

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE  
SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 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 the said date at 7:31 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**To Discuss the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020:** Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing to discuss the proposed budget for the FY 2019/2020. **Pat Sanchez motioned to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Samantha Ritchie.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Present were Mayor Chris Lain, Chris James Jeff Griswold, Samantha Ritchie, Nick Law, Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Michael Miller, Colton Ostrum, Mike Nester, Brienna Junk, Linda Grissinger, Joslin Boyd, Ralphie Rosario, Dave & Kay Engaldo, Paul Mayer, John Gloor, Penny Kreusch, Larry Melaas, Jared Fluhr, Sharon Pepin, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, Brittany Hatteberg, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss. With no questions or comments from the audience, **Pat Sanchez motioned to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Samantha Ritchie.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH QUORUM:**

Mayor Chris Lain declared the establishment of a quorum with members in attendance Mayor Chris Lain, Chris James Jeff Griswold, Samantha Ritchie, Nick Law, Pat Sanchez, Roger Husband, and Jim Friedenbach. Absent: Christine Lee. Non-members in attendance were News Media: Michael Miller, Colton Ostrum and Mike Nester, Brienna Junk, Linda Grissinger, Joslin Boyd, Ralphie Rosario, Dave & Kay Engaldo, Paul Mayer, John Gloor, Penny Kreusch, Larry Melaas, Jared Fluhr, Sharon Pepin, Police Chief Kevin Dimmick, Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe, Brittany Hatteberg, Public Works Superintendent John Lindeman, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and City Clerk Rhonda Weiss.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Samantha Ritchie motioned to approve the revised agenda for the meeting of April 23, 2019, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the April 9, 2019 Regular Meeting:** Mayor Chris Lain asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 9, 2019. **Roger Husband made a motion to approve the April 9, 2019 minutes as written, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Contracts & Lease/Collective Bargaining Committee, 04-12-19:** Chairman Jeff Griswold reported that negotiations for the agreement expiring on April 30, 2019 with the IBEW Union are ongoing. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the report, seconded by Samantha Ritchie.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**WARRANT #12A:**

**Final Bills for the FY 2018/2019 Totaling \$17,296.50:** After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve payment of Warrant #12A in the amount of \$17,296.50, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** Roll call vote Aye: Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, and Chris James. Nay: None. Motion passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A letter was received from Michael D. Burton, President of the West Carroll Education Foundation stating the annual West Carroll Educational Foundation Radiothon will be held Friday, April 26 at the West Carroll Primary School in Savanna. The Foundation is respectfully requesting that a financial contribution be considered for the benefit of the education of all West Carroll students.

**BIDS:**

**Wacker Road Project Bid, Intent to Award:** Jared Fluhr, Project Engineer from MSA Professional Services reported four qualified contractors submitted bids for the Wacker Road

Project and were opened on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The four bids were from Fischer Excavating, Inc from Freeport, IL in the amount of \$4, 456,044.75, McCarthy Improvement Company from Davenport, IA in the amount of \$4,887,874.00, Martin & Company from Oregon, IL in the amount of \$5,047,600.52 and Brandt Construction Company from Milan, IL in the amount of \$5,235,815.05. Upon review of the bids, MSA Professional Services is recommending the low responsive bidder, Fischer Excavating, Inc. be accepted and awarded contingent upon funding agency review and approval. Sharon Pepin briefed the Council on current funding and costs covered in the Wacker Road Project. **Roger Husband motioned to approve the Notice of Intent to Award to Fischer Excavating, Inc. from Freeport, Illinois with a bid of \$4,456,044.75, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie and Jeff Griswold. Nay: None. Motion passed.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance, Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2019-2020:** After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to read by title only and approve Ordinance #2245 the Annual Budget for FY 2019-2020, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** Roll call vote Aye: Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, and Nick Law. Nay: None. Motion passed.

