

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL
IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, MAY 8, 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.

ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH QUORUM:

Mayor Chris Lain declared establishment of a quorum with members in attendance Mayor Chris Lain, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee and Pat Sanchez. Chris James, Jeff Griswold and Samantha Ritchie were absent. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller and Mike Nester, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss. Citizens in attendance were Linda Grissingner, Marne LaShelle, Sharon Eckstein and Rae Timm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Christine Lee asked for an addition to the agenda under the Finance Committee Report of a Request of Funds for purchase of a new Squad Car and the outfitting of an existing squad car from unmarked car to a marked. Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the agenda for May 8, 2018, **Christine Lee made a motion to approve the amended agenda with the Request for Funds added under the Finance Committee Report, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the April 24, 2018, Regular Meeting: Jim Friedenbach asked for a correction in the minutes to include his opposition of the second letter of support to the Carroll County Board ATV trail under citizen's comments. Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 24, 2018. **Christine Lee made a motion to approve the April 24, 2018 minutes with the above stated correction, seconded by Roger Husband.** All in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hotel/Motel Committee Meeting 5-2-18: With Samantha Ritchie absent, Mayor Chris Lain reviewed the meeting with the Council. He explained the progress on the new Explore Savanna website, gave a brief review of the Blackhawk Waterways Report, and the Social Media Review with the distance taken to promote the area. Lodging advertised will only include businesses within the city limits who pay into the City of Savanna Hotel/Motel Tax fund. Christine Lee commented that the new posts are very nice and professional looking. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the report from Hotel/Motel Committee 5-2-18, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed the motion passed.

Finance Committee Meeting 5-8-18: Chairman Christine Lee briefly reviewed the meeting taken place earlier in the evening. **The Committee reviewed and recommended the payment of Warrant #1 in the amount of \$144,259.58.**

Request for Funds, Planters: The Committee reviewed and recommends approval for the request for funds to purchase approximately 12 additional planters for Main Street. **Christine Lee** motioned to approve the Request for Funds not to exceed the \$5000 budgeted in the Civic Fund (54) for the additional planters on Main Street, seconded by **Pat Sanchez**. All voting in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

Request for Funds, Street Name Signs & Poles: The Committee reviewed and recommends approval for the request for funds to purchase the rest of the Street Name Signs and Poles. **Christine Lee** motioned to approve the Request of Funds not to exceed the \$19,000 budgeted in the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for the Street Name Signs and Poles, seconded by **Roger Husband**. All voting in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

Request for Funds, Impala Equipment for a Marked Squad Car and 2018 Ford F150 Squad Vehicle & Equipment Purchase: The Committee reviewed and recommends approval for the request for funds to purchase a 2018 Ford pick-up truck and the equipment to make the Impala a marked squad car. **Christine Lee** explained the Ford pick-up truck will be purchased under the State Bid Program from a dealer in Greenfield, Illinois. The second request is to convert the existing Impala from an unmarked to a marked squad car. **Christine Lee** motioned to approve the Request for Funds not to exceed the \$44,000 budgeted in the Police Protection Fund for the 2018 Ford F150 Squad Vehicle with equipment and the Request for Funds not to exceed the \$2,500 budgeted in the Police Protection Fund for the equipment to make the Impala a Marked Squad Car, second by **Jim Friedenbach**. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Shawn Picolotti briefly reported on the progress of the Fire Station floor. He stated that there was considerable settling for an unknown reason. Construction specs and agreement are being drawn up by John Lindeman and City Attorney Phil Jensen. The State is requiring an oil separator on the drains be installed.

Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Finance Committee report, second by **Sara DeSpain Purdom**. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

WARRANT #1:

Bills for the Month of April 2018 Totaling \$144,259.58: After a brief review **Christine Lee** motioned to approve payment of Warrant #1 in the amount of \$144,259.58, seconded by **Sara DeSpain Purdom**. Roll Call Vote Aye: **Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee**. Nay: **None**. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None for consideration.

APPOINTMENTS:

Election of Mayor Pro-Tem: **Sara DeSpain Purdom** motioned to elect herself as Mayor Pro-Tem, second by **Pat Sanchez**. Roll Call Vote Aye: **Sara DeSpain Purdom, Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach and Christine Lee**. Nay: **None**. Motion passed.

City Attorney, Philip F. Jensen: **Christine Lee** motioned to approve **Phil Jensen** as City Attorney, seconded by **Pat Sanchez**. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Mayor **Chris Lain** recommended the Committees remain the same as last year and be approved

as a group.

Finance Committee: Mayor Chris Lain, Chairman Christine Lee, Pat Sanchez, Chris James

Building & Public Property/Health & Safety Committee: Mayor Chris Lain, Chairman Jim Friedenbach, Roger Husband, Samantha Ritchie

Hotel/Motel Committee: Mayor Chris Lain, Chairman Samantha Ritchie, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Kathy Christensen

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee: Mayor Chris Lain, Chairman Pat Sanchez, Jim Friedenbach, William Robinson

Water/Sewer/Refuse/Street and Alley Committee: Mayor Chris Lain, Chairman Pat Sanchez, Chris James, Roger Husband

Personnel Committee: Mayor Chris Lain, Chairman Christine Lee, Jeff Griswold, Sara DeSpain Purdom

Contracts & Lease/Collective Bargaining Committee: Mayor Chris Lain, Chairman Jeff Griswold, Chris James, Jim Friedenbach

Ordinance/Public Relations Committee: Mayor Chris Lain, Chairman Jeff Griswold, Samantha Ritchie, Sara DeSpain Purdom

Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Mayor Lain's recommendations for Committee appointments for the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year, seconded by Christine Lee. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Financial, Police, Fire, Public Works for April 2018: After a brief review of the four departmental reports, **Christine Lee motioned to approve the Monthly Reports for April 2018, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None for review

NEW BUSINESS:

None for review.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Sharon Eckstein wanted to compliment the Savanna Council for their friendliness, approachability, and working together so well. Sharon also was concerned about the looks of the boat by Green's Tap. It is looking very deteriorated.

Mayor Chris Lain also pointed out the dedication of the New Sewer Treatment Plant will be May 25th from 11 to 2 pm with tours and a cookout and a plaque dedication.

Christine Lee asked that the digital sign reflect the opening of the Farmers Market on May 10th. She stated the Bridge Dedication Committee is looking for more convertibles for the parade in June. She also wanted to state how nice Brian & Vicki Prowant's building is looking at the corner of Main and Chicago Avenue. They are going above & beyond, as well as Joel Ritchie's building on Main Street. The new Veterans Memorial is looking very good as well.

Jim Friedenbach asked about the painting of parking spots downtown. Mayor Lain stated it is on the agenda for this summer as well as a general cleanup of downtown.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain** made a motion to adjourn at **8:02 pm**.

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.