

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 333 CHICAGO AVEUNE, SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Val Gunnarsson called the meeting to order on the said date at 7:00 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 Val Gunnarsson led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH QUORUM:

Mayor Val Gunnarsson declared the establishment of a quorum with members in attendance Mayor Val Gunnarsson, Jocelyn Boyd, Nick Law, Jim Friedenbach, Deb Long, Jeff Griswold, Tevan Hartman, Eric Dahlman, and Pat Sanchez. Non-members in attendance Attorney Phil Jensen, Superintendent of Public Works Brent Corey, Police Chief Jeff Doran, Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg, Fire Chief Scott Wolfe, News Media: Michael Miller and Mike Nester, Linda Grissinger, Deb Gunnarsson, Peggy Voeller with the Savanna Chamber of Commerce, Shanna Grossman, and City Clerk Betsy Kinder.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Val Gunnarsson asked if there were any additions to the agenda or questions on the agenda at this time. **Jocelyn Boyd motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Pat Sanchez.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the July 26, 2022, Regular Meeting: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Nick Law.** Mayor Val Gunnarsson took a voice vote. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hotel/Motel Committee 08/03/22:

Chairman Jocelyn Boyd reported that they did not have a quorum, so they weren't able to take voting action at that time. She gave an update on Blackhawk Waterways, Monthly Consultant update on web page, and C-Savanna.

Finance Committee, 08/09/22

Chairman Pat Sanchez went over Accounts Receivable. Shawn Flickinger has not paid the money owed to the City. Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg has sent several letters to Shawn Flickinger with no reply. City Attorney Phil Jensen advised the council to act on this with Small Claims Court at this time. City Attorney Phil Jensen will start the process for this. Chairman Pat Sanchez let the council know that all looks good with the numbers in the 12/24/36/60 (5-year) report, he also said that the budget looks good as well at this time.

Request for Funds, Meter Read Equipment: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the request for the Meter Read Equipment not to exceed \$15,000.00, funds are budgeted from Sewer System Improvement Fund and Water System Improvement Fund with \$7,500.00 from each fund, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Request for Funds, Photocopy Machine: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Request for Funds, Photocopy Machine, not to exceed the amount of \$10,000.00, funds are budgeted from Civic Fund, Refuse Fund, Sewer Fund, and Water Fund with \$2,500.00 from each fund, seconded by Tevan Hartman.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Request for Funds, Property Acquisition-Lift Station Project: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Request for Funds, Property Acquisition-Lift Station Project, not to exceed \$22,500.00 from Sewer System Improvement Fund, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Request for Funds, Rt 20 Bill Board Advertising: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Request for Funds, Rt 20 Bill Board Advertising, not to exceed \$9,000.00 from Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, seconded by Tevan Hartman.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Request for Non-Budgeted Funds, Mini Excavator: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Request for Non-Budgeted Funds, Mini Excavator, not to exceed \$3,963.00 with the additional funds to be taken evenly from Sewer System Improvement Fund, Water System Improvement Fund, Public Ways and Property Improvement Fund, and Street Depreciation Fund, seconded by Nick Law.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, Nick Law, Deb Long, Tevan Hartman, Pat Sanchez, Jocelyn Boyd, and Eric Dahlman. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Budget Resolution from Finance: Pat Sanchez stated this resolution was to adjust the budget for the Street Project. These are the changes: money budgeted from Public Ways and Property Improvement Fund for the vehicle purchase and storm sewers for a total of \$66,250.00, \$63,700 from Civic Fund, and transfer from Motor Fuel Tax Fund in the amount of \$66,400.00 to Civic Fund. After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Resolution #1245, Budget Resolution from Finance, seconded by Nick Law.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, Nick Law, Deb Long, Tevan Hartman, Pat Sanchez, Jocelyn Boyd, and Eric Dahlman. Nay: None. Motion passed. Based on these changes the Mayor can now accept the bid.

WARRANT #4

Bills for the Month of July Totaling \$319,574.51: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Bills for the Month of July Totaling \$319,574.51, seconded by Nick Law.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, Nick Law, Deb Long, Tevan Hartman, Pat Sanchez, Jocelyn Boyd, and Eric Dahlman. Nay: None. Motion passed.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Financial, Police, Fire, and Public Works for July 2022: After a brief review, a voice vote was taken and reports were accepted as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Project Update, MSA: Mayor Val Gunnarsson gave updates and provided a handout to all in attendance.

