

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 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, Roger Husband, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee and Pat Sanchez. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller & Colton Ostrum, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss. Citizens in attendance were Travis Yenney, Jay Miller and IBEW Union Rep Derek Luetgert.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the agenda. **Samantha Ritchie made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, with a second from Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the December 12, 2017 Meeting:** Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from December 12, 2017. **Sara DeSpain Purdom made a motion to approve the December 12, 2017 minutes, with a second from Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Contracts & Lease/Collective Bargaining Committee 12/16/17:** Jeff Griswold reported on the meeting. Verizon lease was briefly discussed with no action taken. Mediacom lease was the primary objective as the lease had expired in June of 2017. Currently they provide services to the Fire Department and the new Waste Water Treatment plant. The city has not received billing for the services at the Fire Department. The current proposal is \$500 per month with an annual increase of 2½%. The committee recommends approval of this proposal to get the contract settled. Pat Sanchez asked if the agreement included a single line on the east side of the Viaduct to be moved to the existing poles on the west side, thereby eliminating the extra poles on the east side. Mayor Lain stated he will look into it. Roger Husband questioned how the building would affect the Wacker Road Project, with John Lindeman stating it would not. An agreement will be presented to the Council at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. **Christine Lee motioned to accept the Contracts & Lease/Collective Bargaining Committee report, with a second by Jim Friedenbach.** All voting in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

**Hotel Motel Committee 01/03/18:** Samantha Ritchie reported on the meeting. Marketing consultant applicant Brienna Junk gave a presentation. The Committee should have a recommendation for the Marketing Consultant position to bring forth to the Council from their February Committee meeting. **Christine Lee motioned to accept the Hotel/Motel Committee**

**report, with a second by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

**Finance Committee 01/09/18:** Christine Lee reported on the meeting. The December 2017 Accounts Receivable & 12/24/36/48/60 December 2017 Reports, along with the 2017/2018 Budget was reviewed and approved. The TBC Fire Department agreement has been discontinued as of January 1st. This agreement was to assist in collection of expenses for certain rescue calls. Warrant #9 for \$1,223,273.53 was reviewed and recommended for payment. **Samantha Ritchie motioned to accept the Finance Committee report, with a second by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

**WARRANT #9:**

**Bills for the Month of December 2017 Totaling \$1,223,273.53:** Samantha Ritchie questioned the City of Savannah's Check for \$124,305.78. Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe responded that the check included transfers for health insurance, permanent transfer for Admin fees in the Ambulance and TIF funds, transfer of funds to the Sales Tax Rebate Fund, hotel/motel expenses and a loan to the EDA fund until the final draw of EDA funds are received. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve payment of Warrant #9 in the amount of \$1,223,273.53, with a second by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** A roll call vote of Aye: **Sara DeSpain Purdom, Jeff Griswold, Christine Lee, Roger Husband, Pat Sanchez, Samantha Ritchie, Jim Friedenbach and Chris James.** Nay: None. Motion passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

No communications to report.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Financial, Police, Fire, Public Works for December 2017:** After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to accept the monthly reports for December 2017, with a second by Samantha Ritchie.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance, Approving a TIF Redevelopment Agreement with River Cities Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration:** Pat Sanchez noted that this Ordinance includes the correction of the dollar amounts from the last Ordinance presented. **Christine Lee motioned to read by title only and approve Ordinance #2214 approving the TIF Redevelopment Agreement with River Cities Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** A Roll Call vote of Aye: Jeff Griswold, Christine Lee, Roger Husband, Pat Sanchez, Samantha Ritchie, Jim Friedenbach, Chris James and Sara DeSpain Purdom. Nay: None. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance, Adding Title 1, Chapter 27, Section 2 to the Code of Ordinances, Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment:** The Ordinance #2213 Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment was approved at the previous meeting. This Ordinance is placing Ordinance #2213 into Title 1 of the City Code. **Christine Lee motioned to read by title only, waive the second reading and approve Ordinance #2215 Adding Title 1, Chapter 27, Section 2 to the Code of Ordinances, Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment, seconded by Roger Husband.** A Roll Call Vote of Aye: Christine Lee, Roger Husband, Pat Sanchez, Samantha Ritchie, Jim Friedenbach, Chris James, Sara DeSpain Purdom and Jeff Griswold. Nay: None. Motion passed.

**CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

No Comments were made.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Christine Lee motioned, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom to enter Executive Session for 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Consideration and Discussion of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, Dismissal of Specific Employees or to Hear Testimony on a Complaint Lodged Against an Employee:** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Entered Executive Session at 8:00pm.

Open session began at 9:35pm.

**Any Action Necessary Arising after Executive Session: Jeff Griswold motioned, seconded by Jim Friedenbach to support the decision made with no change regarding the employment of Travis Yenney.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Chris James, Jeff Griswold, Roger Husband, Pat Sanchez, Samantha Ritchie, Jim Friedenbach, Nay: Sara DeSpain Purdom and Christine Lee. Motion passed. Travis Yenney thanked the Council for the opportunity to present his version and their time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 9:38 pm.**

**Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.**