

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 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 said date at 7:30 PM. 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 establishment of a quorum with members in attendance Mayor Chris Lain, Sara DeSpain Purdom, Jeff Griswold, Christine Lee, Pat Sanchez, and Jim Friedenbach. Members absent were Chris James, Roger Husband, and Samantha Ritchie. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller and Mike Nester, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss. Citizens in attendance was Linda Grissinger.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the agenda for September 25, 2018. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the September 11, 2018 - Regular Meeting: Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 11, 2018. **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve the September 11, 2018 Regular Council Minutes as written, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building & Public Property/Health & Safety Committee 9-12-18: Chairman Jim Friedenbach reported that Superintendent John Lindeman had received responses from two of the property owners on the IHDA Grant demolition list. The owner of 811 Main Street contacted him on September 25th stating he was looking into his options for the house. The owner of 620 Viaduct Road had stated they are in the process of remedying the violations and will do so by October 15th. The Committee gave them until October 31st to comply with the violations. The owner of 231 Walnut Street will also be making upgrades and has already started the process. The owner of 300 Webster Street will not contest the demolition.

The Savanna Park Board approved proceeding with a joint appraisal for the old Sewer Treatment Plant property and their Marina property. Chairman Jim Friedenbach has contacted a Commercial Appraiser for a proposal.

The Committee discussed and will check into the cost of upgrading the "Welcome" signs to a limestone boulder similar to Bellevue, Iowa.

The change in hours of operation at the old City landfill property was discussed. John Lindeman

suggested the change because of the quantity of commercial tree waste and the improper disposal of other waste. The Committee recommended changing the hours beginning October 1st to coincide with the transfer station hours of 8:00-12:00 on the first & third Saturdays. Christine Lee voiced opposition to the change, due to limits to citizens. Mayor Chris Lain clarified the largest problem is the amount of mulch. The mulch piles have started smoldering weeks ago and have been unable to extinguish. Also, it will be opened by appointment. Christine Lee's suggested approaching the commercial businesses that are abusing it and stop them. John Lindeman responded he has approached them and stated unless the tree waste is from within the City, they can't dump there. The problem is without controlled access he can't guarantee it's not going to keep happening. Mayor Chris Lain suggested returning it to the Committee for further review. **Christine Lee motioned to return the hours of operation of the old landfill site to committee for further review, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Pat Sanchez asked about the change of ownership of 715 Bowen Street. Phil Jensen responded the City needs to resend the letter to the new owner to err on the side of caution before proceeding with demolition.

Christine Lee motioned to approve the report from the Building & Public Property/Health & Safety Committee, seconded by Pat Sanchez. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None for consideration.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proclamation, October Domestic Violence Awareness Month, 2018: Sara DeSpain Purdom read the proclamation naming October 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. All Council members present were in favor of this Proclamation.

Resolution, Halloween Festivities: Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the 2018 Halloween Festivities for Sunday, October 28th. The Parade will commence at 4:30 pm and Trick or Treat activities will be during the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 pm. **Christine Lee motioned to approve Resolution #1164 authorizing the 2018 Halloween Festivities, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution, Temporary Road Closure, Halloween Parade: Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the temporary road closure for the Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Resolution #1165 authoring the temporary road closure for the Halloween Parade on October 28, 2018, seconded by Sara DeSpain Purdom.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Linda Grissinger asked about the poles at the ferry landing. Mayor Lain responded they are from the damage to the railroad bridge from a barge.

Pat Sanchez asked if the red house between 1025 & 1035 Chicago Avenue could be inspected. He stated there are people living there without utilities and relieving themselves outside. John

Lindeman will follow up.

Christine Lee asked about the status of the wall on Chicago Avenue. Phil Jensen responded the agreements have been reviewed and there is nothing mentioned about the City bearing responsibility of maintenance. The Illinois DOT needs to produce the document stating that the City is responsible, but at this point it appears to be their responsibility.

Chief Dimmick stated the new squad truck has arrived.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm.**

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.