

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 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, Chris James, Jeff Griswold, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband, and Jim Friedenbach. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller, Mike Nester and Colton Ostrum, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss. Citizens in attendance was Linda Grissinger, Freddie Preston, Penny Kreusch, Brad Cate and Becky & Eric Jobin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Lain asked for an addition to the agenda to allow Eric & Becky Jobin to address the Council. Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the agenda for August 14, 2018, **Christine Lee made a motion to accept the addition of Eric & Becky Jobin and approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the July 24, 2018 Regular Meeting: Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from July 24, 2018. **Sara DeSpain Purdom made a motion to approve the July 24, 2018 minutes, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hotel/Motel Committee 8-01-18: Samantha Ritchie, Chairman reported briefly on the meeting. Brianna Junk, Consultant had reviewed the number of views to the website & Facebook posts and explained how the exposure has increased. Diane Bausman had showed travel professionals around Savanna and reviewed the annual upcoming dinner on August 23rd. The Committee recommended invoices for payment including Savanna Inn & Suites for two rooms for the University of Illinois study the City is participating in and the Consultants hours for July. Jim Friedenbach asked how and where taxes are collected. Mayor Lain explained it is paid monthly at City Hall by owners and monitored by the City. **Pat Sanchez motioned to accept the Hotel/Motel Committee report, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Building & Public Property/Health & Safety Committee 8-08-18: Jim Friedenbach, Chairman reported on the meeting. He stated the demolition letter have been sent to owners and signs have been posted. The Committee also approved the City to move forward with the bidding process. Jim Friedenbach briefly reviewed the demolition addresses. The Committee reviewed the progress on obtaining a joint appraisal of the Marina and the old sewer treatment plant property with the Savanna Park Board. Pat Sanchez also spoke to the Committee regarding an ATV/UTV park at the old haunted forest property. The Committee would like to look at the aerial view of the access and borders. The Committee also looked at a contribution to a citizen for first time home buyers assistance. The program is currently in Cedar Rapids, but the Committee does not feel it is an appropriate program for Savanna at this time. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the Building & Public Property report, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Finance Committee Meeting 8-14-18: Christine Lee, Chairman reported on the Finance meeting. The Committee reviewed the Accounts Receivable and the 5 year reports and reviewed the 2018/2019 Budget. The Committee is recommending payment of Warrant #4 in the amount of \$283,186.12. **Pat Sanchez motioned to accept the Finance Committee Report, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

WARRANT #4:

Bills for the Month of July 2018 Totaling \$283,186.12: Finance Committee reviewed Warrant

#4 and recommended payment. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Warrant #4 in the amount of \$283,186.12, seconded by Chris James.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Chris James, Roger Husband, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Pat Sanchez, Jeff Griswold, Samantha Ritchie, Jim Friedenbach and Christine Lee. Nay: none. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

2018 Illinois Municipal League: Mayor Chris Lain reminded the Council of the Annual Conference coming up September 20-22, 2018 in Chicago. Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe has the information if anyone is interested in attending.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Financial, Police, Fire, Public Works for July 2018: After review, **Christine Lee motioned to approve the monthly reports, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance, Amending Title 3, Chapter 7, Section 4, Restriction on Issuance or Renewal of Licenses: This was the second reading of this proposed Ordinance amendment allowing the Mayor or any elected official to have an interest in the sale of alcoholic liquor, as long as they have appointed another to serve as Local Liquor Commissioner. **Christine Lee motioned to read by title only and approve Ordinance #2231, Amending Title 3, Chapter 7, Section 4, Restriction on Issuance or Renewal of Licenses, seconded by Pat Sanchez. Roll Call Vote Aye:** Sara DeSpain Purdom, Pat Sanchez, Jeff Griswold, Samantha Ritchie, Christine Lee, Jim Friedenbach, Chris James and Roger Husband. **Nay:** none. Motion passed.

