

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019 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 p.m. 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 the establishment of a quorum with members in attendance: Mayor Chris Lain, Christine Lee, Jeff Griswold, Samantha Ritchie, Nick Law, Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband, and Jim Friedenbach. Absent: Chris James. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller, Colton Ostrum and Mike Nester, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, City Attorney Phil Jensen, City Clerk Rhonda Weiss, Brittany Hatteberg, Brienna Junk, Linda Grissinger, Marne LaShelle, Garry Porter and Deb Long.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the agenda as presented for the meeting of April 9, 2019, seconded by Samantha Ritchie. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the March 26, 2019 Regular Meeting: Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 26, 2019. **Samantha Ritchie made a motion to approve the March 26, 2019 minutes as written, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Committee, 3-26-19: Chairman Christine Lee reported the Committee reviewed the annual performance evaluations given to the Department heads by the Mayor. An Executive Session was held with no action being taken. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Personnel Committee Report, seconded Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, None Opposed. Motion passed.

TIF Joint Review Board, 3-27-19: Pat Sanchez reported the annual meeting of the TIF Joint Review Board was held on March 27, 2019 for the FY 17/18. The annual meeting is a requirement and the Board reviewed the status of TIF 1 and TIF 2. **Roger Husband motioned to accept the TIF 1 and TIF 2 Joint Review Board Minutes, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Finance Committee Meeting, 4-9-19: Chairman Christine Lee reported the monthly reports for March 2019 and the 2018/2019 Budget Review were approved. The Committee reviewed the invoices for payment on Warrant #12 totaling \$446,418.77 and recommended payment. The In-Active accounts were reviewed and the Committee agreed to not write-off any of the accounts this fiscal year. **Request for Funds, Vehicle Purchase** was recommended for approval not to exceed the \$15,000 budgeted. Superintendent John Lindeman had previously been approved to purchase a vehicle from a dealership not within the City, but was advised to make the vehicle purchase from a local business since there are several to choose from. This recommendation is to purchase a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado from J.C. Carey Motors and will replace the 2006 Chevrolet Colorado at the Sewer Treatment Plant. There is currently a total of \$15,000 budgeted, \$7,500 from each of the Sewer System Improvement Fund #30 and the Water System Improvement Fund #35. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee to purchase the 2013 Chevrolet Silverado from J.C. Carey Motors not to exceed the \$15,000 budgeted, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** Roll Call: Aye: Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach and Christine Lee. Nay: None. Motion passed. **Request for Funds, Automatic Systems Co, Pay Request #2 and Final, SCADA Project** was recommended for approval for payment in the amount of \$153,100, budgeted in the Sewer System Improvement Fund #30. The total contract was for \$325,000. This is the final payment request from the contractor for the SCADA System project for the Sewer Treat Plant. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee to pay the final invoice of \$153,100 to Automatic Systems Co.**

seconded by Pat Sanchez. Roll Call: Aye: Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie and Jeff Griswold. Nay: None. Motion passed. **Request for Funds, Wacker Road Tree Removal Overage** was recommended for an additional \$1,500. Additional trees were removed from the original approved estimate of \$15,000. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the payment to Foley Tree Service for \$16,500 for the removal of trees for the Wacker Road Project, seconded by Roger Husband.** Roll Call: Aye: Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez and Nick Law. Nay: None. Motion passed. The Committee recommended **waiving the damaged meter fee of \$255 for Chasity Swift.** It was damaged from a house fire and the home was not insured. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee and waive the \$255 damaged Water Meter Charge for Chasity Swift, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Roll Call: Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, and Roger Husband. Nay: None. Motion passed. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Finance Committee report, seconded by Samantha Ritchie.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

WARRANT #12:

Bills for the Month of March 2019 Totaling \$446,418.77: After review and recommendation from the Finance Committee, **Christine Lee motioned to approve the payment of Warrant #12 in the amount of \$446,418.77, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Roll Call: Aye: Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, and Christine Lee. Nay: None. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None for Review

