

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019 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 7:32 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, Chris James, Jeff Griswold, Samantha Ritchie, Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband, and Jim Friedenbach. Absent: Chris Lee. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller and Colton Ostrum, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, City Attorney Phil Jensen, City Clerk Rhonda Weiss and Hotel/Motel Consultant Brienna Junk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the agenda. **Samantha Ritchie motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hotel/Motel Committee, 01-02-19: Chairman Samantha Ritchie reported an amount of \$10,000 will be added to their FY 2019/2020 budget for a grant for Festivals. The Committee continues to work on the guideline and application for this reimbursement. Page follows are up 118% with paid promotions running on Facebook and Instagram. Savanna is up 5.3% from Galena at 0.3%. Popular post were Army Depot History, Christmas in Savanna Video and Bridge Mirror by Roger Husband. Consultant Brianna Junk who was in the audience clarified where she gets those numbers from and showed the council the new ad for the Blackhawk Waterways Visitor Guide from her phone. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Hotel/Motel Committee from 01-02-19, second by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Finance Committee Meeting, 01-08-19: With the absence of Chairman Christine Lee, Pat Sanchez reported on the Finance meeting. The December 2018 Accounts Receivable and 12/24/36/48/60 Month Reports were reviewed and approved. The 2018/19 Budget Review was completed with several questions and concerns answered. The Committee recommended payment of Warrant #8A in the amount of \$1,920. This was for filing fees at the Carroll County Recorder's Office for all the temporary easements for the Wacker Road Project as well as the JC Carey purchase of property documents. Warrant #9 in the amount of \$327,518.32 was reviewed and recommended for payment.

Request for Funds, Vehicle Purchase STP: Pat Sanchez said the Finance Committee is recommending Superintendent of Public Works, John Lindeman's request for the budgeted funds of \$15,000 for the purchase of a used 2017 Nissan Frontier pick-up truck from Kunes Country Auto Group to replace the 2006 Chevy Colorado. After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation for the request of funds from the Sewer System Improvement Fund in the amount of \$7,500 and the Water System Improvement Fund in the amount of \$7,500 for the purchase of a 2017 Nissan Frontier pick-up truck, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Chris James motioned to approve the Finance Committee Report, seconded by Jeff Griswold. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

WARRANT #8A:

Additional Invoice for the Month of December 2018-Totaling \$1,920.00: This was for the filing fees at the Carroll County Recorder's office for the temporary easements for the Wacker Road

Project as well as the JC Carey purchase of property documents **Roger Husband motioned to approve Warrant #8A in the amount of \$1,920.00, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez. Nay: None. Motion passed.

WARRANT #9:

Bills for the Month of December 2018 Totaling \$327,518.32: Mayor Chris Lain reminded the Council that the Finance Committee has reviewed and recommended payment of Warrant #9. **Roger Husband motioned to approve Warrant #9 in the amount of \$327,518.32, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie. Nay: None. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Chris Lain read a thank you note for flowers sent for Tim Shoeing's mother's funeral.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Fire and Public Works for November 2018 and Financial, Police, Fire and Public Works for December 2018. After review, **Roger Husband motioned to approve the monthly reports, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Possible Action on Executive Session: Possible discussion after the Executive Session.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Pat Sanchez thanked John Lindeman for responding so quickly to the water main leak on Chicago Ave.

Mayor Chris Lain thanked John Lindeman for handling the sale of the old street name signs. John stated the street sign sales went really well, that he has had around 160 requests.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

***5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) Consideration & Discussion of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, Dismissal of Specific Employees or to Hear Testimony on a Complaint Lodged Against an Employee**

Pat Sanchez motioned, seconded by Samantha Ritchie to enter into the stated Executive Session at 8:04 PM. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Open Session was called to order at 8:46 PM

No further discussion or action was taken from the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 pm.**

Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.