Lead Service Line Replacement: The surveys are not coming in as quickly as we would like. Superintendent of Public Works Brent Corey is working on getting the word out on how important it is to get the surveys returned to the City.

Change in Population, Discussion: Mayor Val Gunnarsson discussed the options that we are looking at, at this time. We will need volunteers to help get the numbers collected to continue with this project.

BOW Renewables Inquiry: There has not been a meeting set up at this time. This will be tabled until a meeting can be set up with BOW, Jo-Carroll Energy, and Prairie Land.

Broken Down Structures Status: Mayor Val Gunnarsson reported that work is still being done on trying to find funds to take down these pieces of property. Superintendent of Public Works Brent Corey reported that 2 more will be coming down soon.

Status of Scavenger Sales Bids: The city bid on all 8 properties at the cost of \$810.00 per property. The Council is still waiting to hear if we were the highest bids on these properties.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution & Use Agreement Authorizing Exclusive Use of a Certain Property in Conjunction with Band & Parking Lot Party for Baggers LLC: After a brief review, **Jeff Griswold** motioned to approve **Resolution #1246 & Use Agreement Authorizing Exclusive Use of a Certain Property in Conjunction with Band & Parking Lot Party for Baggers LLC, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** All voting in favor and Pat Sanchez abstained due to personal reasons, none opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution, Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property within the Highway 84 & Wacker Road Project Area (407 N. Main Street): After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve **Resolution #1247, Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property within the Highway 84 & Wacker Road Project Area (407 N. Main Street), seconded by Nick Law.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution, Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property Within the Highway 84 & Wacker Road Project Area (709 N. Main Street): After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve **Resolution #1248, Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property Within the Highway 84 & Wacker Road Project Area (709 N. Main Street), seconded by Nick Law.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

An Ordinance of the City of Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois, Approving a Redevelopment Agreement by and Between the City of Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois and Sippi-Side Pub & Liquor Store, Inc.: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve **Ordinance #2312 of the City of Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois, Approving a Redevelopment Agreement by and Between the City of Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois and Sippi-Side Pub & Liquor Store, Inc., with a TIF pay back of 25% over 12 years for a total of \$230,000.00, seconded by Tevan Hartman.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

An Ordinance, of the City of Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois, Approving a Redevelopment Agreement by and Between the City of Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois and Baggers LLC: After a brief review, **Nick Law** motioned to approve **An Ordinance #2313, of the City of Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois, Approving a Redevelopment Agreement by and Between the City of Savanna, Carroll County, Illinois and Baggers LLC, with a TIF pay back of 30% over 5 years for a total of \$16,354.46, seconded by Tevan Hartman.** All voting in favor, none opposed, and Pat Sanchez Abstained. Motion passed.

Momma's Burnout BnB, TIF Evaluation: Pat Sanchez recommended due to the size of this project to issue a one-time payment. Jim Friedenbach made a comment he would like to see a 25% repayment, meanwhile Jocelyn Boyd made a recommendation of 30% repayment. Nick Law asked about inspecting projects and follow-through to ensure projects are being completed. Pat Sanchez stated all December 2022 payments will be from TIF #1. With nothing further, **Jim Friedenbach** made a motion to approve a one-time payment of 25% payback on the \$8,000.00, after the receipts are turned in, and approved by Kathy Orr. This payback will be \$2,000.00 if all receipts are approved by Kathy Orr, seconded by Tevan Hartman. All voting in favor, but Jocelyn Boyd opposed. Motion passed.

Itep Availability, Referral to Committee: Val Gunnarsson stated a presentation will be at the August 23rd meeting regarding Itep Availability.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBER:

Jeff Griswold had a resident ask about garbage pickup; Superintendent of Public Works Brent Corey stated this issue has already been addressed.

Linda Grissinger questioned what is happening with burnt houses on Bowen Street. It was stated it is in the process of being torn down.

Jim Friedenbach thanked the city crew for all their hard work along the riverfront.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further, Mayor Val Gunnarsson asked for a motion to adjourn. **Nick Law** motioned to adjourn at 8:20 P.M., seconded by **Jocelyn Boyd.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Minutes composed by **Betsy Kinder, City Clerk.**