**Ordinance, Amending Title 8, Chapter 4, Section 23, Water Rates and Related Charges and Ordinance Amending Title 7, Chapter 6, Section 5, Basic User Rate:** These two Ordinances provide for the annual 3% increase in water and sewer rates. The rate will increase from \$2.47 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.54 per 1,000 gallons effective May 1, 2019. **Pat Sanchez motioned to read by title only and approve Ordinance #2246 Amending Title 8, Chapter 4, Section 23, Water Rates and Related Charges and Ordinance #2247 Amending Title 7, Chapter 6, Section 5, Basic User Rates, seconded by Roger Husband.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Chris James, and Roger Husband. Nay: None. Motion passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance, Revising Annual Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2018-2019:** Comptroller/Treasurer Sheryl Sipe explained this is an annual amendment made to the current Budget Ordinance for any corrections before year end. She reviewed the purpose of each amendment. **Pat Sanchez motioned to read by title only, waive the second reading and approve Ordinance # 2248 Revising Annual Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2018/2019, seconded by Jeff Griswold.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, Nick Law, Chris James, Roger Husband, and Jim Friedenbach. Nay: None. Motion passed.

**Resolution Declaring Results of April 2, 2019, General Municipal Election in and for the City of Savanna:** Mayor Chris Lain referred to a proposed Resolution declaring results of the April 2, 2019 general municipal election declaring Rhonda K. Weiss elected as City Clerk for a term of two years, Christine Lee elected as Alderman Ward One for a term of four years, Jeff M. Griswold elected as Alderman Ward Two for a term of four years, Nicholas S. Law elected as Alderman Ward Three for a term of four years, and Debbie Long elected as Alderman Ward Four for a term of four years. **Samantha Ritchie motioned to approve Resolution # 1173, seconded by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Request for Kennel License Fee Waiver:** Mayor Chris Lain referred to said request from Heartland Pet Welfare. City Code 6-2-10(A) states the annual fee for a kennel license is \$100.00 and the City Council, at its discretion may issue one kennel license annually, without fee, to a not for profit corporation. John Gloor, Treasurer of the Heartland Pet Welfare explained the organization is currently at a break-even level and the waiver of this fee is much appreciated. **Jim Friedenbach motioned to waive the annual license fee of \$100.00 for Heartland Pet Welfare, seconded by Roger Husband.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**Resolution of Support to the State of Illinois on behalf of the Savanna Veterans Memorial for Two 2019 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity–Grant Management Initiative Programs:** Samantha Ritchie read the Resolution of Support stating the City of Savanna is applying to the State of Illinois on behalf of the Savanna Veterans Memorial for two 2019 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity - Grant Management Initiative programs. These two grants will significantly move them forward towards completion of the project. **Jim Friedenbach motioned to approve Resolution #1174, seconded by Chris James.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Chris James, Roger Husband, Jim Friedenbach, Samantha Ritchie, Jeff Griswold, Pat Sanchez, and Nick Law. Nay: None. Motion passed.

#### **CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Linda Grissinger was happy to see the house at 811 N Main was taken down today. Mayor Chris Lain said the two on Chicago Avenue were taken down as well.

Chris James thanked the Mayor for his appointment to fill the vacant seat on the Council.

Pat Sanchez asked about the status of the rock wall on Chicago Avenue. Attorney Phil Jensen replied letters have been sent to the IDOT and the State Representative and it is in their hands at this point.

Jeff Griswold wanted to point out the clean up on the Bike Trail was appreciated.

Jim Friedenbach wanted to thank the Public Works Department for filling potholes in his Ward.

Superintendent John Lindeman thanked Jared Fluhr and Sharon Pepin for their hard work on getting the Wacker Road Project to this starting point.

Police Chief Kevin Dimmick commended his officers on the recent drug busts in the City of Savanna and their fight against the drug problem.

Mayor Chris Lain thanked Chris James for accepting the appointment to fill the vacant position on the Council as well as his hard work on the Finance Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm.**

**SWEARING IN:**

**Newly Elected Officials:** City Attorney Phil Jensen swore in Rhonda Weiss as City Clerk for a two-year term. City Clerk Rhonda Weiss swore in Jeff Griswold as Alderman Ward II and Nick Law as Alderman Ward III. Christine Lee-Alderman Ward I and Debbie Long-Alderman Ward IV will be sworn in at the May 14, 2019 Council meeting.

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