

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, JULY 23, 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, Debbie Long, Nick Law, Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband, Jocelyn Boyd, Jeff Griswold, Jim Friedenbach, and Christine Lee. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller and Colton Ostrum, Linda Grissinger, Officer Cory Drowns, 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:**

**Christine Lee 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 July 9, 2019 Regular Meeting:** Christine Lee requested to change the July 9, 2019 Minutes about the sidewalk repair submitted by the Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti. The entire item was unbudgeted, and the minutes reflect it as budgeted materials. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the July 9, 2019 Regular Minutes with the change, seconded by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Building and Public Property/Health & Safety Committee, 07/16/19:** Roger Husband reported the Committee had discussed the request by the Veterans Memorial to hook into the electricity at the Well Pump House and costs will be absorbed by the City. The expected cost annually is to be \$162.00. **Roger Husband motioned to approve the Veterans Memorial request, seconded by Nick Law.** Christine Lee questioned if the Council had a precedent in the past by the Park Board that would not recommend this. Jeff Griswold clarified that the City had questioned water usage at the Marquette Park bathrooms during bridge construction and Kraemer was approached and asked to stop using the park building. Roll Call Vote Aye: Jocelyn Boyd, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Deb Long, Nick Law, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, and Christine Lee. Nay: None. Motion passed. The Committee also discussed the property north of Marquette Park and who is responsible for maintaining the property. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Building & Public Property report, seconded by Nick Law.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Ordinance/Public Relations Committee, 07/17/19:** Jeff Griswold reported on the meeting. The Committee discussed an email from resident Gary Scott Law regarding excessive vehicles, boat or campers/RVs and lawnmowers parked on the grass of a neighbor's lawn. He feels this is a nuisance and would like the Committee to add an ordinance addressing it. Currently, they can park on private property and do not require a specific parking area, however they must be licensed and operable. The Police Department is currently monitoring and enforcing current ordinances where applicable. The Committee also discussed the change of the Golf Cart/UTV Ordinance by adding ATV's and recommends passage of the

new addition. Open Burn Pits were also discussed and the Committee recommends limiting the size and not include bonfires. The concern was raised to avoid causing a nuisance to a neighbor with the smoke. Promotions and Salary Adjustments were discussed in regards to the End of Year bonus becoming a performance/merit-based bonus instead of giving a bonus across the board to all full-time staff. The Committee discussed who distributes the Warning Signs when a liquor license is issued regarding misrepresentation of age. The signs will be provided by the State. The pool water rate ordinance needs to be updated and follow the form that was created for billing pool water. Ordinance Violation Tickets were reviewed and will be provided for the first Council meeting of the month. No Parking signs on Main Street have been changed to reflect "No Parking from Nov 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>". Christine Lee questioned City Attorney Phil Jensen regarding the new recreational marijuana law that goes into effect Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, and if we can limit what types of businesses that may want to open in Savanna in regards to the legalization. City Attorney Phil Jensen will clarify whether we can have any specific regulations can be enacted. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Ordinance/Public Relations Committee Report, seconded by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Contracts & Lease/Collective Bargaining Committee, 07/22/19:** Jeff Griswold reported on the meeting. The Committee reviewed the Savanna Fire Protection Agreement and will be presented to the Council later. The Consolidated Grain & Barge Lease had changes to be made and was sent back to them. **Christine Lee motioned to approve the Contracts and Lease Committee Report, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**WARRANT #3A:** Additional Invoices Totaling \$19,559.41: After review, Christine Lee motioned to approve Warrant #3A Additional Invoices totaling \$19,559.41, seconded by Roger Husband. Roll Call Vote Aye: Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Deb Long, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Jocelyn Boyd, Christine Lee, and Jeff Griswold. Nay: None. Motion passed.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Wacker Road Project Update and Associated Action Items:** Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman updated the Council on the current work on the Wacker Road Project. A change order for approximately \$60,000 was authorized for the replacement and relocation of the existing sanitary force main along Maple Lane. The existing main location did not correlate with what was documented from the old force main plans and location. Sharon Pepin shared with Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman it can be rolled into the IEPA loan and will qualify for the forgivable loan funds. The area in front of the school will be the primary focus to minimize disruption when school begins in August.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance, Amending Title 9, Chapter 4, Golf Carts/Utility Terrain Vehicles:** After discussion, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve amending ordinance, Title 9, Chapter 4, Golf Carts/ Utility Terrain Vehicles and add ATV's as long as they comply with the regulations and pay the permit fee and place on second reading at the next Council Meeting, seconded by Jeff Griswold.** Voting in favor, Roger Husband opposed. Motion passed.

**Resolution in Support of an Extension of the Redevelopment Project Area #1:** Mayor Chris Lain explained this will extend the TIF #1 to keep the tax money coming into Savanna for redevelopment. The letters of support from the other taxing bodies have been received and forwarded. After discussion, **Christine Lee motioned to approve Resolution #1183 In Support of an Extension of the Redevelopment Project Area #1 for the maximum number of years, seconded by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

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

Linda Grissinger told the Council about Rae Timm, asking about the mowing of 1029 Main Street. They are mowing the front yard, but the back yard is harboring snakes with the long grass and garbage.

Roger Husband highlighted the speeding on Chestnut Park and Portland Avenue. Police Chief Kevin Dimmick will look at increasing patrols in that area. Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman will also

order more speed limit signs.

Jim Friedenbach would also like 811 Main Street be looked at for the long grass in the back yard and the debris still laying in the grass.

Christine Lee asked about the Temporary Billing Clerk hired in the office. Mayor Chris Lain stated she started on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. She was also concerned about a large number of foxes in her area. Police Chief Kevin Dimmick said they should contact the DNR to see how to handle that problem and if trapping/relocation is an option.

Mayor Chris Lain reminded everyone of the Shadfly Festival on August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, volunteers are still needed. There will be bands and bounce houses for kids, the lighted boat parade and a Little Miss & Mr. Shadfly Days.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 P.M.**

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