

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

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Jacob Helms made a request to add two items to the agenda: Fire Inspector and Update on Hiring Superintendent of Public Works. Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the agenda with the two additions, seconded by Nick Law. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of January 27, 2026 Regular Meeting: Katie Herrig 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 January 2026: After a brief discussion, Pat Sanchez motioned to accept these reports, Jacob Helms seconded. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Riverfront Development Committee, 2-9-26:

Boat Docks, Update and Discussion on Moving Forward on Grant: Nick Law reported that they are making a few changes to the docks. He explained they want to change the surface from concrete to composite. The additional cost would be \$7,900 more but they would hold up much better than the concrete. Jacob Helms made a motion to proceed with the change to composite at the additional cost of \$7,900, Katie Herrig seconded. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Finance Committee, 2-10-26: Pat Sanchez gave an update regarding the Finance Meeting. City Attorney Scott Anderson was instructed to work with Budget Officer Brittany Hatteberg regarding the Accounts Receivable and the air bnb's that are behind on hotel/motel tax. Pat Sanchez also stated it is time to consider budget items for next year.

WARRANT #10:

Bills for the Month of January Totaling \$340,126.24: After a brief discussion, Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve Warrant #10 in the amount of \$340,126.24, Jacob Helms seconded. Roll call vote aye: Jacob Helms, Katie Herrig, Nick Law, and Pat Sanchez. Nay: None. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Resignation, Public Works Employee: Mayor Jeff Griswold stated that Mark Anderson had resigned from his position with the Public Works Department. After a brief discussion, Nick Law motioned to approve the resignation of City Employee, Mark Anderson, seconded by Pat Sanchez. Roll call vote aye: Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Katie Herrig, and Jacob Helms. Nay: None. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS:

City Attorney, Scott Anderson: After a brief discussion, Nick Law motioned to approve the appointment of Scott Anderson as the new Savanna City Attorney, seconded by Pat Sanchez. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

City of Savanna Committees, See Attached: After a brief discussion of the new committees, Katie Herrig motioned to approve the new committees as discussed, Nick Law seconded. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MSA, Project Update: Tara Walters was unable to attend the MSA update was in the packets for review.

Calendar Parking, Discussion: Mayor Jeff Griswold explained that this is in the process of being redrafted using 2 inches of snow as to when it would go into effect. After a brief discussion, it was decided to continue this at the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Funding and Planning, Proposal for BAAD Grant Administration: This proposal is for CFPS to do the grant administration for the BAAD Grant which has already been accepted by the city, the proposal is for \$5,000.00.

Community Funding and Planning, Proposal for FLAP Grant Application: This proposal is for CFPS to apply for a FLAP Grant on behalf of the city in the amount of \$2,900.00.

Following discussion, Nick Law motioned to approve the BAAD Grant Administration and the FLAP Grant Application with CFPS, seconded by Pat Sanchez. Roll call vote aye: Katie Herrig, Nick Law, Jacob Helms, and Pat Sanchez. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Ordinance, Amending Title 3, Chapter 2, Section 1, Schedule of Fees: This ordinance would change the fees for coin operated machines from \$60.00 per machine to \$75.00, cigarette license from \$50.00 to \$100.00, and restaurant license from \$50.00 to \$100.00,

Ordinance, Amending Title 10, Chapter 2, Section 13 (B), Bed and Breakfast: This ordinance would change the fees for a bed and breakfast to \$150.00 for new or renewal of licenses.

Ordinance, Amending Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 11, Motels, Hotels, Lodging Houses/Rooms, and Boarding/Rooming Houses: This ordinance would change the fees for hotel/motels from \$50.00 to \$200.00.

After a brief discussion, Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the three ordinances on first read, seconded by Katie Herrig. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

CITIZENS, COUNCIL, MEMBERS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

5ILCS 120/2 (C)(1) Consideration of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, Dismissal of Specific Employees or To Hear Testimony on a Complaint Lodged Against an Employee (Discussion Only)

5ILCS 120/2 (C)(6) The Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the City (Discussion Only) Nick Law motioned to go into executive session at 6:44 P.M., seconded by Pat Sanchez. Roll call vote aye: Nick Law, Katie Herrig, Jacob Helms, and Pat Sanchez. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Nick Law motioned to return to Open Session at 7:50 P.M., Pat Sanchez seconded. Roll call vote aye: Nick Law, Katie Herrig, Jacob Helms, and Pat Sanchez. Nay: None. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Following Executive Sessions: No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Jeff Griswold adjourned the meeting at 7:51 P.M.

Minutes were composed by Betsy Kinder, City Clerk.