

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AT 333 CHICAGO AVENUE, SAVANNA, ILLINOIS 61074**

CALL TO ORDER:

Following the public hearing, Mayor Pro-Team Tevan Hartman called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. Notice of the meeting was delivered to all council members and posted at 333 Chicago Ave, Savanna, Illinois, in accordance with the State of Illinois Open Meetings Act.

PLEDAGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Pro-Team Tevan Hartman led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH QUORUM:

After the roll call, Mayor Pro-Team Tevan Hartman established a quorum. Present from the Council were: Jeff Griswold, Nick Law, Deb Long, Pat Sanchez, Tevan Hartman, Eric Dahlman. Jim Friedenbach absent. Also present City Attorney Phil Jensen via Zoom, Tara Walters via Zoom, Deputy Police Chief Don Stephens, Public Works Supt. Jeremy Hughes, and Judy Gibson, Savanna resident.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Pat Sanchez and second by Nick Law to approve the agenda. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting: A motion was made by Pat Sanchez and second by Deb Long to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023, regular meeting. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Financial, Police, Fire and Public Works December 2023: The council accepted the monthly reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hotel/Motel Committee, 12/13/23 & 1/4/24: Chairman Jeff Griswold gave an update of the meetings. He said the chamber is planning an event at Manny's and Brienna Junk will give a presentation on the Facebook and website accounts.

Grant Review Committee, 1/4/24: Jeff Griswold gave an update on the Jan. 4 meeting and said that had reviewed the grants the city has applied for and the grant they had received.

Finance Committee, 1/9/24: Chairman Pat Sanchez said the committee had met prior to the meeting. Sanchez asked city attorney regarding the accounts receivable and Attorney Phil Jensen said all three accounts have been filed in small claims court. Sanchez then reviewed the 12/24 Month Report and the 2023-/24 budget review for December as well as Warrant #9.

WARRANT #9:

Bills for the Month of December Totaling \$193,324.94: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Pat Sanchez and second by Jeff Griswold to approve warrant #9 in the amount of \$193,324.94. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MSA, Project Update: Tara Walters reported that they had received an extension on the Rise Grant. It was set to expire in December but has been extended until the end of March.

Status of Lincoln School and Hotel Radke: City Attorney Phil Jensen said they had served papers to the owner of the Lincoln School, Herman Bowman. He will now have 28 days to file an answer to the city's complaint regarding the condition of the building. He said they have still not been able to serve papers to the owner of the Radke Hotel. Judy Gibson, who lives between both buildings, said she sees the owner almost every Tuesday. Attorney Jensen said he would draw up papers for the Carroll County Sheriff's Dept. and asked Judy Gibson to call city hall or the police department the next time she sees her. Jeff Griswold asked about the portable classrooms and Attorney Phil Jensen said they could be added to the complaint. Jensen said they have an initial status conference with Newt Marine on Jan. 22. He said they will be putting together a discovery plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Scope of Work: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Nick Law and second by Pat Sanchez to approve spending \$5,000 for MSA to prepare the documents for the grant application. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Resolution of Support, CDBG: A motion was made by Nick Law and second by Deb Long to approve Resolution #1286 for support of the CDBG grant. The resolution was needed as part of the grant application process. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Tevan Hartman adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Minutes composed by City Clerk Mike Nester via Zoom video after the meeting.