

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 7:34 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, Nick Law, Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband, Jocelyn Boyd, Jeff Griswold, Jim Friedenbach, and Christine Lee. Deb Long was absent. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller, Mike Nester and Colton Ostrum, Linda Grissinger, Marne LaShelle, Jeanne Byers Spraez, Bill Reusch, Jared Fluhr-MSA, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, 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 as presented, seconded by Nick Law. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the July 23, 2019 Regular Meeting: After review, **Christine Lee motioned to approve the July 23, 2019 Regular Minutes, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hotel/Motel Committee, 08/07/19: Jim Friedenbach reported on the meeting. Facebook viewing is up 66%. Diane Bausman shared the State Tourism numbers with an increase of 3.2% for Carroll County. The billboard is up on Route 20 just outside Elizabeth, IL. A tourism grant request for funds was reviewed for the Savanna Chamber of Commerce for the Shadfly Festival, requesting \$1,000.00. This request was approved by the committee. Consultant Brienna Junk has been working on videos which will be posted on the website showing places to stay and things to do in and around Savanna. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Hotel/Motel Committee Report, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Personnel Committee, 08/13/19: Christine Lee reported on the meeting. The Committee approved the review and promotion recommendation for Public Works Employee Mark Anderson, who just completed his probationary period. Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman requested a pay increase to \$17.75 per hour, as Maintenance Worker II. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the recommendation, seconded by Jeff Griswold.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. The Committee also reviewed an Ordinance to be discussed later in the meeting in regards to sick leave. This will be a change to bring the ordinance into compliance with a change in state law in regards to how many days employees can use as family sick leave. The Committee also reviewed a request to change the residency requirements for the Superintendent of Public Works. It was determined all the department heads have a different residency requirement. It was discussed to move forward with changing the requirement to live within a 25-mile radius of city limits for department heads, an update will be provided at the next committee meeting before presenting the ordinance to council. The Committee is also recommending the hiring of Eric Hartman with a 1-year probationary period at a starting wage of \$17.60 per hour. After a brief discussion, **Christine Lee**

motioned to recommend approval to council the hiring of Eric Hartman at \$17.60 per hour, seconded by Jim Friedenbach. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. He will be starting on August 26th, 2019. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Personnel Committee Report, seconded by Jeff Griswold.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Finance Committee, 08/13/19: Christine Lee reported on the meeting. The committee reviewed the regular reports as well as Warrant #4 and recommends payment in the amount of \$226,630.25. The Committee reviewed and is recommending for approval Loan Disbursement #2 for IEPA Loans. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the IEPA Loan Disbursement #2; IEPA Water Loan \$94,760.77, IEPA Sewer Loan \$26,532.91, and Roadway (DOT & EDA) \$23,609.20, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. The Request for Funds by the Fire Department for SCBA Bottles is a budgeted item from Fire Protection Fund-23 for \$5,000, but the Fire Association would prefer to use that money toward the purchase of a new Air Pack. The Fire Association will be buying 4 additional Air Packs for a total of 5 Air Packs and the Fire Department currently has sufficient replacement bottles. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the change to Air Pack purchase not to exceed \$5,000, seconded by Jeff Griswold.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. The Police Department is requesting Budgeted Funds for Evidence Room Equipment, Wire Cage & Shelving not to exceed \$1,000, (2) Office Desk Chairs not to exceed \$600, CIS Computer Program not to exceed \$3,050, all from Civic Fund-51 Police Department and Striping the Impala Squad Car not to exceed \$750 from Police Protection Fund-24. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the Budgeted Requests from the Police Department, seconded by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Finance Committee Report, seconded by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

WARRANT #4: Bills for the Month of July Totaling \$226,630.25: After a brief review, **Christine Lee motioned to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation for payment of Warrant #4 totaling \$226,630.25, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jocelyn Boyd, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, and Christine Lee. Nay: None. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

2019 Illinois Municipal League: Mayor Chris Lain reminded everyone of the upcoming IML Conference in Chicago.

Jeanne Byers Spraez: Jeanne Byers Spraez addressed the council with concerns about the addition of ATV's being allowed within city limits. She passed out her concerns in written form as well as stating her concerns. She was concerned with what streets are used to get from the east side of town to downtown as well as them being used as a nuisance and driving around the blocks continuously. Jeanne Byers Spraez also asked about their safety and who would be liable if an accident occurred on someone's property. She also would like to council to carefully consider all aspects she outlined, before passing an amended ordinance.

