

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN
THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026
AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 333 CHICAGO AVENUE,
SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Jeff Griswold called the meeting to order on said date at 6:00 P.M. Notice of the meeting was delivered to all Council members and posted at 333 Chicago Ave, Savanna, Illinois, in accordance with the State of Illinois Open Meetings Act.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Jeff Griswold led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

Mayor Jeff Griswold established a quorum. Members present were Pat Sanchez, Jim Friedenbach, Rob Davies, and Katie Herrig. Nick Law arrived at 6:17 P.M. Jacob Helms was absent. Also present was City Attorney Scott Anderson, Fire Chief Scott Parker, Assistant Public Works Superintendent Eric Hartman, Mike Nester, Michael Miller, Linda Grissinger, Cheyenne Hoffman with Fehr Graham, Tara Walters with MSA, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Jim Friedenbach motioned to approve the agenda as written, and Pat Sanchez seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting: Rob Davies motioned to approve the minutes, Pat Sanchez seconded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee, 3-17-26:

FY 2026/2027 Salary Adjustments: Pat Sanchez briefly updated the Council on the 2026/2027 Budget Review and Salary Adjustments, which will be addressed in executive session later in the meeting. Jim Friedenbach motioned to approve the committee report, seconded by Rob Davies. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

School Steering Committee, 3-19-26: Katie Herrig stated the committee met and discussed the old high school building. A sale of the building's contents will be held later. Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the committee report.

APPOINTMENTS:

Police Pension Board, Brittany Hatteberg, 2 Year Term Expires 04/30/28:

Fire Pension Board, Brittany Hatteberg, 3 Year Term Expires 04/17/29:

Planning & Zoning Board, Craig Hatteberg, 3 Year Term Expires 04/26/29:

Planning & Zoning Board, Shawn Picolotti, 3 Year Term Expires 04/26/29: Mayor Jeff Griswold requested a motion to approve all four appointments at once. Rob Davies motioned to approve the four appointments, seconded by Pat Sanchez. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MSA, Project Update: Tara Walters provided an update on the CDBG water main public hearing on April 14, 2026, and then the project can be closed out. The Wacker & Oakton Road Lift Station closeout was signed today by the mayor and will be forwarded to IEPA. The amortization schedule will also be issued. The Lead Service Line Inventory is being addressed with Eric Hartman for the grant money left over. The Lead Service Line Replacement loan application is ready to submit before the March 31st deadline. The IHDA Strong Communities Grant is currently on hold as the city needs to identify 4-6 more houses to utilize the full grant by November 2026. The Pool 13 Building Demolition Bid Packet has been published and the bid opening is April 7th at City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Heartland Pet Welfare, Request for Waiver of Kennel License Fee: Mayor Jeff Griswold requested a motion to waive the kennel license fee for Heartland Pet Welfare. A motion to waive the fee was made by Jim Friedenbach, seconded by Katie Herrig. Roll call vote aye: Katie Herrig, Jim Friedenbach, Rob Davies, and Pat Sanchez. Nay: None. Motion passed.

ABATE of IL Proclamation, Motorcycle Awareness Month: Mayor Jeff Griswold read the Proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. The proclamation highlights the importance of motorcycle safety and the state's leadership in motorcycle safety education.

Discussion TL Auto Car Storage: Mayor Jeff Griswold and City Attorney Scott Anderson discussed concerns about TL Auto's car storage and loading/unloading activities. City Attorney Scott Anderson suggests engaging the business owner first to resolve the issues informally. The Council also discussed the impact of on-street parking and the possibility of restricting parking in certain areas. City Attorney Scott Anderson will consult the code further to address enforcement concerns. Mayor Jeff Griswold will reach out to the owner to try to resolve the issue.

CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS: Fire Chief Scott Parker announced the Firemen's Breakfast will be held Sunday, March 29, 2026, from 7 A.M.-1 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(6) The Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the City (Discussion Only):

5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(1) Consideration of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, Dismissal of Specific Employees or To Hear Testimony on a Complaint Lodged Against an Employee: Rob Davies motioned to enter executive session at 6:32 P.M., seconded by Jim Friedenbach. Roll call vote aye: Jim Friedenbach, Nick Law, Rob Davies, Katie Herrig, and Pat Sanchez. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Katie Herrig motioned to return to regular session at 8:49 P.M., seconded by Rob Davies. Roll call vote aye: Jim Friedenbach, Nick Law, Rob Davies, Katie Herrig, and Pat Sanchez. Nay: None. Motion passed.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Consideration of Appointment of Public Works Superintendent: No action taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Katie Herrig motioned to adjourn at 8:50 P.M., seconded by Rob Davies.

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.