

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN
THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8,
2020 AT 7:00 P.M. VIA THE WEB APPLICATION ZOOM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Lain called the meeting to order on the said date at 7:04 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, Jocelyn Boyd, Jeff Griswold, Nick Law, Deb Long, Sara Purdom, Roger Husband, Pat Sanchez, and Jim Friedenbach. Non-members in attendance Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, Police Chief Jeff Doran, Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg, Fire Chief Scott Wolfe, City Attorney Phil Jensen, News Media: Mike Nester, Michael Miller, Colton Ostrum, Cassie Wurster with the Savanna Chamber, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

After review, **Jocelyn Boyd** motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by **Sara Purdom**. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the November 24, 2020 Regular Meeting: Sara Purdom motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 24, 2020, seconded by **Jocelyn Boyd**. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Hotel/Motel Committee, 12-2-20: Mayor Chris Lain updated the Council on the meeting. The Committee approved two invoices, Consultant invoice, and Facebook promotion billing, and approved the ½ page ad in Blackhawk Waterways Visitors Brochures. Consultant Brienna Junk is keeping her hours to 20 per week because of the time of year. She has posted two new videos and is producing another for spring. The Committee also approved a \$1,000.00 donation to go to Riverside Sculpture from the festival budget. **Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve the report for the Hotel-Motel Committee meeting, seconded by **Roger Husband**. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Finance Committee, 12-8-20: Pat Sanchez reviewed the reports covered by the Committee.

Fire Association Loan for New Truck: Fire Chief Scott Wolf explained his request for the City to acquire a loan for the Fire Association to purchase a new brush truck. They are requesting a loan for seven years for \$35,000.00 at a rate of 3.5% at Savanna Thomson State Bank. Roger Husband asked if any rate comparisons could be made before committing to that rate. Jeff Griswold agreed with checking at Blackhawk Credit Union and TBK Bank. The existing truck will be declared surplus property and sold. Any funds from the sale will be applied to the extra accessories needed. After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve a new brush fire truck's purchase not to exceed \$35,000.00 and, after checking on the other lending institutions' rates and proceeding with the lowest rate, seconded by **Nick Law**. 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.

Partial Reimbursement of Demolition Expenses, Anne Haliotis, 710 Cooley Avenue: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve partial reimbursement of Demolition Expenses, not to exceed \$2,500.00, seconded by **Roger Husband**. 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.

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

WARRANT #8: Bills for the Month of November Totaling \$218,026.28: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve Warrant #8 in the amount of \$218,026.28, seconded by **Jocelyn Boyd**. 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.

Monthly Reports: Financial, Police, Fire, and Public Works for November 2020: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve the Financial, Police, Fire, and Public Works for November 2020, seconded by **Sara Purdom**. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Project Update, MSA: Nothing to report.

Ordinance, Revising Annual Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2020-2021: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve Ordinance #2281, Revising the Annual Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, seconded by **Jocelyn Boyd**. 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, Annual Tax Levy: After review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Ordinance #2281, Annual Tax place on first read the Ordinance #2282, Annual Tax Levy, seconded by Nick Law.** 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hiring Police Officer: Police Chief Jeff Doran is requesting approval to hire Josie Anderson to replace Officer Dan Watkins who is leaving for a prison position. Her hire date will be January 4, 2021. Ms. Anderson is already in the Police Auxiliary for the City of Savanna. **Sara Purdom motioned to approve the Hiring of Josie Anderson at a rate of pay of \$19.28 per hour, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** 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, Amending Title 7, Chapter 5, Section 9, Penalties: Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman is requesting this change. He would like to be able to have the authority to turn off the water if a problem with a sewer is ignored and remains unfixed. City Attorney Phil Jensen approves of the wording added to the Ordinance. **Roger Husband motioned to waive first read and approve on second read Ordinance #2283, Amending Title 7, Chapter 5, Section 9, Penalties, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** 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.

Resolution, 2021 Street Maintenance, MFT Funds: This is an annual request for proposed street maintenance for next year. After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Resolution #1209, Street Maintenance, MFT Funds, seconded by Roger Husband.** 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.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mayor Chris Lain reminded everyone taking out petitions for the Council the filing date starts December 14, 2020. Also, changes to the Cares Act allow police payroll to be reimbursed. The City will be taking advantage of that change and submitting police payroll for maximum reimbursement.

Jocelyn Boyd asked Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman if it is possible to start fixing roads. She has been getting complaints when she went out to get signatures on her petition. Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman responded it isn't possible to do a large project currently due to budget constraints.

Pat Sanchez thanked all department heads for keeping the budget in control in this unusual year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Mayor Chris Lain shared that we are coming out of this year in the black is a huge deal.

Sara Purdom thanked Police Chief Jeff Doran for making her dreams come true by hiring a female officer.

Jim Friedenbach was wondering if there is any way to have the trash bins returned to Marquette Park. He has heard some complaints that it seems to be early this year. He will also not be running for Ward I again. Mayor Chris Lain thanked him for his service.

Roger Husband asked about the Children at Play signs. He was wondering when they will be put up. Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman said they would be put up when possible depending on the weather. They are ordered but he has not received them yet.

Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman will be installing a new hydrant at the top of Walnut Street tomorrow.

Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Jeff Griswold wanted to let Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman know that the bike trail bridge has deck fasteners pulled out from plowing, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman will have them checked and replaced.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 P.M.**

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.