

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 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 7:30 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 the establishment of a quorum with members in attendance Mayor Chris Lain, Christine Lee, Jeff Griswold, Samantha Ritchie, Nick Law, Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, and Chris James. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller and Colton Ostrum, Brienna Junk, Linda Grissinger, Marne LaShelle, Freddie Preston, Khailey Miller, Hailey Harrison, Krystina Irvine, Brittany Hatteberg, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Fire Chief Shawn Picolotti, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by **Chris James**. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting:** Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the March 12, 2019 minutes. **Pat Sanchez** made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by **Nick Law**. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee, 3-19-19 and 3-26-19:** Chairman Christine Lee reported that both meetings were held to review and finalize the FY 2019/2020 Budget. The list of requested Capital items and projects will be submitted to the Council, along with the Budget Ordinance at the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting. **Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve the **Finance Committee Reports**, seconded by **Jim Friedenbach**. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**SADD-Alcohol Awareness Month Proclamation:** Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) read an Alcohol Awareness Month Proclamation proclaiming April 2019 as Alcohol Awareness Month in order to help raise community awareness and to encourage citizens to join with Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and the Carroll County Substance Education Coalition (CCSEC) in efforts to reduce underage and youth binge drinking rates in our community.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None for Review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Verizon Wireless Lease Agreement:** Chairman Jeff Griswold of the Contracts & Lease/Collective Bargaining Committee gave a presentation outlining the second amendment to the Verizon Wireless Agreement scheduled to expire on March 31, 2019. Chairman Jeff Griswold has been working with Verizon Wireless for approximately two years on the amendment regarding the antenna installed on the water tower on Water Tower Road. Commencing on April 1, 2019, the term of the Lease shall be renewed for one (1) term of five (5) years. Thereafter, the term shall be extended for three (3) additional automatic renewal terms of five (5) years each. Annual rent due under the new Lease shall be \$16,900 payable in equal monthly installments on the first day of each month in advance. Upon commencement of each subsequent five-year extension term, rent shall increase by an amount equal to one hundred ten percent (110%) of the rent due for the immediately preceding five-year term. After further discussion the Council felt the City should be able to relieve its obligation in the event of unforeseen circumstances. **Jeff Griswold** motioned to approve the **Verizon Wireless Second Amendment to Lease agreement contingent on the City Attorney including language that would relieve the City from its obligation in the event of unforeseen circumstances**, seconded by **Jim Friedenbach**. Voice Roll Call Aye: Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Chris James, Roger

Husband, Jim Friedenbach and Christine Lee. Nay: None. Motion passed.

**Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Real Estate:** This Ordinance declares sixteen (16) vacant properties surplus and authorizes the disposal of the real property by advertising them for sale. Seven (7) of the sixteen (16) properties were part of the FEMA Grant project which are not eligible for sale to private individuals and will have additional restrictions for use. After a brief discussion, **Christine Lee motioned to read the Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Municipal Property in Accordance with Savanna Code Section Title 1, Chapter 21, Section 3 by title only and place on second reading at the next Council meeting, seconded by Jeff Griswold.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Linda Grissinger asked about the cleanup of a house on Murray Street and she believes there will be a sheriff's sale by the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

Roger Husband asked about the standing water on Iris and Pike Streets. Superintendent John Lindeman stated he does not have a reason for it, but feels part of the problem this year is the unusual winter contributing to the problem.

Samantha Ritchie reminded everyone that "First Friday's" is returning in April, the "Ladies Luncheon" will be April 26<sup>th</sup> and "Business after Hours" in April will be wine tasting at A.O. Elliott and dinner at Circa 1888.

Christine Lee asked with the closure of the landfill, will yard waste still be accepted there? John Lindeman confirmed that it will remain open for yard waste disposal, just the old Landfill is closing, so the City no longer will have to monitor and test wells on the site.

Pat Sanchez stated that Thomson is looking at an ATV/UTV Ordinance and Mt Carroll already has one on their books. He would like to see Savanna look at adopting an Ordinance as well.

Chief Kevin Dimmick stated the High School drivers did an excellent job shuttling people to and from the St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.**

**Minutes composed by Rhonda Weiss, City Clerk.**