

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN
THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 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, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Jeff Griswold, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie and Pat Sanchez arrived at 8:10 p.m. Roger Husband was absent. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller and Colton Ostrum, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, Superintendent John Lindeman, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss. Citizens in attendance were Linda Grissinger and Rae Timm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Lain asked for a correction to the agenda to reflect the date of the FOP Agreement from May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2021 not 2022. Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the agenda for April 24, 2018, **Christine Lee made a motion to approve the agenda with the correction of the FOP Union Agreement date, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the April 10, 2018 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes: Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 10, 2018 meetings. **Sara DeSpain Purdom made a motion to approve the April 10, 2018 Council and Public Hearing Minutes, seconded by Samantha Ritchie.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Public Property/Health & Safety Committee 04-13-18: Chairman Jim Friedenbach reported on the Committee meeting. The property at 842 Chicago Ave was reviewed and added to watch list. John Lindeman has been inspecting the proposed properties on the demolition list. The Committee also reviewed the proposed Property Rental Inspection guidelines. There is still quite a bit to be reviewed before implementation for public safety. Jim Friedenbach has approached a commercial appraiser regarding the Old Sewer Treatment Plant property and approached the Savanna Park Board in regards to an appraisal of the Marina property as well. Samantha Ritchie addressed the Flower pots downtown and the Savanna Beautification in Motion and the Savanna Service Club involvement. The Public Works will be getting the large pots ready for planting. The two clubs wanted to maintain the smaller black pots for the businesses. It was recommended that a guideline be drawn up to promote the business involvement and creativity but also some consistent look to all of them. The green space at the north end of Marquette Park was also reviewed. This will not necessarily be ready for this summer, but within the next couple of years it should be completed. Christine Lee questioned the progression of properties on the "Watch List", "Send Letter List" and the "Demolition List". The properties on these lists have been around for a considerable time and Mayor Lain has asked John Lindeman to review the conditions of each and has also asked each Ward representative to review the properties in their respective wards. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the Building & Public Property/Health & Safety Committee report from 4-13-18, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Personnel Committee 04-24-18: Chairman Christine Lee reported on the Committee meeting. The monthly Departmental reports for Vacation/Sick Leave/Comp/Personal time from August 2017 through March 2018 were reviewed and approved. **Hiring of Two Public Works Employees:** Mayor Lain and John Lindeman were requesting the hire of two personnel for the Public Works Department. One of the positions will fill the vacancy from losing an employee in December 2017 and the other is an additional employee that is included in the 2018/2019 budget. There were approximately 25 to 30 applications received. Chairman Christine Lee stated the Committee recommended the hiring of Joe Taylor who has previous experience at a starting wage

of \$16.50 per hour and Jacob Armstrong at a starting wage of \$16.00 per hour. Both will be at the positions of Public Works Maintenance Worker 1, with a starting date in May 2018. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the Personal Committee's recommendation to hire Joe Taylor at the rate of \$16.50 per hour and Jacob Armstrong at the rate of \$16.00 per hour for the position of Maintenance Worker 1, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom. Roll Call Vote Aye: Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Jim Friedenbach and Christine Lee. Nay: None. Motion passed.**

Samantha Ritchie motioned to approve the Personnel Committee report, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom, all voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

WARRANT #12A:

Final Bills FY 2017/2018 Totaling \$254,893.05: After review of several invoices, **Christine Lee motioned to approve payment of Warrant #12A, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom. Roll Call Vote Aye: Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie and Jeff Griswold. Nay: None. Motion passed.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Rhonda Reitz, Thank You: Mayor Chris Lain read the note received from Rhonda Reitz thanking the City for forgiving her balance owed on an invoice that she has been paying on since 2015. She was very grateful to the council for forgiving her debt and saving her life from the accident in 2014 and now once again.

BIDS:

Savanna Collections Systems SCADA, Bid Award: John Lindeman stated three (3) bid proposals were received at the bid opening on March 9, 2018, with the lowest bid submitted by Automatic Systems, Co. in the amount of \$322,000.00. The SCADA systems will link all the pump stations to the new treatment plant. This Company is familiar with the current system. Upon review of the bids, MSA's recommendation that the low responsive bidder, Automatic Systems Co. be accepted and awarded the SCADA project with their bid of \$322,000.00. **Christine Lee motioned to award the Savanna Collections Systems SCADA Bid to Automatic Systems, Co. with the low bid of \$322,000.00, second by Jim Friedenbach. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.**

Pat Sanchez present at 8:10 p.m.

