

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss. Citizens in attendance were Linda Grissinger, TJ Coyle, Jaime Meeker, Abby Meeker, Terry Meeker, William Schmidt, Carrie Schmidt, Craig LaShelle, Christine Brown, Kathleen Sanchez, Lynnette Forth, Paul Forth and Jayden Forth.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the agenda for the meeting of September 11, 2018 as presented, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom**, All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the August 28, 2018-Regular Meeting and Public Hearing: Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the August 28, 2018 regular meeting and public hearing minutes **Sara DeSpain Purdom made a motion to approve the two meeting minutes of August 28, 2018, seconded by Pat Sanchez**. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hotel/Motel Committee 9-05-18: Committee Chairman Samantha Ritchie reported that Facebook continues to be the top resource with reached roughly 26,000 people in the last 7 days and 45,790 in the last 28. The August invoice from the consultant was reviewed and approved for payment. A request from Poopy's for a partial reimbursement of the summers entertainment was discussed, with the committee voting down a reimbursement for this year. The discussion moved to adding dollars to next year's budget and preparing guidelines for such requests for reimbursement. The current Consultants agreement expired in August. The Committee is recommending renewal of the current contract agreement with Brienna Junk for an additional one year period. This item is before Council under New Business. Roger Husband asked what criteria is used to add businesses and events to the Explore Savanna website and page and why businesses outside Savanna are being shown. Mayor Chris Lain explained the website and Facebook page are not to highlight any specific businesses. The idea is to

generate interest in overnight stays in Savanna, to show various activities and events to do in the area. Anyone is able to be included on the website by submitting their upcoming event to the City or Consultant, Brienna Junk. Roger Husband also suggested adding a direct link on the City website to make Explore Savanna easier to find until it gets a little better known. **Roger Husband motioned to approve the Hotel/Motel Committee report from 9-5-18, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Finance Committee Meeting 9-11-18: Committee Chairman Christine Lee reported the monthly reports were reviewed and approved. The Committee reviewed and recommended payment of Warrant #5 in the amount of \$365,230.95.

Three requests for funds for door replacements were reviewed by the Committee and recommend the two department heads get two or three estimates together in hopes to get a reduced cost.

Request for Funds, Bay Doors, Fire Department: Chief Shawn Picolotti requested funds for replacement of four bay doors not to exceed the \$20,000 budgeted in the Civic Fund-Utility Maintenance (54).

Request for Funds, Overhead Doors at Maintenance Garage, Public Works Department: Superintendent John Lindeman requested funds for replacement of two overhead doors not to exceed the \$8,000 budgeted in the Civic Fund-Street Department (53), Water Fund and the Sewer Fund.

Request for Funds, Pedestrian Doors at Maintenance Garage, Public Works Department: Superintendent John Lindeman requested funds for replacement of two pedestrian doors not to exceed the \$3,000 budgeted in the Civic Fund-Street Department (53), Water Fund and the Sewer Fund.

Christine Lee motioned to approve the three door request for funds not to exceed their budgeted amounts, seconded by Pat Sanchez. Roll call vote Aye: Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez and Sara DeSpain Purdom. Voting Nay: None. Motion passed.

Request for Funds, Emergency Light Kit, Fire Department: Chief Shawn Picolotti requested funds to replace the lights on the ladder truck. The installation will be completed by the Fire Department themselves. It is a budgeted item from the Civic Fund-Fire Department (52) for \$1200. **Christine motion to approve the request for funds not to exceed \$1200, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

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

WARRANT #5:

Bills for the Month of August 2018, Totaling \$365,230.95: After a brief review Jeff Griswold motioned to approve payment of Warrant #5 in the amount of \$365,230.95, **seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Roll call vote Aye: Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie and Jeff Griswold. Nay: None. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Chris Lain declared no communications for consideration.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Financial, Police, Fire, Public Works for August 2018: After review, **Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve the departmental monthly reports for August, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance, Amending Title 3, Chapter 9, Tobacco Regulations, Electronic Smoking Device: After a brief review of this Ordinance amendment **Jeff Griswold** motioned to read by title only and approve Ordinance #2233, seconded by Pat Sanchez. Sara DeSpain Purdom mentioned she had posted the question on Facebook and only received one negative response to the ban. Christine Lee asked City Attorney Phil Jensen if the City was within State laws in creating a City Ordinance specifically addressing vaping. Attorney Phil Jensen answered the State has not ruled on this issue as yet, so technically, as a non-home rule municipality, it is allowable. He feels very comfortable with this Ordinance because it is a matter of public health and safety. Jeff Griswold stated this request was brought to the Ordinance Committee for review from a business owner and several other various employees. **Roll call vote Aye:** Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez and Sara DeSpain Purdom. **Nay:** Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee. **Mayor Chris Lain cast the deciding Aye vote.** Motion passed. Ordinance #2233 will go into effect October 1, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation of Police Lieutenant Promotion: Chief Kevin Dimmick announced the promotion of Officer Nicholas Meeker to the rank of Lieutenant. Officer Courtney Grinnell read a letter of congratulations while Chief Kevin Dimmick and Lieutenant Meeker's wife, Jamie pinned on his Lieutenant bars.

Hotel/Motel Consultant Agreement, 1 Year: Christine Lee asked if the agreement could be amended to coincide with the fiscal budget year end of 4/30/2019 and then future renewals on an annual basis. This would help in the budgeting process. Hotel/Motel Committee Chairman Samantha Ritchie and Mayor Chris Lain agreed with her suggested amendment. **Samantha Ritchie** motioned to approve the Consultant Agreement with Brienna Junk with the amended expiration date of 4/30/19, seconded by Pat Sanchez. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Craig LaShelle addressed the Council regarding a storm drain issue behind his home on Milwaukee Street that has again taken down his retaining wall. He has had an ongoing issue with the drain not working properly and recently once again had to manually clear the drain. He would like to have the City address the problem. John Lindeman explained that there is a large ravine that drains down the hillside to the drain. In the large rainfall recently, the pipe is not capable of always keeping up. He had previously asked MSA Engineers to look at the problem and they estimate \$500,000 to correct this issue. Christine Lee asked if routine maintenance and clearing of the drain, could help it before that kind of money is spent. John responded his department will attempt to clear the drain and maintain it as often as possible. Superintendent John Lindeman will also camera the pipe to make sure there are no blockages.

Christine Brown addressed the Council regarding potholes in her alley between Spring & Hill Streets. Superintendent John Lindeman will get her on the priority list for this week. She had brought this problem to the Council in June.

Kathleen Sanchez addressed the Council regarding the deterioration of the retaining wall on Chicago Avenue. She would like the City to contact the State of Illinois to fix it before it comes down into her property. Mayor Lain responded he has been in contact with the State, who is denying responsibility. The City Attorney Phil Jensen is currently reviewing the maintenance agreements to determine the State's ownership. It will be moved up in priority.

Linda Grissinger commented on the pothole on Pike Road. John responded his department had addressed it that day.

Sara DeSpain Purdom reminded everyone about the Savanna Chamber sponsored Halloween Spook Walk on October 27th.

Jeff Griswold would like the property owners on Third Street be approached about the old furniture placed out at the curb.

Jim Friedenbach asked the Public Works to address the overgrown weeds on Fourth Street and the Madison & Webster walls.

Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe reminded everyone that petitions will be available for circulation on September 18th for the April 2nd, 2019 consolidated election. Four Council seats and the City Clerks position will be open, if anyone is interested in running.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.