

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 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, Nick Law, Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband, and Jocelyn Boyd. Absent: Jeff Griswold, Christine Lee, and Jim Friedenbach. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Mike Nester, Michael Miller, and Colton Ostrum, Brienna Junk, Doris Johnson, Pam Villalobos, Linda Grissinger, Marne LaShelle, Steve Haring, Assistant Fire Chief Scott Wolfe, James Johnson, 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:**

**Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve the agenda with the removal of Finance Committee, 06-11-19 under Committee Reports for the meeting of June 11, 2019, seconded by **Jocelyn Boyd**. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the May 28, 2019, Regular Meeting:** Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from May 28, 2019. **Roger Husband** made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by **Pat Sanchez**. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Hotel/Motel Committee, 06/05/19:** Mayor Chris Lain reported on the meeting, since Chairman Jim Friedenbach is absent. The Blackhawk Waterways report was discussed by Diane Bausman. There have been 13,498 unique visits to the Blackhawk Waterways site, generating 89 information requests and phone calls. She also showed everyone several advertisements where they used Savanna & the surrounding area for pictures. The Annual Dinner is August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 in Deer Grove. Kathy Christensen and Samantha Ritchie handed out the first draft of the Festival Grant Application requirements. There were a few changes and additions recommended to be made on the form. Consultant Brienna Junk brought promotional materials for handouts that were covered by a grant from BWCVB. The billboard ad on Hwy 20 will be ready in the fall and will be changed out quarterly. A Stay Video will also be completed at each of the lodging locations and will be posted on our website and social media outlets. **Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve the June 5, 2019 Hotel/Motel Committee Report, second by **Roger Husband**. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Finance Committee, 06/11/19:** Due to lack of quorum, the Finance Committee meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for June 25, 2019. Finance Committee report is tabled until June 25, 2019.

**Personnel Committee, 06/10/19: Recommendation of Starting Salary for Acting Bookkeeper:** Mayor Chris Lain reported on the meeting, since Chairman Christine Lee is absent. The Administrative Department has an opening for the Bookkeeper position. The Committee with the recommendation of Mayor Chris Lain and Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg would like to move Tiffany Stretton into an Acting Bookkeeper role, she is currently in the Billing Clerk position. The Committee also recommends going through a temp

agency to fulfill the Billing Clerk position temporarily. The recommendation from the Personnel Committee is to increase Tiffany Stretton's hourly rate to \$16.68 per hour during her transitional period and revisit the hourly rate after this time. **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve Tiffany Stretton as Acting Bookkeeper at the hourly rate of \$16.68, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jocelyn Boyd, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Debbie Long, and Roger Husband. Nay: None. Motion passed.

#### **WARRANT #2:**

**Bills for the Month of May Totaling \$260,448.19:** After review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve payment of Warrant #2 in the amount of \$260,448.19, seconded by Nick Law.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Debbie Long, Roger Husband, and Jocelyn Boyd. Nay: None. Motion passed.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Presentation, Certificates of Recognition:** Mayor Chris Lain gave Certificates of Recognition to Gene Gonyier, James Johnson, and Assistant Fire Chief Scott Wolfe for their hard work and diligence during the 2019 Flood in Savanna. Mayor Chris Lain presented James Johnson and Assistant Fire Chief Scott Wolfe with certificates during the meeting, unfortunately Gene Gonyier was unable to attend.

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Whiteside County Enterprise Zone, Steve Haring:** Mayor Chris Lain would like to recommend the appointment of Steve Haring to the Whiteside County Enterprise Zone. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the appointment of Steve Haring to the Whiteside County Enterprise Zone, seconded by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Financial, Police, Fire, and Public Works for May 2019:** After review of the Financial, Police, Fire, and Public Works reports **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the monthly reports for May 2019, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None for Review.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution, Temporary Road Closure, Independence Day Parade:** The Independence Day Parade will be held on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 6:00-7:00 P.M. After review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Resolution #1181, Temporary Road Closure, Independence Day Parade, seconded by Nick Law.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Resolution, Determining the Prevailing Rate of Wages Under the Prevailing Wage Act:** After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Resolution #1182, Determining the Prevailing Rate of Wages Under the Prevailing Wage Act, seconded by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Local Union 196 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Agreement, May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2023:** **Pat Sanchez motioned to table this agenda item since not all members of council were in attendance, seconded by Nick Law.**

#### **CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Doris Johnson addressed the Council regarding garbage in local homes and yards. Mayor Chris Lain responded that the house in question had been notified of violations and the City is working on it. Any other complaints can be submitted to the Police Department. Doris Johnson asked if she doesn't receive a satisfactory result/answer who she should contact. Mayor Chris Lain told her she is welcome to speak with him any time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**5ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Collective Bargaining:**

Tabled for next meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**5ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) Review of Closed Session Minutes:**

**Pat Sanchez motioned to enter into Executive Session at 8:13 P.M., seconded Nick Law.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Pat Sanchez motioned to return to open session at 9:04 P.M., seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Members present were Mayor Chris Lain, Jocelyn Boyd, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Debbie Long, and Roger Husband. Non-members in attendance were Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss.

**CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Pat Sanchez asked about the video of a City Police Officer being distributed on social media. Mayor Chris Lain explained there was a domestic dispute, Officer Mark Skorup responded, and someone recorded the arrest. Mayor Chris Lain responded the video doesn't have audio, therefore not offering the full picture of the arrest. Officer Mark Skorup did radio for backup, to which Officer Randy Craft responded. There were several bystanders within the property prompting additional assistance. This is an ongoing investigation, and the City will not comment at this time.

Roger Husband asked why we don't have officer body cameras. Mayor Chris Lain responded we have never had a need and that the Cameras themselves aren't that expensive, but the computer storage is.

Nick Law asked about the marina docks damaged during the Flood of 2019. Mayor Chris Lain responded they are the Park Board responsibility.

Mayor Chris Lain announced the groundbreaking for the Wacker Road Project is Friday, June 14, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 9:36 P.M.**

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