

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN
THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 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 7:30 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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

To Discuss the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018/19: Mayor Chris Lain called the Public Hearing to order at 7:31 pm. and asked Chairman Christine to take the roll of attendees. Present were Mayor Chris Lain, Chris James, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband, Rhonda Weiss, Paul Jensen, John Lindeman, Kevin Dimmick, Sheryl Sipe, Michael Miller, Colton Ostrum, Michael Nester, Linda Grissinger, Brittany Hatteberg, John Gloor, Riley Sweetland, Freddie Preston, Khailey Miller, Kristina Irvine, Autumn Koester, Cheyenne Griffeth, Tammy Griffeth, John Griffeth, and Victoria Ashmore. Mayor Chris Lain asked Finance Chairman, Christine Lee to highlight some of the Capital Expenditures and programs included in the FY 2018/19 Budget. The Fire Department has an issue with the floor in the bay area and walls cracking and sinking. This repair will require immediate attention to get corrected before it becomes a major issue if it isn't already. The Public Works Department will continue changing out all the street light bulbs to LED bulbs, along with painting the downtown street light poles, replacing the street light poles on Chicago Avenue and the purchase of approximately 12 more planters for the downtown. Three vehicles are included in the budget, a dump truck and a STP vehicle for the Public Works Department and a pickup truck for the Police Department. Garage door replacement for both the Fire Department and Public Work's maintenance garage. Other Capital requests included in the FY18/19 budget is the repair to the Bike Trail Bridge, the Wacker Road/Safe Routes to School project, the IHDA Housing demolition project, Street Sweeper purchase, the Lift Station SCADA construction project and the loan payments of the WWTF project. There were no comments received from the audience. **Pat Sanchez motioned to close the public meeting at 7:37 pm, seconded by Samantha Ritchie.** Voting aye were Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James and Roger Husband, none opposed. Motion passed.

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, Christine Lee, Pat Sanchez and Samantha Ritchie. Jeff Griswold and Jim Friedenbach were absent. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Mike Nester, Michael Miller and Colton Ostrum, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, Comptrolle/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, Superintendent John Lindeman, City Attorney Paul Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss. Citizens in attendance were Linda Grissinger, Brittany Hatteberg, John Gloor, Riley Sweetland, Freddie Preston and SADD students Khailey Miller, Kristina Irvine, Autumn Koester, Cheyenne Griffeth, Tammy Griffeth, John Griffeth and Victoria Ashmore.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the agenda for April 10, 2018. **Christine Lee made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the March 27, 2018 Meeting: Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2018 meeting. **Christine Lee made a motion to approve the March 27, 2018 minutes as presented, seconded by Samantha Ritchie.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TIF Joint Review Board 03-29-18: Pat Sanchez reported on the meeting. This is an annual meeting required by law to review the status of the City's two TIF Districts. This meeting was for the review of FY 2016/2017. Pat Sanchez stated that the committee was satisfied with the financial reports provided. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the TIF Joint Review Board report, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Contracts & Lease/Collective Bargaining Committee 03-30-18: Mayor Lain reported on the meeting due to Jeff Griswold's absence. The Committee briefly reviewed the Verizon Wireless contract, with no response from Verizon since the last meeting. It was noted the Mediacom lease has been settled and back payment was received by the City. There were two new members appointed to the Committee for the purpose of negotiations for the FOP contract and the approval of the appointments will be voted on by the Council later in the meeting. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Contracts & Lease/Collective Bargaining Committee report, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Finance Committee Meeting 04-05-18 & 04-10-18: Chairman Christine Lee reported on the two meetings. She stated there is an account in Accounts Receivable that the individual has been paying on faithfully since 2015. There has been no request made by this person, but the Committee is recommending writing off the balance of the invoice, as a good will gesture. The invoice was for a fire rescue service from an accident. **Christine Lee motioned to write off the remaining balance, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Voting aye were Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, none opposed. Motion Passed. Warrant #12 in the amount of \$269,630.73 was reviewed and recommended for payment. Salary for starting wages in the Classification Plan was discussed. There has not been an increase since 2013. Chairman Lee asked the department heads to review their respective departments and bring back to the Committee for further review.

Request for Funds, Street Name Signs: The Committee is recommending approval for John Lindeman to purchase the new street name signs up to the budgeted amount of \$10,000 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the purchase of street name signs up to the \$10,000 budgeted, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Voting aye were Chris James, Roger Husband, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez and Sara DeSpain Purdom, none opposed. Motion passed.