MONTHLY REPORTS: Financial, Police, Fire and Public Works for July 2019: After review, **Christine Lee motioned to approve the Financial, Police, Fire and Public Works monthly reports for July 2019, seconded by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wacker Road Project Update and Associated Action Items: Jared Fluhr with MSA updated the Council on progress on the Wacker Road Project. There are multiple crews currently working to get the entrances poured and open for the first day of school on August 19th. There will be 2 change orders, one for the installation of a valve at Iris Street in the amount of \$13,893.00 and the second for the 8" PVC Force Main Replacement in the amount of \$59,590.00; these first have to be submitted to IEPA for approval. Fischer Excavating submitted payment application Number 2 in the amount of \$444,417.15-MSA is recommending approval. Roger Husband asked about specific signs for entrance and exiting from the school. Next construction progress meeting will be September 3rd. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Pay**

Application #2 totaling \$444,417.15, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. **Christine Lee motioned to approve Change Order #1 for \$13,893.00, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. **Christine Lee motioned to approve Change Order #2 for \$59,590.00, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Ordinance, Amending Title 9, Chapter 4, Golf Carts/Utility Terrain Vehicles: After discussion regarding points presented earlier by Jeanne Byers Spraez, **Roger Husband motioned to table Ordinance, Title 9, Chapter 4, Golf Carts/ Utility Terrain Vehicles and return it to the Ordinance Committee for further review, seconded by Jeff Griswold.** Voting in Aye: Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Jocelyn Boyd, and Jeff Griswold. Nay: None. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution, Temporary Road Closure, Homecoming Parade: After a brief discussion, **Christine Lee motioned to approve Resolution #1184 Temporary Road Closure, Homecoming Parade on September 26th from 6-7 P.M., seconded by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Ordinance, Amending Title 1, Chapter 23, Section 9, Sick Leave: Administrative Leave: This is a review to change the ordinance and be in compliance with state law. State law states employees can use six days of their sick leave per calendar year for an illness or injury to an immediate family member. **Christine Lee motioned to approve and waive first reading and adopt Ordinance #2249, Amending Title 1, Chapter 23, Section 9, Sick Leave, Administrative Leave, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Jocelyn Boyd, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, and Roger Husband. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Consolidated Grain and Barge Lease: This is a Second Addendum to the 2009 Lease Agreement between the City of Savanna and Consolidated Grain and Barge Co. The lease will be extended for 5 years commencing on October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2024, with a 3% increase yearly. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the Consolidated Grain & Barge Lease, seconded by Jeff Griswold.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Letter Requesting TIF Funds, Mirror Image Tattoo: This is a review of the letter from Shanna Grossman who is looking to acquire 309 & 309 ½ Main Street. Mirror Image Tattoo operates at street level as a tattoo shop and they would like to use the remaining space for offices and a bed and breakfast. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the inducement letter for Mirror Image Tattoo at 309 & 309 ½ Main Street, seconded by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Linda Grissinger asked if a citizen that drives his golf cart to Sullivan's from Marquette Park is legal; Police Chief Kevin Dimmick responded they are.

Marne LaShelle wanted to thank Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman for his quick response with the drop-in water pressure last week.

Roger Husband asked how the new Sewer Treatment Plant operations were going. Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman responded they are going good.

Jim Friedenbach wanted to thank the Police Department for their follow up with the ordinance violations.

Nick Law and Christine Lee complimented Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti on the paint job at the Fire Station.

Jeff Griswold asked Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman if a red light at the new Sewer Treatment Plant indicates a problem. John Lindeman will check into the lights as he was not aware of any.

Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti updated the Council on the Marina. The Park District is waiting on the Dock Company to remove the broken ones and install new ones. Due to the flooding, they are overwhelmed, so

it may not be done before the end of the season. They are also refunding or applying slip rentals to next year.

City Attorney Phil Jensen updated the council on the cannabis law effective January 1, 2020. The city can regulate the businesses allowed within city limits. The city can charge an added tax up to 3% of gross sales. He recommends the Zoning & Planning Board look at it and make a recommendation to the Council. Christine Lee pointed out this is already planned to be discussed at the next Zoning & Planning Board meeting according to notice in the paper. The meeting is scheduled for August 28th, 2019. The city can prohibit the sale of marijuana with passage of an ordinance and it must be passed within one year of the effective date or it will require a local referendum to opt out thereafter.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 P.M.**

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.