

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN
THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 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.

APPOINTMENTS:

City Clerk, Rhonda Weiss: Mayor Jeff Griswold requested a motion to approve Rhonda Weiss as City Clerk. Jim Friedenbach motioned to appoint Rhonda Weiss. Roll call vote aye: Rob Davies, Nick Law, Jacob Helms, Jim Friedenbach, Katie Herrig, and Pat Sanchez. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Ward I Alderperson:

Mayor Jeff Griswold requested Ward I Alderperson to be tabled for further review.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

Mayor Jeff Griswold established a quorum. Members present were Jacob Helms, Katie Herrig, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Jim Friedenbach, and Rob Davies. Also present was Police Chief Don Stephens, Mike Miller, Mike Nester, Fire Chief Scott Parker, Cheyenne Hoffman from (MSA), Eric Hartman, Linda Grissinger, City Attorney Scott Anderson, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Nick Law motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Jacob Helms. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of February 24, 2026 Regular Meeting: Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Jacob Helms. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Financial, Police, Fire, and Public Works February 2026: After a brief discussion, Rob Davies motioned to accept these reports, Pat Sanchez seconded. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TIF Joint Review Board, 3-10-26: Meeting will be rescheduled.

Finance Committee, 3-10-26: Pat Sanchez gave an update regarding the Finance Meeting. Accounts Receivable was reviewed and is being reviewed by City Attorney Scott Anderson. The 12/24 year report was reviewed without any notable issues. Annual budgets will be reviewed at an upcoming Finance Committee Meeting with department heads. Budget percentages were reviewed and approved. Jacob Helms motioned to approve the Finance Committee Report, Nick Law seconded. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

WARRANT #11:

Bills for the Month of February Totaling \$336,391.92: Pat Sanchez noted the deposit for the docks for the BAAD Grant are included on the warrant. After a brief discussion, Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve the Bills for the Month of February Totaling \$336,391.92, Jim Friedenbach seconded. Roll call vote aye: Jacob Helms, Katie Herrig, Nick Law, Rob Davies, Jim Friedenbach, and Pat Sanchez. Nay: None. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MSA, Project Update: A project update was included with the packets for review, however Tara Walters was not in attendance to answer any questions.

Request for Unbudgeted Funds, Community Funding and Planning, BAAD Grant Administration:

Request for Unbudgeted Funds, Community Funding and Planning, FLAP Grant Application: Pat Sanchez reported after discussing with Megan Lamb, the city should use

Business Development District Funds to pay for both unbudgeted requests for the BAAD and FLAP Grants. TIF Funds are more restricted for spending. Rob Davies motioned to approve both requests for Unbudgeted Funds to be paid from Business Development District Fund, Nick Law seconded. Roll call vote aye: Rob Davies, Nick Law, Jacob Helms, Jim Friedenbach, Katie Herrig, and Pat Sanchez. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Resolution in Support of Port Development at Savanna Industrial Park: Following a brief review, Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Resolution in Support of Port Development at Savanna Industrial Park, Katie Herrig seconded. Rob Davies offered to answer any questions or concerns regarding the project. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution, Authorization of a Loan Applicant's Representative to sign PWSLP Loan Application Documents: After City Attorney Scott Anderson verified this is standard procedure for working with the company related to the lead lined pipe replacement. The representative to sign paperwork is Mayor Jeff Griswold. Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the resolution, Nick Law seconded. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Linda Grissinger questioned Chief Don Stephans regarding dealer name plate as a valid license plate. His answer was yes, but time can vary and not for extended period of time.

Jim Friedenbach asked about obtaining more IHDA Grant money for additional placards for demolition of dilapidated buildings. Mayor Griswold has looked into it with Tara Walters.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Jeff Griswold adjourned the meeting at 6:23 P.M.

Minutes were composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.