

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SAVANNA CITY
COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT
333 CHICAGO AVENUE, 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, Jim Friedenbach, Deb Long, Eric Dahlman, Tevan Hartman, and Pat Sanchez, Nick Law and Jeff Griswold were both absent. Non-members in attendance City Attorney Phil Jensen, Superintendent of Public Works Brent Corey, Comptroller/Treasurer Brittany Hatteberg, Fire Chief Scott Wolfe, News Media: Mike Nester and Mike Miller, Linda Grissinger, Peggy Voeller with the Savanna Chamber of Commerce, Marne LaShelle, and City Clerk Betsy Kinder.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the November 9, 2022 Regular Meeting: After a brief review, **Jocelyn Boyd motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Deb Long.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee, 11-09-22:

End of Year Merit Stipend: After a brief review, **Jim Friedenbach motioned to send this back to Personnel Committee, seconded by Deb Long.** All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Partial Reimbursement of Demolition Expenses, Dan Shrake: No action was taken

TIF Investment Committee, 11-16-22:

Approval of December TIF Agreement Payments: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to pay all TIF Agreement Payments for December from TIF #1, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** Roll Call Vote Aye: Deb Long, Tevan Hartman, Jim Friedenbach, Eric Dahlman, Jocelyn Boyd, and Pat Sanchez. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Ordinance/Public Relation Committee, 11-17-22:

Deb Long reported that they are working on guidelines for Public Event Rules and will be meeting in January 2023.

Personnel Committee, 11-22-22: After a brief review, it was decided that Executive Meeting minutes from May 11, 2022 and August 24, 2022, no longer need to remain confidential.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Pike Road and First Street Status: Superintendent of Public Works Brent Corey reported that progress is going well on both streets, currently they are cutting our valves and storm sewers. Anticipated completion date is December 2, 2022.

Sippi-Side Agreement Status: Item was tabled.

Reapportionment: Looking at voting numbers, it looks like we may need to make some changes. MSA is checking into numbers in each ward to see what they can come up with, they will report back when they know.

Telephone Answering: Mayor Val Gunnarsson asked if anyone had an opinion on the phone system at city hall. Deb Long stated she would like someone to answer the phone and not have to type in an extension. It was decided to leave the current system as is for the time being.

Ordinance, Annual Tax Levy: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to approve Ordinance #2314, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Tree Cutting on Main: Discussion continued on the removal of four trees on Main Street. After a brief review, **Deb Long motioned to wait until spring to make a decision, seconded by Jocelyn Boyd.** All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

TIF Allocation Fund Discussion: Mayor Val Gunnarsson discussed the do's and don'ts of how TIF Funds can be used. Suggestions were given on how to spend this money. These ideas will be sent back to the TIF Investment Committee.

Sidewalk Obstructions to Ordinance Committee: Deb Long stated the committee has been looking into this matter and will report back after their January 2023 meeting.

Veterans Memorial-Consideration of Creation of Veterans Memorial Committee: After a brief review, **Pat Sanchez motioned to waive first reading and approve Resolution #1256, Veterans Memorial-Consideration of Creation of Veterans Memorial Committee, seconded by Jim Friedenbach.** A voice vote was taken and all voted in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

CITIZENS, COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Superintendent of Public Works Brent Corey let the group know that Public Works is looking into a water leak in the Chestnut Park area. He also discussed how old the city's infrastructure is and how we are losing money every year for water based on what is pumped and then compared with what is billed.

Pat Sanchez asked about stop signs on the corner of Poplar and Pike. Mayor Val Gunnarsson stated this should be sent to Water/Sewer/Refuse/Street and Alley Committee.

Deb Long stated Pike Road looks nice.

Linda Grissinger asked about the old Radke building and what is being done.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Val Gunnarsson adjourned the meeting at 8:08 P.M.

Minutes composed by Betsy Kinder, City Clerk.