

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE
CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021, AT 7:00
P.M., VIA THE WEB APPLICATION ZOOM**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Lain called the meeting to order on the said date at 7:07 P.M. 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, Pat Sanchez, Jim Friedenbach, Deb Long, Jeff Griswold, Jocelyn Boyd, Peter King and Nick Law with Tevan Hartman absent. Non-members in attendance Police Chief Jeff Doran, Fire Chief Scott Wolfe, City Attorney Phil Jensen, Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg, Jared Fluhr with MSA, News Media: Mike Nester and Michael Miller, Marne LaShelle, and City Clerk Betsy Kinder.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Nick Law requested to add a discussion on Street Lights, Jocelyn Boyd requested to add the Hotel/Motel Committee Report for October 6, 2021, and Pat Sanchez requested to add a discussion of the Pike Road Construction. After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Agenda with the three additions being made, seconded by Nick Law.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting: After a brief review, **Jocelyn Boyd motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2021, seconded by Peter King.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee, 10-12-21: Chairman Pat Sanchez gave the Finance Committee report.

Request for Funds, Office Flooring, Fire Department: Fire Chief Scott Wolfe stated this was to replace the flooring in the office area. After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Request for Funds, Office Flooring, Fire Department not to exceed \$1,800.00 budgeted from Civic Fund 52, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Request for Funds, Route 20 Bill Board Advertising: After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Request for Funds, Route 20 Bill Board Advertising not to exceed \$7,500.00 from Hotel/Motel Fund, seconded by Peter King.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Request for Non-budgeted Funds, Electric Pump Quotation, Fourth Street Booster Station Pump Install: Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg stated former Superintendent of Public Works John Lindeman stated not all funds were used for cutting in water valves from Water System Improvement Fund, therefore the money budgeted for that could be used to replace this failing pump. After a brief discussion, **Jeff Griswold motioned to approve the amount the Request for Non-budgeted Funds, Electric Pump Quotation, Fourth Street Booster Station Pump Install for \$2,713.10 from Water System Improvement Fund #35, seconded by Nick Law.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, Nick Law, Pat Sanchez, Jocelyn Boyd, and Peter King. Nays: None. Abstain: Deb Long, due to arriving late to the meeting. Motion passed.

Request for Non-budgeted Funds, Roadway Project, North Fifth Street: Jared Fluhr with MSA stated this was to patch over four areas on North Fifth Street. Jeff Griswold agreed this needs to be done and isn't in the best condition currently. After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Request for Non-budgeted Funds, Roadway Project, North Fifth Street, not to exceed \$33,000.00, seconded by Deb Long.** Roll Call Vote

Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, Deb Long, Nick Law, Pat Sanchez, Jocelyn Boyd, and Peter King. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Roadway Project, Third Street Funds from TIF #1: Chairman Pat Sanchez stated this was to clarify where funds were coming from for later on the TIF annual statements. Part of Third Street is in the TIF district, therefore a portion can be spent on the Roadway Project. After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez motioned to use funds for the Roadway Project, Third Street Funds from TIF #1 which is the Special Tax Allocation Fund, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Fischer Excavating Pay Application #11 Final Payment: Jared Fluhr with MSA stated the city was holding a check in the amount of \$257,326.97 from Fischer due to questions and concerns regarding part of the road. Fischer Excavating has requested release of retainage and stated they are holding approximately \$82,000.00 from Sjostrom in retainage. A bond was not given and all the city has is a letter without financial backing in case something is wrong. After further discussion, **Nick Law motioned to table this until Attorney Phil Jensen has more information on how to handle the final check, seconded by Peter King.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Discussion and Approval of Helm Civil Pay Application #2 in the Amount of \$315,904.23: After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Helm Civil Pay Application #2 in the Amount of \$315,904.23, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Addition: Road Way Project, Pike Road, Discussion: Jared Fluhr with MSA recommends postponing Pike Road and re-bid next year due to utility conflicts and a non-agreement in pricing and means/methods. He stated Helm Civil has concerns with the storm sewer placement on Pike Road due to Century Link phone lines being so close to the roadway. After further discussion, **Pat Sanchez motioned to remove Pike Road from the Road Way Project this year and re-bid next year, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, Deb Long, Nick Law, Pat Sanchez, Jocelyn Boyd, and Peter King. Nay: None. Motion passed.