Ordinance, Amending Title 9, Chapter 4, Golf Carts: This was the second reading of this proposed Ordinance amendment. **Pat Sanchez motioned to read by title only and approve Ordinance #2232, Amending Title 9, Chapter 4, Golf Carts, seconded by Jeff Griswold.** Roger Husband questioned why Chief Dimmick is asking for this change. Chief Dimmick explained this request is a clarification for ongoing allowances. There are currently licenses issued to UTV'S within the City but there was no definitive verbiage in the current ordinance allowing them. He would like it to be clearly defined what is allowed and a defined expiration date for the licenses. Roger Husband also questioned if the annual \$50 License Fee was high enough. Christine Lee pointed out the current budget allows for a certain figure and maybe next year's budget can change the costs if necessary. **Roll Call Vote Aye:** Sara DeSpain Purdom, Pat Sanchez, Jeff Griswold, Samantha Ritchie, Christine Lee, Jim Friedenbach and Chris James. **Nay:** Roger Husband. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Intersection Solicitors License, Heartland Pet Welfare, Inc: Mayor Chris Lain explained Heartland Pet Welfare is asking for a waiver from the State requirement of proof of a "Statewide Event" for approval for an Intersection Solicitors License. They are requesting the use of the Highway 84 & 52 stop light on Saturday, September 15th. This a local charity only. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the Intersection Solicitors License for Heartland Pet Welfare, Inc as a one-time exception, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** Jeff Griswold questioned if this would cause a problem by granting this exception. Phil Jensen suggested it could but the statute does seem to be discriminating against local charity organizations. Mayor Lain clarified these requests can be individually reviewed for approval. **Roll Call Vote Aye:** Samantha Ritchie, Christine Lee, Jim Friedenbach, Chris James, Sara DeSpain Purdom and Pat Sanchez. **Nay:** Jeff Griswold and Roger Husband. Motion passed.

Ordinance, Amending Title 3, Chapter 9, Tobacco Regulations, Electronic Smoking Device: Mayor Lain stated this Ordinance amendment has not yet been prepared for Council review. **Pat Sanchez motioned to table this Ordinance amendment, seconded by Chris James.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

(Added) Eric and Becky Jobin request to address the Council: Eric Jobin of 415 N 5th Street had reported a washed out on the road near his property. At the time the City went to fix the problem, it was discovered that the wash out occurred due his sanitary sewer being improperly connected to the storm sewer and the City can't legally reconnect it under current regulations. The City and the homeowner were not aware of this problem until now. Eric Jobin is requesting the City restore the connection to its previous condition. John Lindeman explained under current law and statutes it is not legal to reconnect it and stated it is the home-owners responsibility. There is no precedent that provides for an exception to this. The Council acknowledges the burden this causes but it is also a risk of ownership and is not covered under a sales contract. No

action was taken at this time.

APPOINTMENTS:

Liquor Control Commissioner: Mayor Chris Lain explained this appointment is tied to Ordinance #2231 that was passed under Unfinished Business. Since he has a business with an interest in a Liquor License, he can no longer serve as Local Liquor Commissioner and an appointment needs to be made for that position. Mayor Lain recommended the appointment of City Attorney Phil Jensen. He currently serves as Liquor Commissioner for other municipalities. Mr. Jensen will not receive the Liquor Commissioners annual \$50 pay since he is not the elected Mayor. Mike Nestle questioned whether there is a residency requirement since the position is normally handled by the Mayor. Mayor Lain responded there is no requirement. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the Appointment of City Attorney Phil Jensen as Liquor Control Commissioner, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom. Roll call vote Aye:** Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Roger Husband, Chris James, Sara DeSpain Purdom and Pat Sanchez. **Nay:** none. Motion passed.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Freddie Preston congratulated Phil Jensen and felt this was a good appointment.

Jim Friedenbach thanked the public works for getting all the demolition letters mailed out and signs up.

Christine Lee mentioned the new Street Lights look very nice and how wonderful all the lights now work.

John Lindeman stated the Wacker Road project is finally approved by IDOT and is moving forward. Property acquisition should begin shortly and hopefully the project will begin next year.

Mayor Lain stated the Tourism Study by University of Illinois is underway, but a report isn't expected for at least 6 months. They have visited Savanna and research is underway back in Champaign.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm.**

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.