

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 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 7:34 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: Mike Nester, Michael Miller and Colton Ostrum, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, Superintendent John Lindeman, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss. Citizens in attendance were Linda Grissinger, Todd Swanson, Larry Melaas and Charles Johnson from the Veteran's Memorial Committee, and Kate Brondyke from Riverview Center.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the agenda for March 27, 2018, **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Hotel/Motel Committee Meeting 3-14-18:** Chairman Samantha Ritchie reported on the meeting. It was the first meeting attended by Consultant Brienna Junk. She has revamped the logo and Facebook page for Explore Savanna. The ad plan for 2018/19 was reviewed with a move to more digital exposure. The City logo flags will be moved forward as a community involvement plan rather than funded by the City. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Hotel/Motel Committee report, second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Finance Committee Meeting 3-21-18 & 03-27-18:** Chairman Christine Lee reported on the two meetings. She stated the meetings have consisted of preparing the 2018/2019 budget. The budget will be presented at both April Council meetings for review and go into effect on May 1, 2018. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for April 5th at 6:30 pm. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Finance Committee reports, seconded by Samantha Ritchie.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Riverview Center-Proclamation, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month:** Kate Brondyke addressed the council regarding a proclamation making April Sexual Assault Awareness Month. She explained a few of the services provided by Riverview Center. Christine Lee read the proclamation to the Council and audience. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the Proclamation making April Sexual Assault Awareness Month, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Fire Pension Board, 2 Year Term Expires 4/17/20, Robert Stretton III:**

**Fire Pension Board, 3 Year Term Expires 4/17/21, Sheryl Sipe:**

**Planning & Zoning Board, 3 Year Term Expires 4/26/21, Robert Haffey & Steve Haring:** Chris Lain made the recommendation to appoint Robert Stretton III, Sheryl Sipe, Robert Haffey and Steve Haring, as they are currently all serving on these boards and the appointment would extend their current terms. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Mayor Lain' recommendation of the four appointments, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 7, Section 10 Liquor Regulations So As To Acquire Seller and Server Education:** This is the second reading of this proposed Ordinance requiring all liquor establishments to have a minimum of two employees be BASSET certified. **Christine Lee motioned to read by title only and adopt Ordinance #2220 Amending Title 3, Chapter 7, Section 10 Liquor Regulations So As To Acquire Seller and Server Education to read by title only, seconded by Samantha Ritchie.** Voice roll call voting aye were Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, and Christine Lee, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Train Car Committee, Estimate for Trimming/Removal of Pine Tree:** Jeff Griswold, a Train Car Committee member said he has reached out to an individual to trim the pine tree at no charge to the City. Roger Husband questioned how much could be trimmed. That question can be answered by the trimmer alone stated Jeff Griswold. No action taken.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution, Veterans Memorial:** Mayor Chris Lain stated that the Veterans Memorial Committee were present at the meeting to provide the site plan for the Veterans Memorial to the council. Charles Johnson showed the Council a picture representation at a scale of 1 to 30 to show what they are proposing and the positioning of the Memorial and parking lot. He explained there will be a retaining wall towards the rear of the site due to the slope of the property. The Committee is proposing a concrete walkway and a level area with the Memorial bricks being mounted in an angled wall. There will be granite monuments for the four military branches. The Veterans Committee will bear all costs for blacktopping the access road and parking lot, but with mowing and maintenance being retained by the City. Larry Melaas addressed the Council regarding the slope of the site and stated they will make the site ADA compliant. Todd Swanson also inquired about the possibility of getting electricity from the pump house to have the flags lit at night. **Christine Lee motioned to approve Resolution #1149, Authorizing placement of a War Memorial at 1123 Main St, seconded by Jeff Griswold.** Voice roll call voting aye were Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie and Jeff Griswold. Roger Husband abstaining. Motion passed.

**Resolution and Use Agreement, Great River Outreach Spring Bike-A-Thon:** Mayor Chris Lain explained this Bike-A-Thon, sponsored by The Great River Outreach, will take place on the Great River Bike Trail from Broderick Drive to the Spring Lake entrance on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00 am. **Samantha Ritchie motioned to approve Resolution #1150 and Use Agreement, second by Christine Lee to authorize the exclusive use of the Bike Trail property in conjunction with The Great River Outreach Spring Bike-A-Thon.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Resolution, Approving the Appropriation of Funds from the City's Redevelopment Project Area Special Tax Allocation Fund for the Payment of Certain Public Infrastructure Expenditures:** Mayor Chris Lain explained this proposed Resolution approves TIF funds (Special Tax Allocation Fund) of \$10,600 to be used for the preliminary design engineering and grant writing services for an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant. Should the City be awarded the ITEP grant this Resolution also approves funding of \$90,000 from Special Tax Allocation Fund for the design engineering and grant administration services for the Trail Head Development Project. **Christine Lee motioned to approve Resolution #1151 appropriation of funds from the Special Tax Allocation Fund for the ITEP Trail Head Development Project, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Ordinance, Amending Title 8, Chapter 4, Section 23, Water Rates and Related Charges and Ordinance, Amending Title 7, Chapter 6, Section 5, Basic User Rate:** These two Ordinances provide for the annual 3% increase in water and sewer rates. The rate will increase from \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.47 per 1,000 gallons. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the first reading of the two Ordinances by title only, second by Samantha Ritchie.** All voting in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

### **CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Linda Grissinger asked what was going into the building next to Tangles. There was no definite answer to her question.

Shawn Picolotti thanked everyone for their help with the Pancake Breakfast last weekend. He said they served over 900 people.

Sara DeSpain Purdom reminded everyone that Main Street In-Motion is having a clean-up on

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and encouraged everyone to attend.

Samantha Ritchie reminded everyone that "First Fridays" returns April 6th.

Christine Lee asked that the electronic city sign be more utilized.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm.**

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