APPOINTMENTS:

Fire Pension Board, Balance of Three-Year Term Expiring 04/17/21; Brittany Hatteberg:

Police Pension Board, Two-Year Term Expiring 04/30/21: Stacey Lamp:

Planning & Zoning Board, Three-Year Term Expiring 04/26/22: Eric Hartman:

Planning & Zoning Board, Three-Year Term Expiring 04/26/22; Larry Melaas:

Planning & Zoning Board, Three-Year Term Expiring 04/26/22; Linda Grissinger:

Mayor Chris Lain recommended the appointments to the Fire & Police Pension Boards and the Planning & Zoning Board. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Mayor's recommendations for the appointments, seconded by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Fire and Public Works for February 2019:

Financial, Police, Fire, and Public Works for March 2019: After a brief review, **Christine Lee motioned to approve the Monthly Reports, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance, Authorizing Sale of Real Estate: This Ordinance declares sixteen (16) vacant properties surplus and authorizes the disposal of the real property by advertising them for sale. Seven (7) of the sixteen (16) properties were part of the FEMA Grant project which are not eligible for sale to private individuals and have additional restrictions for use. After further review and discussion **Christine Lee motioned to read by title only and approve Ordinance #2244-Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property (Real Estate), seconded by Roger Husband.** Roll Call: Aye: Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, and Jeff Griswold. Nay: None. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance, Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2019-2020: After a brief review, **Christine Lee motioned to read the Ordinance by title only and place on second reading for the next Council meeting, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Ordinance, Amending Title 8, Chapter 4, Section 23, Water Rates and Related Charges:

Ordinance, Amending Title 7, Chapter 6, Section 5, Basic User Rate: Both of these Ordinance amendments pertain to the 3% annual increase for the water and sewer rates to take effect May 1st, 2019. **Christine Lee motioned to read both Ordinance Amendments by title only and place on second reading for the next Council meeting, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Garry Porter addressed the Council regarding the minimum charge for water usage for 10,000 gallons. He only used 3,000 gallons and said he refuses to pay any more than the cost of 3,000

gallons. As a citizen on a fixed income he would like to see a graduated system in place for others, like himself, who never come close to that minimum usage amount of 10,000 gallons. Superintendent Lindeman responded that the fairest way to charge was to use the average usage of 10,000 gallons per household. Mayor Chris Lain responded that he will take his concern to the Water, Sewer, Refuse Street and Alley Committee.

Marne LaShelle wanted to commend the City on the response to the Mississippi River flooding issues. She also asked about the stumps that were left from the tree removal from the Wacker Road Project. Superintendent Lindeman stated the stumps will be removed as part of the construction of the Wacker Road Project. Marne also asked that the pedestrian markers be returned to Main Street.

Linda Grissinger stated that 634 and 628 Bowen Street has not had their garbage picked-up in the last 3 weeks.

Roger Husband also stated there is a couch at the roadside of Wacker & Viaduct Roads, possibly for the Citywide cleanup, but is much too early to have it sitting there that long. Roger would also like the City to implement a Committee for Flood Planning, so something is in writing for future reference.

Christine Lee asked to have 523 North Fifth Street and 710 Cooley Avenue added to the watch list.

Jeff Griswold asked about the pump brought in by the IDOT for the houses on North Main Street. Mayor Lain stated the City had requested the pump and it is working out very well for them.

Superintendent John Lindeman stated the bid opening for the Wacker Road Project is scheduled for April 22nd at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall and the City Wide Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday May 11th.

Chief Shawn Picolotti wanted to commend Asst. Chief Scott Wolfe for his extra efforts regarding the flood and sandbagging. Also, the Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for this Sunday, April 14th from 7 to 11 a.m.

Mayor Chris Lain relayed to the Council that he received the Rental Ordinance from the City Attorney today and it will be reviewed by the Building & Public Property/Safety Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.**

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.