

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE CITY 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 7:06 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, Pat Sanchez, Jim Friedenbach, Deb Long, Tevan Hartman, Jeff Griswold and Nick Law, and Jocelyn Boyd and Peter King were absent. Non-members in attendance Police Chief Jeff Doran, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, Fire Chief Scott Wolfe, City Attorney Phil Jensen, Steve Haring with MSA, BNSF Representative Peter Skosey and City Clerk Betsy Kinder.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Nick Law.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the August 10, 2021 Regular Meeting: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2021, seconded by Deb Long.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None to report.

APPOINTMENTS: City of Savanna Committees: Hotel/Motel Committee – Kathy Christensen

After a brief discussion, **Nick Law made a motion to approve Kathy Christensen to the Hotel/Motel Committee, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Project Update, MSA: Steve Haring with MSA gave an update and was available to answer questions. He stated there was a good turnout for the information regarding the OSLAD Grant Project and what the community would be interested in pursuing along the riverfront. A cost estimate will be put together as soon as possible, with the deadline for applying is fast approaching. The Roadway Overlays project will have a pre-construction meeting on August 30th, 2021, with the project starting soon. Jeff Griswold asked if any discussion was conducted on adding a portion of Jefferson and Madison Streets to the project. Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman stated ADA compliance would have to be completed on the corners. Mayor Chris Lain and Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman agreed budgeting for these additions would be an issue.

Request of Easement, BNSF: Public Work Superintendent John Lindeman gave an update regarding the tour they were given of the site of the easement request. A major concern is the proximity of this to the Bike Trail Bridge and what the impacts could be, it should be discussed with a structural engineer. Public Work Superintendent John Lindeman stated also there would be a loss of tree coverage to the trail by allowing the easement and recommends a donation to replant this loss. Public Work Superintendent John Lindeman is recommending a fence be installed along the trail for safety between the trail and the proposed tracks. Nick Law is concerned about the speed of the trains. Jeff Griswold recommends a solid fence which would be a little more quiet instead of a chain link. After a brief discussion and update from BNSF Representative Peter Skosey it was decided to table this until more information was available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution, Temporary Road Closure, Homecoming Parade: The West Carroll Student Council is requesting a temporary road closure for the Homecoming Parade on October 5th, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., with a rain date of October 6th, 2021. **Jeff Griswold made a motion to approve Resolution #1220, Temporary Road Closure, Homecoming Parade, seconded by Nick Law.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Ordinance, Amending Title 3, Chapter 8, Section 4 Hotel/Motel Tax: Mayor Chris Lain stated this was to charge a late fee of \$15.00 to those who are late on remitting their hotel/motel tax to the city each month. After a brief discussion, **Nick Law made a motion to place on first read, seconded by Tevan Hartman.** Jim Friedenbach questioned the verbiage of the change and thought it may be confusing to business owners. It was requested City Attorney Phil Jensen adjust the ordinance to 30 days following the closing of the month. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Proclamation, IL State Council Knights of Columbus, Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive: Pat Sanchez read the proclamation out loud. **Mayor Chris Lain proclaimed September 17th, 18th, and 19th, to be Helping Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Days in Savanna.**

Intersection Solicitors License, Knights of Columbus 09/17/21 – 09/19/21: After a brief discussion, **Nick Law made a motion to approve this collection going East and West only due to road construction and safety issues, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Approve Sale of 2012 Argo 750 HDi: Fire Chief Scott Wolfe asked council to accept the offer of \$8,500.00 for the 2012 Argo 750 HDi. **Nick Law made a motion to except the offer for \$8,500.00, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Establish Acceptable Minimum Price for Sale of 2002 DooLittle Enclosed Trailer: Fire Chief Scott Wolfe stated they would be listing the trailer tomorrow and requested a minimum sale amount of \$3,000.00-\$3,500.00 be approved and he would try to negotiate more. After a brief discussion, **Nick Law made a motion to allow Fire Chief Scott Wolfe to negotiate the sale of the 2002 DooLittle Enclosed Trailer and accept a minimum sale amount of \$3,000.00, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Planning and Zoning Board August 19, 2021:

Findings of Fact, Variation V-01-21 by Brandi & Matthew Kerkove:

Ordinance Approving Variation V-01-21 to Allow a Side Yard Setback Abutting a Street of Zero (0) Feet Instead of the Required 25 Feet: Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman stated they are proposing to construct a covered deck on the east side of the house. The Planning and Zoning Board is recommending approval of the variation. After a brief discussion, **Nick Law motioned to approve the Findings of Fact and to place the Ordinance Approving Variation V-01-21 to Allow a Side Yard Setback Abutting a Street of Zero (0) Feet Instead of the Required 25 Feet and place on first read, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Findings of Fact, Variation V-02-21 by Thomas Miner:

Ordinance Approving Variation V-02-21 to Allow an Accessory Structure to be Built Without First Establishing a Primary Structure: Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman stated Thomas Miner lives two houses down from this lot and is proposing to construct a 30 foot by 60 foot long garage, and will be frame built and not a pole building. The Planning and Zoning Board is recommending approval of the variation. After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Findings of Fact and to place Ordinance Approving Variation V-02-21 to Allow an Accessory Structure to be Built Without First Establishing a Primary Structure on first read, seconded by Nick Law.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Findings of Fact, Variation V-03-21 by Thomas Miner:

Ordinance Approving Variation V-03-21 to Allow a Side Yard Setback Abutting a Street of 20 Feet Instead of the Required 25 Feet: Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman stated Thomas Miner was

requesting a variation for the side yard setback. The Planning and Zoning Board is recommending approval of the variation. After a brief discussion, **Nick Law made a motion to approve these findings and facts and to place on first reading, seconded by Tevan Hartman.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Steve Haring with MSA Thanked everyone for all their good questions and all the work they do.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 P.M.**

Minutes composed by Betsy Kinder, City Clerk.