Bike Path Bridge Repairs, Bid Award: John Lindeman stated four (4) bid proposals were received at the bid opening on April 6, 2018, with the lowest bid submitted by M and M Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$75,900.00. This project will be to repair the Bike Path Bridge over the CP railroad. Upon review of the bids, Willett Hoffman Associates recommendation that the low responsive bidder, M & M Concrete, Inc be accepted and awarded the Bike Path Bridge Repair project with their bid of \$75,900.00. **Pat Sanchez motioned to award the Bike Path Bridge Repairs bid to M & M Concrete, Inc. with the low bid of \$75,900.00, seconded by Samantha Ritchie. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance, Annual Budget 2018-2019: After a brief review, **Christine Lee motioned to read by title only and approve Ordinance #2223 the Annual Budget for FY 2018/2019, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom. Roll Call Vote Aye: Chris James, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, and Sara DeSpain Purdom. Nay: None. Motion passed. Mayor Lain thanked everyone involved in preparing the new Budget.**

Request for Waiving Bidding Requirement, Fire Department-Floor Repair: Mayor Chris Lain stated at the April 10th, 2018 Council meeting, the vote to waive the bidding requirement did not carry (as thought) with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote due to the absence of two Councilmen and the one nay vote. The Council will need to vote again in hopes of an approved $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. The 2018/2019 Budget has approved up to \$50,000 for this repair and need to move forward as soon as possible. Rockafellow Construction will be providing the repairs. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the request to waive the bidding requirement for the Fire Department floor repair, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom. Roll Call Vote Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James and Jeff Griswold. Nay: None. Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance, Revising Annual Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017-2018: Comptroller Sheryl Sipe explained this is an annual amendment made to the current Budget Ordinance for any corrections before year end. **Christine Lee motioned to read by title only, waive the second reading and approve Ordinance #2224 Revising Annual Budget Ordinance for**

Fiscal Year 2017-2018, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom. Roll Call Vote Aye: Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, and Pat Sanchez. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Resolution, Temporary Road Closure, Veterans Parade: Mayor Lain explained this parade is requested from the Bridge Celebration Planners in connection with the activities planned for the dedication of the Dale Gardner Veterans Memorial Bridge. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, June 16th at 10:00 a.m. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Resolution #1152 for the temporary road closure for a Veterans Parade on Saturday June 16th 2018, seconded by Chris James.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

The Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (FOP) Union Agreement, May 1, 2018 - April 30, 2021: Mayor Lain went over the highlights of changes in the new Police FOP Union Agreement. A step in the grievance procedures was removed. Number of hours to be paid if Court appearance are cancelled. Bereavement leave was changed to include domestic partner or anyone who raised the officer from childhood. Personal days were increased to 2 days a year. Use of comp time hours changed to ½ or full days. Increase of uniform allowance to \$650.00 annually. Negotiations for the next contract have to begin no later than February 21st 2021, to allow for appropriate time for budgeting purposes. Wage scale was set for an increase of 3.25% for FY2019 and FY 2020 and an increase of 3.5% for FY 2021. The rank of Lieutenant was increased to 6% over the patrolman's wage from the current 3%. Longevity for years of service was increased from 1% to 1.25%. Hours paid for training was more defined. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (FOP) Union Agreement for May1, 2018 – April 30, 2021, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom. Roll Call Vote Aye: Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Chris James, Jim Friedenbach and Christine Lee, none opposed. Motion passed.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Bargaining: No Executive Session called.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Linda Grissinger asked if 811 Main Street is being addressed because the deterioration of the building is significant. Mayor Lain stated it is on the Building & Public Property Committee Property Watch/Letter List report.

Pat Sanchez asked if the Council would again send a letter of support to Kevin Vandendooren in support of the County ATV Trail to be presented to the County Board. After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to resend the previous letter of support approved by the City Council, seconded by Chris James.** All voting in favor, except Christine Lee and Jim Friedenbach opposed. Motion passed.

Sara DeSpain Purdom has been approached in regards to placing a cap on liquor licenses for the purpose of limiting the number of State Video gaming machines in the City. A discussion followed whether the city wanted to limit the licenses. The consensus being the community member are free to approach the council regarding this matter. Phil Jensen clarified that the limits are usually placed on liquor only establishments, but not on a liquor/food establishment. The license to serve alcohol is what determines who gets the poker machines.

Christine Lee encouraged everyone to support the large number of activities planned by the Bridge Celebration Planners for the weekend in June for the Dale Gardner Veterans Memorial Bridge dedication.

John Lindeman reminded everyone that Spring Clean-up will be Saturday, May 5th.

Chief Kevin Dimmick read a commendation memo for Officers Matt Herpstreith and Mark Skorup for their quick response time and providing immediate aid to save the life of a Savanna resident. She has since recovered and returned home.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:59 pm.**

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.