previously approved TIF agreements. The Committee recommended the Council approve repealing the agreement with TDP Investment for 44 Main Street and approve an indorsement for the new owners, BV Prowant, LLC. The Committee also reviewed the Special Tax Allocation Fund for the FY 2018/2019 budget. **Samantha Ritchie motioned to approve the TIF Committee report, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom** All voting in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

**Finance Committee Meeting 3-13-18: Chairperson** Christine Lee reported the Committee approved the February 2018 Accounts Receivable, 12/24/36/48/60 Month and 2017/2018 Budget Review Reports. Warrant #11 invoices in the amount of \$196,634.35 was reviewed and recommended for payment. **Request for Funds, Fire Coat:** Chief Picolotti requested budgeted funds from the Civic Fund 52-494 for the purchase of a Bunker Coat for \$1,234.00 and the Committee recommends approval of the purchase. He presently has 2 spare coats which are both a size 50, but needs a size 38 for the new volunteer. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the purchase of the Fire Coat in the amount of \$1234.00, seconded by Samantha Ritchie.** All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed. **Sales Tax Rebate Program:** This program was developed several years ago for eligible businesses generating, at a minimum, gross sales of \$1,000,000.00 annually. The fund created for this rebate has been accumulating dollars for a number of years and currently has a balance of \$20,000.00. Each year since the creation of the Sales Tax Rebate Fund a permanent transfer from the Civic Funds has been budgeted. The City

currently has the TIF incentive and the Enterprise Zone programs in place, which are less restrictive. To date, the City has never received an application from a business requesting this rebate. The Committee feels the money would be better served elsewhere in the City, so they recommended to discontinue the Sales Tax Rebate Program and to close the Sales Tax Rebate Fund by transferring the exiting funds back to the Civic Fund. **Chairman Christine Lee motioned to dissolve the Sales Tax Rebate Program and return funds to the Civic Fund, second by Jeff Griswold. A Roll Call Vote of Aye: Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, and Christine Lee. Nay: None.** Motion passed. The Committee is continuing the review of the FY 18/19 Budget and invited Council members to attend the next meeting on Wednesday, March 21st at 6pm. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Finance Committee report, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

**WARRANT #11: Invoices Totaling \$196,634.35:** Finance Committee recommended payment of Warrant #11. After a brief review **Christine Lee motioned to approve payment of Warrant #11, in the amount of \$196,634.45, seconded by Pat Sanchez. A Roll Call Vote of Aye: Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Jeff Griswold and Samantha Ritchie. Nay: None.** Motion passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

No communications to report.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Police Pension Board, 2 Year Term, Expires 4/30/20, Mitchell Ottenhausen:** Mayor Chris Lain said Officer Ottenhausen is currently serving on this board and the appointment would extend his current term for another two years. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the appointment of Mitchell Ottenhausen to the two year term expiring 04/30/2020, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Financial, Police, Fire, Public Works for February 2018:** After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Financial, Police, Fire & Public Works Reports for February 2018, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No unfinished business to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Savanna Veterans Memorial Committee, Update:** Todd Swanson addressed the Council regarding the Veterans Memorial to be placed at the West side of North Main Street by Well #5. He stated the bushes and trees have been cut down. Larry Melaas then showed the Council a rough sketch of the proposed memorial. A complete plan will be provided at the next City Council meeting. Their fund raising is going well at an approximately total of \$37,000. Roger Husband then addressed the group regarding the placement of the Memorial. He would like to see it at the Bike Trail Head by the Fire Station or at Marquette Park. Todd Swanson replied this has been a long ongoing research project since 2016 and the Veteran's Memoria Committee has been up front on what they have done and planned. Mayor Lain clarified that the Council will research whether a Resolution had previously been passed, but in any case one will be drafted for Council vote in two weeks after seeing the complete site plan. Mayor Lain thanked the Veterans Memorial Committee for their efforts and time.

**Train Car Committee, Tree Removal:** Mayor Chris Lain read a request from the Train Car Committee asking that the pine tree next to the coach car be cut down. The letter stated that the needles are plugging the drinking fountain and also hitting the roof of the coach car. Jeff Griswold is part of that committee and altered their request to just have the tree trimmed instead. **Jeff Griswold motioned to have the tree trimmed instead of removed, seconded by Christine Lee.** . The Council suggested the Train Car Committee get estimates for both trimming and removal of the tree and bring the estimates back for Council review. A discussion followed regarding the ITEP Grant that the City applied for in regards to landscaping that area. Mayor Lain clarified the moving of the drinking fountain would be addressed at that time. All voting in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

**Ordinance, Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property within a TIF Redevelopment Project Area, 44 Main Street:** Pat Sanchez explained this Ordinance is accomplishing two things. First it will repeal the TIF agreement with TDP Investments and rear a new Inducement Agreement with the new owners of 44 Main Street, BV Prowant LLC. There will be two businesses Suite "A" & "B" within the one building. **Christine Lee motioned to read by title only, waive the second reading and approve Ordinance #2219, seconded by Pat Sanchez. A Roll Call Vote**

**of Aye: Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, and Sara DeSpain Purdom. Nay: None.** Motion passed.

**Ordinance, Amending Title 3, Chapter 7, Section 10, Liquor Regulations, So As To Acquire Seller and Servers Education:** Mayor Lain explained this Ordinance is a State requirement to train a minimum of two employees for each liquor establishment to be "BASSET" certified on alcohol education. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the first reading by title only the Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 7, Section 10, Liquor Regulations So As To Acquire Seller and Servers Education, seconded by Jeff Griswold,** All voting in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

**(ADDED TO AGENDA) Resolution, TIF Inducement Resolution, 502 Main Street, Chris Engaldo d/b/a Bald Guy's Coffee and Bistro:** Mayor Lain explained Chris Engaldo is wanting to purchase the building at 502 Main Street and move his business from My. Carroll to Savanna. **Sara DeSpain Purdom motioned to approve Resolution #1148, seconded by Roger Husband. A Roll Call Vote of Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James and Roger Husband. Nay: None.** Motion passed.

**CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Mary Paisley, 119 Milwaukee, addressed the council regarding a problem with her sewer. She feels the problem is on the City's side. She called Johnson Plumbing to camera her sewer. John Lindeman stated he doesn't have a map that shows the sewer line other than a dead end in the alley behind the Community Church, so he has no man-holes to check the City main. He also stated if it ends up being a City problem, the City will take care of it. Mayor Lain suggested that John go to her house the following day with Johnson Plumbing to determine whose issue it is.

Pat Sanchez reminded everyone the Savanna Fireman's Breakfast is Sunday, March 25th.

Mayor Lain also reminded Main Street In-Motion is having a clean-up on March 31st. Sara DeSpain Purdom suggested a cleaning party hosted by each council member in their own wards.

John Lindeman asked if the first weekend in May was acceptable for the Citywide Clean-Up.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:34 pm.**

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