Samantha Ritchie motioned to approve the Finance Committee report, seconded by Pat Sanchez. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Hotel/Motel Committee 04-06-18: Chairman Samantha Ritchie reported on the meeting. The Committee reviewed and approved the financial reports for February. Diane Bausman reported on the upturn of views to the Blackhawk Waterways website. The new consultant, Brienna Junk

has been posting and drawing a lot attention to the Savanna area. She also has been working on the new website for promoting Savanna. The ad plan and budget for FY 2018/2019 was reviewed and approved. **Sara DeSpain Purdom motioned to accept the Hotel/Motel Committee report, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

WARRANT #12:

Bills for the Month of March 2018, Totaling \$269,630.73: Christine Lee motioned to approve payment of Warrant #12, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom. Roger Husband questioned the payment of \$250.00 for a film crew luncheon. Mayor Lain explained that this was a thank you lunch provided to the film crew for staying in Savanna during the three weeks of filming. The invoice will be paid from Hotel/Motel funds. Voting aye were Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James and Roger Husband, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

SADD Alcohol Awareness Month Proclamation: Freddie Preston addressed the Council regarding a proclamation making April 2018 "Alcohol Awareness Month". SADD students read the proclamation to the City Council and audience. **Mayor Chris Lain approved and signed the Proclamation provided by SADD making April 2018 Alcohol Awareness Month.**

APPOINTMENTS:

Contracts & Lease/Collective Bargaining Committee, Pat Sanchez and Sara DeSpain Purdom: Chris Lain made the recommendation to appoint Pat Sanchez and Sara DeSpain Purdom to the Contracts and Lease/Collective Bargaining Committee to help to expedite the FOP agreement expiring April 30th of this year. **Samantha Ritchie motioned to accept the Mayor's recommendation and approve the two appointments, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Financial, Police, Fire, Public Works for March 2018: Christine Lee motioned to accept the departmental reports for March 2018, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance, Amending Title 8, Chapter 4, Section 23, Water Rates and Related Charges and Ordinance, Amending Title 7, Chapter 6, Section 5, Basic User Rates: 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 effective May 1, 2018, **Christine Lee motioned to read by title only and approve Ordinances #2221 Amending Title 8, Chapter 4, Section 23, Water Rates and Related Charges and Ordinance #2222 Amending Title 7, Chapter 6, Section 5, Basic User Rate, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** Voting aye were Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, and Christine Lee, none opposed. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance, Annual Budget 2018-2019: Christine Lee motioned to read by title only the first reading of the Annual Budget Ordinance for 2018/2019, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom. This Ordinance will commence on May 1st, 2018. This Ordinance includes the items

and projects discussed in the Public Hearing. Voting aye were Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Christine Lee and Samantha Ritchie, none opposed. Motion passed.

Request for Waiving Bidding Requirement, Fire Department-Floor Repair: Chief Shawn Picolotti addressed the council regarding the floor issue in the first two bays of the fire station. The crack in the floor has changed in the last few months after a great deal of time of no change. There is no way to know what is causing this issue without removing a part of the floor so the contractor can get a better look at it. The Public Works Department will cut away part of the concrete for the contractor. Due to the emergency of getting the floor repaired promptly, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the request to waive the bidding requirement for the repair of the Fire Department floor, second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** Voting aye were Chris James, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez and Sara DeSpain Purdom. Voting nay was Roger Husband. Motion passed.

Request for Kennel License Fee Waiver: John Gloor addressed the Council regarding a kennel license fee waiver for the Heartland Pet Welfare. They are requesting that the fee be waived due to the service provided to the City with the spaying, neutering and vaccinations provided to the cats brought to their facility. According to the City Code 6-2-10 the City Council may issue one kennel license annually, without fee to a not-for-profit corporation doing business in Savanna. **Sara DeSpain Purdom motioned to waive the 2018/2019 Kennel License Fee for Heartland Pet Welfare, seconded by Samantha Ritchie.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Linda Grissinger asked if there was any further information on the opening date of the Sabula Bridge. Mayor Lain stated the most recent information he had received was the bridge is scheduled to open July 1st.

Christine Lee asked if the replacement of the sidewalk in her neighborhood was on the Public Works agenda.

Roger Husband wanted to congratulate John Lindeman on his 12th Anniversary with the City of Savanna.

Mayor Chris Lain said Sharon Pepin mailed a thank you for the flowers the City sent for her mother's passing.

Shawn Picolotti informed the Council of a \$3,000 donation to the Firemen's Association from the Savanna Rotary for equipment. The Association will put it towards their Thermal Imaging Camera loan.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 pm.**

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.