

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY
COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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, Nick Law, Jim Friedenbach, Deb Long, Jeff Griswold, Eric Dahlman, and Pat Sanchez. Council members absent were Tevan Hartman and Jocelyn Boyd. Non-members in attendance City Attorney Phil Jensen, Superintendent of Public Works Brent Corey, Police Chief Jeff Doran, Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg, News Media: Michael Miller, Linda Grissingner, Marne LaShelle, Andrea Rumler with Winkel, Parker, & Foster, 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. **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Nick Law.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION

Winkel, Parker, & Foster, CPA-PC, Presentation of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Audit: Andrea Rumler distributed copies of the 2021-2022 Audit and went over information outlined in the audit with the council. Mayor Val Gunnarsson asked questions about internal controls, segregating duties, and revenue recognition that was outlined in the Audit Committee Letter. Andrea Rumler answered the questions and stated in the past controls have been initiated to avoid risk for internal controls and revenue recognition, for example the Finance Chair reviewing and signing statements and journal vouchers. She stated segregating duties is noted every year due to the small staff of the office. With no other questions or concerns, the council accepted the audit presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the August 23, 2022 Regular Meeting: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Jeff Griswold.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Committee, 08-24-22: Jeff Griswold gave the Personnel Committee meeting update and stated they discussed the reports provided. Jeff Griswold said they discussed combining the 2 part time positions into one full time position between the administrative and police departments. It was decided to offer the position to a candidate; however, the individual declined the offer.

Hotel/Motel Committee, 09-07-22: Jocelyn Boyd was absent, so Jim Friedenbach gave the report. After a brief discussion on the numbers of BnB Licenses in Savanna, **Jim Friedenbach made a motion to put a cap on licenses to 40, however input was provided stating that was not what the committee recommended. Jim Friedenbach made a motion to strike that motion and motioned for a moratorium to start for 60 days after September 13, 2022, seconded by Nick Law.** Mayor Val Gunnarsson stated bnb licenses would still be accepted during this time however would not be approved. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Finance Committee, 09-13-22: Pat Sanchez stated a quorum was not met for the Finance Meeting that was scheduled before the council meeting, items were discussed however not voted on. Pat Sanchez stated all the reports for the meeting were in line and minimal questions were asked.

Request for Funds, High Volume Pump, Public Works Department: After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez made a motion to approve the Request for Funds, High Volume Pump, Public Works Department not to exceed \$2,500.00 from the Water System Improvement Fund, seconded by Nick Law.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, Nick Law, Deb Long, Pat Sanchez, and Eric Dahlman. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Request for Funds, Transfer to Bike Trail Maintenance Fund: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the transfer of \$5,000.00 from Civic Fund to Bike Trail Maintenance Fund, seconded by Deb Long.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Request for Non-Budgeted Funds, Photocopy Machine, Police Department: After a brief discussion, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the Request for Non-Budgeted Funds, Photocopy Machine, Police Department, not to exceed the quote of \$4,995.00, the funds will come out of Civic Fund, seconded**

by **Jim Friedenbach**. Roll Call Vote Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, Nick Law, Deb Long, Pat Sanchez, and Eric Dahlman. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Request for Non-Budgeted Funds, ITEP Grant: After a brief review it was decided that the estimated \$6,300.00 could come out of Civic Fund, but it was tabled on at this time. They will vote when the total amount has been determined.

Request for Non-Budgeted Funds, Funds from Sale of GMC Tanker Truck, 1984 Custom Boat, and 2004 Chevy Suburban to be paid to the Savanna Firemen's Association: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez** motioned to table this until more information was obtained, seconded by **Jim Friedenbach**. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Request for Non-Budgeted Funds, Scavenger Sale Bids: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve the Request for Non-Budgeted Funds, Scavenger Sale Bids for 4 properties not to exceed the amount of \$3,240.00, from the Civic Fund, seconded by **Nick Law**. Roll Call Vote Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, Nick Law, Deb Long, Pat Sanchez, and Eric Dahlman. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Request for Non-Budgeted Funds, Website: Mayor Val Gunnarsson stated he was getting clarification provided to him on a quote. He stated it is \$1,500.00 to start and \$1,500.00 per year to maintain but he is clarifying when the first year would start.

WARRANT #5:

Bills for the Month of August Totaling \$351,655.35: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez** motioned to approve the amount of \$327,295.35, this would be the amount after the deduction of the \$24,360.00 for the Savanna Firemen's Association, seconded by **Nick Law**. Roll Call Vote Aye: Jim Friedenbach, Jeff Griswold, Nick Law, Deb Long Pat Sanchez, and Eric Dahlman. Nay: None. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

USCOE Working Agreement: After a brief review, **Nick Law** motioned to approve the agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers for loading of riprap onto barges from the area immediately north of Marquette Park, seconded by **Pat Sanchez**. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Communication from Warden: Mayor Val Gunnarsson discussed that the Warden feels that part of the problem in our area for hiring people is that people lack the ability to complete resumes online which are not reviewed locally. They also are looking for communities that have daycare and rentals because they don't intend to stay in the area, most hires are looking to relocate after a couple years.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Financial, Police, Fire, and Public Works for August 2022: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez** motioned to accept the monthly reports for Financial, Police, Fire, and Public Works for August 2022, seconded by **Nick Law**. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Project Update, MSA: Superintendent of Public Works Brent Corey reported that the number of surveys returned is still very low, please encourage your areas to turn them in.

ITEP, Chicago Avenue: More information to come as the survey and grants are applied for.

BOW Renewables Inquiry: They will be invited to attend a meeting on September 26, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. to explain their program, along with Jo-Carroll Electric.

Broken Down Structures Status: Superintendent of Public Works Brent Corey reported that one house on Bowen Street came down this week and another on Bowen Street is scheduled for this week.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITIZENS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Jim Friedenbach thanked the Police Department for checking on the abandoned car on Third Street.

Marne LaShelle thanked Public Works (Superintendent of Public Works Brent Corey) for always answering her questions.

Linda Grissinger asked if there was any other news on the statue at Marquette Park, Mayor Val Gunnarsson stated there was none at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

With nothing further, Mayor Val Gunnarsson asked for a motion to adjourn, **Pat Sanchez** motioned to adjourn at 8:27 P.M., seconded by **Jeff Griswold**. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

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