

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018 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 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 establishment of a quorum with members in attendance Mayor Chris Lain, Chris James, Christine Lee, Pat Sanchez, Jim Friedenbach, Roger Husband, Jeff Griswold and Samantha Ritchie. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller and Colton Ostrum, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss. Citizen in attendance was Linda Grissinger.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

After a brief review, **Samantha Ritchie motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting:** Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from November 13, 2018. **Samantha Ritchie made a motion to approve the November 13, 2018 minutes as written, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Hotel/Motel Committee 11-14-18:** Chairman Samantha Ritchie reported their Consultant Brienna Junk gave highlights of Facebook and online advertising. The Committee received a grant from Blackhawk Waterways for \$1200, which will be used for new Explore Savanna brochures. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Hotel/Motel Committee report, seconded by Chris James.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None for consideration.

**APPOINTMENT:**

None for consideration.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**An Ordinance of the City of Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois, Approving a Redevelopment Agreement By and Between the City of Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois and BV Prowant, LLC:** This Ordinance approves a redevelopment agreement for TIF funds for renovations at 44 Main Street for a ten year payment of \$5,300 for a reimbursement total of \$53,000. This project

is due to finish in July 2019. **Christine Lee motioned to read by title only and approve Ordinance #2239, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Roll Call Aye: Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach and Christine Lee. Nay: none. Abstaining: Samantha Ritchie. Motion passed.

**An Ordinance of the City of Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois, Approving a Redevelopment Agreement By and Between the City of Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois and William Parks:** This Ordinance approves a redevelopment agreement for TIF Funds for renovations at 519 Main Street for a three year payment of \$1,996 for a reimbursement total of \$5,987. **Pat Sanchez motioned to read by title only and approve Ordinance #2240, seconded by Jeff Griswold.** Roll Call Aye: Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach and Christine Lee. Nay: none. Abstaining: Samantha Ritchie. Motion passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance, Revising Annual Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2018/2019:** Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe explained that two of the three amendments are to corrected Individual dollar amounts to the actual totals, which does not change the budget, just corrects the mathematical error. The third amendment is an increase for the Audit expense in the Audit Fund due to the additional work required for the 2017/2018 Audit. In order to levy more dollars in the annual tax levy, the fund needs to show the additional expense. **Christine Lee motioned to read by title only, waive the second reading and approve Ordinance #2241, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Roll Call Aye: Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee and Samantha Ritchie. Nay: none. Motion passed.

**Ordinance, Annual Tax Levy:** Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe explained this is the annual levy to receive dollars from next year's property taxes from Carroll County. The assessed valuation for 2017 increased \$962,892. **Christine Lee motioned to read by title only and place on second reading for next Council meeting, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Approval of Funds & Commitment Letter for Property Acquisition, Wacker Road Project:** Mayor Chris Lain explained an agreement was reached with J.C. Carey regarding the acquisition and temporary easement of his property at the corner of Highway 84 and Wacker Road. This Commitment Letter is agreeing the City will pay to J.C. Carey \$6,000 for fair market value of property, \$21,000 for damage (loss of business due to the loss of property) and \$3,000 for temporary construction easement. Total compensation per the State approved appraisal is \$30,000. In addition, the City will pay \$6,900 to J.C. Carey for 270 square yards of asphalt located within and/or adjacent to the project area. This will allow the Wacker Road Project to move forward and change the angle of turn from the south at the intersection. Funds are budgeted for this expense in the Capital Improvement Fund, Public Ways & Property Improvement Fund and the Special Tax Allocation Fund and will come in under budget. This concludes all negotiations with all private parties. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the Mayor signing the Commitment Letter along with all other documents for property acquisition from J.C. Carey and the release of funds for payment, seconded by Samantha Ritchie.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

#### **WARRANT #7A:**

**Additional Invoice Totaling \$36,900.00:** Mayor Chris Lain stated this is the payment to J.C. Carey for property acquisition, temporary easement and asphalt. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve payment of Warrant #7A in the amount of \$36,900, seconded by Chris James.** Roll

Call Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Christine Lee, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Chris James and Roger Husband. Nay: none. Motion passed.

**CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Roger Husband and Chris James voiced concern over the speed at which the police officers are responding to calls. Chris James questioned whether it is wise for them to respond at such a high rate of speed, especially since we recently lost a squad car in a rollover accident. He believes it is a safety issue and it is getting out of control. Chief Dimmick will look into clarifying with the officers to be safe when responding and not endanger the public.

Samantha Ritchie reminded everyone of the CP Christmas train coming to town this weekend on Sunday at 3:00 pm. The Christmas Walk was a success, the museum looked nice and Shop Local!

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm.**

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