

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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 7:35 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, Jim Friedenbach, Sara Purdom, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, and Roger Husband. Deb Long arrived 3 minutes later, Jocelyn Boyd was absent. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller, and Mike Nester, Linda Grissinger, Marne LaShelle, Jared Fluhr-MSA, Daniel Hartman, Rob Canier, Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Chris Lain asked to add the correspondence from Mississippi Lodge #385 to New Business. Pat Sanchez asked to add a TIF Agreement with Manny's Pizza also under New Business. **Sara Purdom motioned to approve the agenda with the two additions to New Business, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the October 8, 2019 Regular Meeting and Executive Session:

Mayor Chris Lain asked to change the minutes regarding the salary offer to Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg to read as a 3% increase is offered. **Sara Purdom motioned to approve the Minutes with the change of offer of 3% to Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Executive Session Minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Tax Increment Financing Committee, 10/22/19: Pat Sanchez reported on the meeting from earlier in the day. The TIF Application from Manny's Pizza was discussed for the proposed payout of \$4,500 for 10 years. Mirror Image application was also briefly reviewed. River Ratz has submitted all receipts for payment this year and is under review by Sharon Pepin. There will be a total proposed payback this year on six businesses, up from 4 businesses last year, of \$19,857.18. **Sara Purdom motioned to accept the TIF Committee report, seconded by Deb Long.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Dan Payette: Dan Payette of Blackhawk Hills Regional Council addressed the Council on his group and how it can assist the City in planning for the future. There is an 18-member board that oversees and advises them in NW Illinois. They cover grants for the area as well as the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). He covered comparisons for the regional and projections of the population in the area. He noted the decrease in population and maintenance of incomes without significant growth, as well as lower unemployment to fill current openings. He stressed the necessity of diversification for the area economics.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wacker Road Project Update and Associated Action Items: Jared Fluhr with MSA, updated the Council on the project. The Contractor still feels confident about having the roadway open in the next few

weeks. All approaches and driveways may not be complete until spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mississippi Lodge #385 Civic Organization Signage: Rob Canier addressed the Council on replacement of the Civic Signage at the North End of town. They are proposing the replacement being made from pieces from the old bridge and be located by the Well Pump House by the Veteran's Memorial. **Roger Husband motioned to approve the erection of the new Civic Organization signs with Superintendent of Public Works John Lindeman's assistance, seconded by Nick Law.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

TIF Agreement with Manny's Pizza: Pat Sanchez reviewed the agreement recommended by the TIF Committee. The Committee is recommending a total payout on the project of \$45,000 paid out over 10-years at \$4,500.00 per year. Roger Husband questioned why the long payout period when others have been shorter. Pat Sanchez responded that Manny's a cornerstone of the community and River Ratz is also a 10-year payout. Jeff Griswold questioned if Manny's is opposed to the length of payout, and Pat responded they are not concerned. Pat Sanchez reviewed each, Riverside Dental is about \$29,000 over 7 years, The Answer is \$11,000 over 5 years, River Cities Plumbing is \$9,000 over 5 years, Keyhole Tattoo is \$6,000 over 3 years, River Ratz is \$53,000 over 10 years, and Manny's is \$45,000 over 10 years. The percentages of reimbursements vary depending on the project. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the TIF Agreement with Manny's Pizza for \$45,000 over a 10-year term with an annual payout of \$4,500, seconded by Jeff Griswold.** Roll Call Voting Aye: Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Deb Long, Jim Friedenbach, and Sara Purdom. Roger Husband voted Aye with an objection to the long term, would prefer 5 or 7 years. Nay: None. Motion passed.

CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Daniel Hartman requested a change in utility billing rates for water and sewer. He would like to see that you are only charged for what you use instead of the minimum per residential billing at 10,000 gallons.

Jeff Griswold wanted to mention that Verizon has finally returned the signed lease for tower space with retroactive payments.

Mayor Chris Lain notified everyone of the Pet Parade sponsored by Ace Hardware on October 31st at 5:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) Consideration & Discussion of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, Dismissal of Specific Employees or to Hear Testimony on a Complaint Lodged Against an Employee: Sara Purdom motioned to enter into Executive Session 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1), seconded by Roger Husband at 8:19 P.M. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Possible Action on Executive Session: Roger Husband motioned to return from Executive Session at 9:25 P.M.

Roger Husband then motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Police Chief Kevin Dimmick and thank him for his years of service to the City of Savanna, seconded by Nick Law. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the offer of a pay raise from \$23.50 to \$25.00 per hour for Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg, seconded by Nick Law. Roll Call Vote Aye: Deb Long, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Sara Purdom Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, and Nick Law. Nay: None. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain motioned to adjourn at 9:31 P.M.**

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.