

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, MAY 28, 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 the 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 the establishment of a quorum with members in attendance Mayor Chris Lain, Debbie Long, Jeff Griswold, Christine Lee, Nick Law, Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband, and Jocelyn Boyd. Absent: Jim Friedenbach. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller and Colton Ostrum, Linda Grissinger, Rafael Rosario, Paul & Michele Figie, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Christine Lee motioned to approve the agenda as presented for the meeting of May 28, 2019, seconded by Pat Sanchez. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the May 14, 2019 Regular Meeting: Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from May 14, 2019. **Roger Husband made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

WARRANT #1A: Additional Invoices Totaling \$19,753.00: After a brief review, **Christine Lee motioned to approve the payment of Warrant #1A, Invoices Totaling \$19,753.00, seconded by Roger Husband.** Roll Call Aye: Jocelyn Boyd, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Deb Long, Roger Husband, and Christine Lee. Nay: None. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Donation Letter for Fireworks: Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti sent letters to local businesses asking for donations for the Fireworks Celebration to be held on Saturday, July 6th. Christine Lee asked what businesses might have received them. Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti replied he believed they were sent to most, if not all local businesses since all of the businesses benefit from the people coming to town. Mayor Chris Lain will get the parade request on the agenda for the next meeting.

Spring Summit: Blackhawk Hills Regional Council Spring Summit will be June 10th, 2019. Mayor Chris Lain asked if a Council member would like to attend, to please let him know so reservations can be made.

APPOINTMENTS:

Whiteside County Enterprise Zone: This position continues to remain unfilled.

BIDS:

Wacker Road Project Bid, Award: Mayor Chris Lain said the bid will not be awarded tonight and explained the IEPA has approved it, but the EDA still has not given final approval, but should be approved in the next few days. The Mayor requested authority to sign the necessary paperwork and loan papers as soon as the final approvals are given. Groundbreaking is still tentatively set for next week. Fischer can start as soon as approvals are given. **Christine Lee motioned to give the Mayor that permission, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Police for April 2019: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Police Departments monthly report for April 2019, seconded by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None for Review.

NEW BUSINESS:

None for Review.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mayor Chris Lain passed out packets to each Council Member regarding Review of Executive Session Minutes from the last few years. The Council is required to review these to decide which will be released and which to keep sealed. This will be an agenda item on the June 11, 2019 Council meeting.

Christine Lee asked Chief Kevin Dimmick about the residences with garbage in the yards after the City-Wide Cleanup. He responded the department is trying to get caught up on the violations.

Linda Grissinger asked about the pink sign on Chicago Avenue advertising rooms for rent. Mayor Chris Lain responded the person has been contacted and informed of the necessary inspections and licenses required for such a business. They were also informed they cannot rent rooms in that manner. Linda also questioned a home at 628 Bowen Street where there is a car now on the property. Mayor Chris Lain responded the car is half on the neighbor's property, the owner has been cited and the car will be towed shortly. He also stated 440 Bowen has been checked and mowed. She also addressed John Lindeman regarding potholes in the alley behind the 600 Block of Chicago Avenue.

Raphael Rosario asked the Council where a list of the Ordinance codes are available, grass height, etc. Mayor Chris Lain stated they are available online.

Michele Fige asked what the process is to tear down a house. They own a house at 14 Walnut Street that they would like to tear down. Mayor Chris Lain responded the City has a program to reimburse up to \$2500 in tear down costs. John Lindeman will give them a list of local contractors that do tear downs along with the grant application after the meeting.

Pat Sanchez asked about the house on Bowen with the tractor in the yard getting cleaned up. Chief Kevin Dimmick will pass it on. He also asked about the river water levels and sandbagging. Mayor Chris Lain responded the river shouldn't go over the crest of a few weeks ago. They are anticipating some water in the alley behind Main Street, but not into any buildings except the old

Signature Woodworking, so those doors will be sandbagged. Savanna has been offered the excess sandbags by the Sabula Mayor, so the City has been using those, instead of filling more.

Jocelyn Boyd asked about the disposal of tattered US Flags. Chief Kevin Dimmick responded that Law-Jones has an old mail drop box in their parking lot for disposal.

Christine Lee asked City Attorney Phil Jensen if he has received a response regarding the Chicago Avenue wall. He stated he has not, since his last response. Christine asked about the burned house on Bowen, why it is not secured. Mayor Chris Lain responded their plan is to tear it down and rebuild, but will contact them to get the building secured. She would like the Police Department to investigate unlicensed vehicles on private property and would like Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman to get the weeds taken care of the 4th St. wall. New weeds are already 2' tall along with last year at 10' tall. Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman is looking into having that hired out. She also would like the homes that don't have utilities to continue to be watched for cleanup. She understands that neighbors have a hard time approaching owners regarding cleanup but would prefer the Police Department handle that end.

Mayor Chris Lain asked Jeff Griswold to schedule an Ordinance Committee meeting.

Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti update the Council on the ladder truck, stating it is in Joliet, Illinois trying to find the problem with the turntable.

Chief Kevin Dimmick shared the new officer is doing very well and will be granted a waiver to attend the academy due to his previous service.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm.**

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.