

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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 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, Jocelyn Boyd, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Deb Long, Sara Purdom, and Roger Husband. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Mike Nester, Mike Miller, and Colton Ostrum, Linda Grissinger, Brienna Junk, Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg, Superintendent of Public Works John Lindeman, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, Police Chief Jeff Doran, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Pat Sanchez asked to add under New Business the Funding of Wacker Road Project through Loan from Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. and payment disbursement; in the amount of \$343,291.27. After review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Sara Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the November 26, 2019 Regular Meeting: Nick Law motioned to approve the Minutes from November 26, 2019, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Hotel/Motel Committee, 12/04/19:** Sara Purdom reported on the meeting. Explore Savanna has reached 10,000 likes, which is important for a town our size and in 18 months. Brienna Junk stated the new billboard would be up soon on Highway 20 for the winter scene. Explore Savanna ad in Blackhawk Waterways Visitor Guide is currently at ½ page and the printer has offered a deal if we would take the full page at \$1,800. The Committee recommends the upgrade depending on placement. Brienna Junk verified placement would be the inside cover. The Christmas Walk was a success and Ugly Sweater Contest is December 20<sup>th</sup>. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Hotel/Motel Committee report, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Finance Committee, 12/10/19:** Chairman Pat Sanchez updated the Council on the meeting held earlier. The regular reports and annual budget were reviewed.

**Partial Reimbursement of Demolition Expenses, Mike Bellich, 120 Towanda Street: Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the reimbursement at \$2,500 for Mike Bellich, 120 Towanda Street, seconded by Nick Law.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Approval of Loan Disbursement #6 for IEPA Water Loan 17-5547 in the Amount of \$60,091.20-Including MSA Invoice #10A (\$1,875.00) and Fischer Excavating Pay Application #6 (\$58,216.20):  
Approval of Loan Disbursement #6 for IEPA Sewer Loan 17-5546 in the Amount of \$132,406.90-Including MSA Invoice #10B (\$1,200.00) and Fischer Excavating Pay Application #6 (\$131,206.90):  
Approval of Roadway Construction and request for EDA and City Funds in the amount of \$513,588.94-Including MSA Invoice #10C for Roadway Construction Observation (\$51,986.12) and**

**Fischer Excavating Pay Application #6 Roadway Work (\$461,602.82):** These are the current loan disbursement drawdowns that will appear on a future Warrant. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Loan Disbursements, as stated, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Finance Committee is recommending approval of the request to borrow \$500,000.00 from Tax Exempt Leasing Corp. to pay the City's remaining portion of the Wacker Road Project and to use the TIF and Public Ways and Property Improvement Funds to repay the loan.

**Roger Husband motioned to approve the Finance Committee report, seconded by Sara Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None for Review.

**WARRANT #8:**

**Bills for the Month of November Totaling \$682,364.10: Jeff Griswold motioned to approve Warrant #8 Totaling \$682,364.10, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jocelyn Boyd, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Deb Long, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, and Sara Purdom. Nay: None. Motion passed.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Wacker Road Project Update and Associated Action Items:** Superintendent of Public Works John Lindeman updated the Council on progress. Wacker Road is open, most sidewalks are in, and Fischer has done the necessary grading for wrapping up for the winter. They will return in the spring to finish the last portion of East Wacker Road from Metform to the railroad bridge and final grading and seeding of the resident yards.

**Ordinance, Revising Annual Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019-2020:** After review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Ordinance #2259, Revising Annual Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, seconded Sara Purdom.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Deb Long, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Sara Purdom, Jocelyn Boyd, and Jeff Griswold. Nay: None. Motion passed.

**Ordinance, Annual Tax Levy:** This is submitted annually to levy tax dollars. After review, **Sara Purdom motioned to approve Ordinance #2260, Annual Tax Levy, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Deb Long, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Sara Purdom, Jocelyn Boyd, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, and Nick Law. Nay: None. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance, Amending Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 27, All Night Parking:** Mayor Chris Lain explained this was approved by the Council last spring, and the signs are up, but an Ordinance was not put in Ordinance form. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve on the first reading Ordinance #2261, All Night Parking, seconded by Sara Purdom.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Sara Purdom, Jocelyn Boyd, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Deb Long, and Roger Husband. Nay: None. Motion passed.

**Ordinance, Approving Membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract:** Sara Purdom motioned to approve on the first reading Ordinance #2262, Approving Membership in Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Contract after wording change from Village Board to City Council,

**seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jocelyn Boyd, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Deb Long, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, and Sara Purdom. Nay: None. Motion passed.

**Resolution, 2020 Street Maintenance, MFT Funds: Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Resolution #1189, 2020 Street Maintenance, MFT Funds, seconded by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Resolution, Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property Within the Highway 84 & Wacker Road Redevelopment Project Area (222 Main Street):** After a brief review, **Roger Husband motioned to approve Resolution #1190, Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property Within the Highway 84 & Wacker Road Redevelopment Project Area (222 Main Street), seconded by Nick Law.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Resolution, Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property Within the Highway 84 & Wacker Road Redevelopment Project Area (407 Main Street):** After a brief review, **Roger Husband motioned to approve Resolution #1191, Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property Within the Highway 84 & Wacker Road Redevelopment Project Area (407 Main Street), seconded by Sara Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Agenda Addition, Funding of Wacker Road Project through Loan from Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. and payment disbursement:** Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman indicated he is requesting that the City borrow \$500,000.00 through Tax-Exempt Leasing Corp. to cover the City's portion of the Wacker Road Project. Further, he would like authorization to disburse the loan funds when the loan is finalized in the amount of \$343,291.27. Finance Committee is recommending approval of the request and to use the TIF and Public Ways and Property Improvement Funds to pay back the loan. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the loan request, with the Mayor being authorized to sign the application and to allow disbursement of loan funds after they are available, seconded by Nick Law.** Roll Call voting Aye: Deb Long, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Sara Purdom, Jocelyn Boyd, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, and Nick Law. Nay: None. Motion passed.

**Possible Closure of High School, Discussion:** Mayor Chris Lain wanted to address the West Carroll School Boards' current review of looking to go from three buildings down to two. City Attorney Phil Jensen looked at the possibility of the City Council drafting a resolution limiting conditions of a future sale of the building with a performance bond. The Council would like to avoid another empty building and require repurposing or tear down by the School Board. Phil Jensen also would like to encourage a committee formed comprised of School Board and community members. He encouraged the Council and community members to attend upcoming meetings for a show of opposition. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve City Attorney Phil Jensen draft a Resolution for the Council to vote on, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**5ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) Collective Bargaining: Pat Sanchez motioned to move to Executive Session at 8:38 P.M., seconded by Jeff Griswold.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Possible Action on Executive Session:** At 8:56 P.M., the Council returned from Executive Session. **Mayor Chris Lain motioned to return to Open Session, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. **Jeff Griswold motioned to approve the IBEW Contract for Public Works Employees, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 P.M.**

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