After a brief discussion, **Jocelyn Boyd motioned to approve the Finance Committee Report as given, seconded by Peter King.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Addition: Hotel/Motel Committee, 10-6-21: Chairman Jocelyn Boyd gave her report on upcoming events and numbers of people visiting the area and using our social media ads. Peter King asked about the possibility of radio advertising in the Chicago area. Mayor Chris Lain stated nothing was budgeted this year for radio ads, however could be discussed in the spring for the next budget year. After a brief discussion, **Peter King motioned to approve the Hotel/Motel Committee Report, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

WARRANT #6:

Bills for the Month of September 2021 Totaling \$569,890.10: Jeff Griswold questioned the phone reimbursement to John Lindeman. Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg stated typically this is reimbursed in the spring, however with John Lindeman's resignation he submitted for reimbursement for the months he was here for budget year 21/22. Mayor Chris Lain and Jeff Griswold agreed the next Superintendent of Public Works should have a separate work phone on the city's plan. After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Bills for the Month of September 2021 Totaling \$569,890.10, seconded by Peter King.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, Deb Long, Nick Law, Pat Sanchez, Jocelyn Boyd, and Peter King. Nay: None. Motion passed.

BIDS:

1/2 Ton Crew Cab Fire Department, Award:

Fire Chief Scott Wolfe gave an update on bids received. Two bids were received, one from J.C Carey Motors for \$33,896.00 and one from Tiles and Style dba Taza Supplies for \$69,786.00. Fire Chief Scott Wolfe stated this was for a 2022 Crew Cab. After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez motioned to accept the bid from J.C. Carey Motors in the amount of \$33,896.00 which is under the budgeted amount of \$34,200.00, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Financial, Police, Fire and Public Works for September 2021:

After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Financial, Police, and Fire reports as given and to exclude Public Works report since there wasn't a report given at this time, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg questioned the Public Works report not being provided due to John Lindeman's resignation and if so who was going to complete the report if it will be tabled until the next meeting. Mayor Chris Lain stated he would not be able to get it completed and wasn't going to have Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg complete it. Following this discussion, **Pat Sanchez amended his motion to add no report for Public Works will be completed and to accept all monthly reports provided, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Project Update, MSA: Jared Fluhr with MSA gave an update. There was a question on the completion of storm sewers on Third Street. After a brief discussion, **Jeff Griswold made a motion to give authority to Mayor Chris Lain to talk to Helm Civil and see if they could complete the storm sewers on Third Street at the cost of \$1,070 each due to the city being unable to get them completed and making the decision to move forward if he chooses for Helm Civil to complete the work, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, Deb Long, Nick Law, Pat Sanchez, Jocelyn Boyd, and Peter King. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Request of Easment, BNSF: Tabled at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Intersection Solicitors License, Great River Outreach 10/23/21: Mayor Chris Lain stated this was not a statewide event. Questions were raised on the status with the state and seeking donations. After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez motioned to deny the Intersection Solicitors License, Great River Outreach 10/23/21 at this time, seconded by Peter King.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution, Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property Within the Highway 84 & Wacker Road Redevelopment Project Area (701 Main Street): After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez made a motion to accept Resolution #1223, Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property Within the Highway 84 & Wacker Road Redevelopment Project Area (701 Main Street), seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Addition: Street Lights, Discussion: A resident contacted Nick Law regarding the installation of street lights on North Charles Street. The concern is the dark corner and being unable to see vehicles that are parked and people on the narrow street. After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez made a motion to send the Street Lights, Discussion to the Water/Sewer/Refuse/Street and Alley Committee for future discussion, seconded by Nick Law.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Peter King brought up the repairs that may be needed on the Pump Station North of town. Mayor Chris Lain agreed he had noticed the roof not being in great shape and would need to be discussed as a budget item for next budget year.

Deb Long has had residents calling about being told that garbage cans must now be moved to the front of their house and no longer being picked up in the alley.

Nick Law has also had calls about recycling pick up being missed on Frey Street.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further, **Mayor Chris Lain made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 P.M.**

Minutes composed by Betsy Kinder, City Clerk.