

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL
IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUES MAY 22, 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 7:32 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, Roger Husband, Samantha Ritchie and Pat Sanchez. Christine Lee was absent. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller and Colton Ostrum, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, Superintendent John Lindeman, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss. Citizens in attendance were Linda Grissing and Rae Timm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the agenda for May 22, 2018, **Samantha Ritchie made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the May 8, 2018 - Regular Meeting: Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from May 8, 2018. **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve the May 8, 2018 minutes as written, seconded by Roger Husband.** All in favor, none opposed, the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None for consideration.

COMMUNICATIONS: **September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation:** Sara DeSpain Purdom read a proclamation requested by the United City of Yorkville, Illinois recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. After the reading, Mayor Chris Lain proclaimed the Month of September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None for Consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Possible Action to Vary Ordinance 1-23-5(B) to Allow City Council to Recommend Hiring and Wage for Public Works Employee: An offer of employment was rescinded for one of the previously approved individuals. John Lindeman and Mayor Lain would like to now extend the employment offer to Mark Anderson. He has previously worked for the City in the Public Work's Department as a part-time employee. Mayor Chris Lain and Superintendent John Lindeman are recommending a wage of \$16.50 per hour. **Roger Husband motioned to make this one time variance to speed-up the hiring process to approve the hiring of Mark Anderson as Maintenance Worker 1 at \$16.50 per hour, second by Pat Sanchez. Roll Call Vote Aye: Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Chris James, Roger Husband and Jim Friedenbach, none opposed.** Motion passed.

Resolution, Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property Within the Highway 84 & Wacker Road Redevelopment Project Area (519 Main St): This is a request for TIF funds from Bill Parks for the building at 519 Main Street where he intends to renovate the interior and exterior in order to operate a tattoo studio. **Roger Husband motioned to approve Resolution #1153 to Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property with the TIF Project Area for 519 Main Street, seconded by Pat Sanchez. All voting in favor, none opposed, Samantha Ritchie abstaining.** Motion passed.

Resolution, Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property Within the Highway 84 & Wacker Rd Redevelopment Project Area (409 Main St): This is a request for TIF funds from Vicki Green for the building at 409 Main Street where she intends to renovate the interior and

exterior in order to operate an eating and drinking establishment. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Resolution #1154 to Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property Within the TIF Project Area for 409 Main Street seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom. All voting in favor, none opposed, Samantha Ritchie abstaining.** Motion passed.

Resolution Supporting Temporary Closure of Dale Gardner Memorial Bridge in Connection With Bridge Dedication: The Savanna-Sabula Bridge Celebration Planners wish to temporarily close the bridge to vehicular traffic on Saturday and Sunday, June 16th and 17th, 2018 and allow only pedestrians and bike rider's access to the bridge. This will provide residents and visitors with a unique and rare opportunity to experience the architecture of the new bridge and its beautiful natural surroundings. This resolution is a requirement for Illinois Department of Transportation. **Roger Husband motioned to approve Resolution #1155 in Support of the Temporary closure of the Dale Gardner Memorial Bridge for pedestrians and bike riders only, second by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, Chris James opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution and Use Agreement Authorizing Exclusive Use of a Certain Property In Conjunction with the Memorial Day Downtown Music Festival: Vicky Gendreau dba: Hawg Dogs requested the temporary closure of Madison Street lying between Main Street and the alley east of Main Street between Main and Third Streets for the Memorial Day Downtown Music Festival on May 26th & 27th, 2018. The exclusive use shall be from 9:00 A.M. on May 26th to 7:00 P.M. on May 27th. No alcohol will be served or consumed at this event. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Resolution #1156 and the Use Agreement authorizing Hawg Dogs the temporary closure of a portion of Madison Street for the Memorial Day Downtown Music Festival on May 26th and 27th, seconded by Samantha Richie. All voting in favor, none opposed.** Motion passed.

Resolution and Use Agreement Authorizing Exclusive Use of a Certain Property In Conjunction with the Bridge Dedication Music Festival: Vicky Gendreau dba: Hawg Dogs requested the temporary closure of Madison Street from the west right-of-way line of the alley between Third and Main Street to the eastern right-of-way line of Main Street; and from the western right-of-way line of Main Street to its western terminus for the Bridge Dedication Music Festival on June 16th and 17th, 2018. No alcohol will be served or consumed at this event. The west side of Main Street will possibly be used for vendors and crafters. **Samantha Ritchie motioned to approve Resolution #1157 and the Use Agreement authorizing Hawg Dogs the temporary closure of a portion of Madison Street for the Bridge Dedication Music Festival on June 16th and 17th, seconded by Pat Sanchez. All voting in favor, none opposed,** Motion passed.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Rae Timm, who resides at 1011 Main St addressed the Council regarding three issues. 1) The space between the sidewalk & street has not been properly landscaped after the water main was moved from under Main Street. She can't mow due to the large rocks and the weeds have become unsightly. John Lindeman stated that the State is supposed to come back to grade and reseed the area. He will contact the State as to when that will happen. 2) She was also concerned about the speed of traffic on that end of Main Street. It was suggested that the City approach the State or County to have a radar unit be placed in that area to remind people of the speed. 3) The house to the north of her is in terrible disrepair and she has seen a large brown rat in the area. Mayor Lain will approach Chief Dimmick regarding any ordinance violations and Jim Friedenbach will take some condition pictures.

Linda Grissinger wanted the council to be aware that the property at 628 Bowen in need of mowing. She was also asked if there was any information on the possible ferry between Savanna and Sabula. Mayor Chris Lain stated the Iowa DOT is currently in the process of organizing a ferry. There are some issues that have to be ironed out but they are working diligently to expedite it.

Pat Sanchez wanted the Council to be aware the ATV trail was voted down at the County level. He would like to see the City get the area behind Poopy's opened up for ATV use.

Jim Friedenbach thanked the Mayor for the checklist regarding dilapidated property in town.

Superintendent John Lindeman reminded everyone of the Open House and Dedication of the Wastewater Treatment Facility on Friday, May 25th from 11 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

Mayor Lain stated that Savanna has been approved as an Opportunity Zone. This is a new federal program to allow investment in these zones and avoid Capital Gains Tax until 2026. He also stated the City did not received the grant for the Trail Head Project. It will be revamped and applied for again at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain** made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 pm.

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.