

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SAVANNA, CARROLL COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023, 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 at 7 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Val Gunnarsson led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH QUORUM:

After the roll call, Mayor Val Gunnarsson established a quorum. Present from the Council were: Jim Friedenbach, Eric Dahlman, Jeff Griswold, Jocelyn Boyd, Nick Law, Pat Sanchez, Tevan Hartman. Absent, Deb Long. Also present Mayor Val Gunnarson, Comptroller Brittany Hatteberg, Fire Chief Scott Wolfe, Police Chief Jeff Doran, Supt. of Public Works Jeremy Hughes, Jared Fluhr of MSA, Mike Miller, Marne LaShelle, Linda Grissinger, City Clerk Mike Nester, City Attorney Phil Jensen, and Andrea Rumler with Winkel, Parker, and Foster.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Jim Friedenbach and second by Nick Law to approve the agenda with the addition of Signing Contract with Fischer Excavating for Wacker and Oakton Road Lift Stations. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION:

Winkel, Parker, & Foster CPA-PC, Presentation of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Audit: Andrea Rumler of Winkel, Parker & Foster provided copies of the audit and went over the document. She told the council the city had a clean audit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Consideration of the Minutes of the July 25, 2023 Regular Meeting: A motion was made by Jocelyn Boyd and second by Pat Sanchez to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2023 meeting. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Committee 7-31-23: Chairman Jeff Griswold said the committee met July 31 and discussed hiring a new police officer. He said the committee was recommending Corie Flack at a rate of \$25.90 based on seven years of experience. A motion was made by Jeff Griswold and second by Pat Sanchez to hire Flack at the rate of pay of \$25.90. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Hotel/Motel Committee 8-2-23: Chairman Jocelyn Boyd reported that two vacation rentals are not complying with the city code and they approved having city attorney Phil Jensen start the legal process. She also reported a drop in revenue over the first two months of receipts.

TIF Investment Committee 8-3-23: Chairman Jim Friedenbach reported the TIF Committee had approved spending \$15,000 for a preliminary engineering study from AMI for riverfront development. They also approved a draft for an ordinance that would allow using TIF funds to make permanent alterations to the front or facades of Main Street structures. The ordinance will be presented at the Aug. 22 council meeting.

Finance Committee 8-8-23: Chairman Pat Sanchez said the committee had reviewed the financial reports and warrant #4 would be presented later in the agenda. He also said the committee had approved

contracting with Mike Nester at \$15 per hour to work on city's website. Sanchez then directed city attorney Phil Jensen to proceed to small claim courts with two cases.

WARRANT #4:

Bills for the Month of July totaling \$241,410.88: After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Pat Sanchez and a second from Nick Law to approve Warrant #4 in the amount of \$241,410.88. Roll Call Vote Aye: Sanchez, Hartman, Friedenbach, Dahlman, Griswold, Boyd, Law. Nay: None. Motion passed.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Financial, Police, Fire and Public Works for July 2023: Council members were presented reports and a motion was made by Nick Law and second by Jocelyn Boyd to accept the reports. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MSA Project Update: Jared Fluhr of MSA reported the City of Savanna had been awarded a \$1.5 million grant to replace water mains on several Savanna streets. He said the project would be bid this winter with work scheduled to be completed during the summer of 2024. Savanna's \$450,000 portion of the project was also explained. He also reviewed the progress on the lead line survey.

IDOT Invoice Relating to Bridge Construction: Mayor Val Gunnarsson said the issue with the IDOT regarding an old invoice from the construction of the Savanna-Sabula bridge had been resolved and in Savanna's favor. The invoice was reduced from \$36,710.88 to \$21,806.48.

Status of Lincoln School: City attorney said he was looking for authorization to proceed with legal action against the owner of Lincoln School since the work done was not adequate. A motion was made by Nick Law and second by Tevan Hartman to proceed with litigation on the owner of Lincoln School. He also said a letter has been sent to the owner of the Radke Hotel, citing several violations with the structure.

Lead Service Line Inventory: During the MSA project update, Jared Fluhr gave an update on the lead line survey.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution on Contract Work on Webpage: After a discussion, a motion was made by Pat Sanchez and second by Nick Law to approve Resolution on Contract Work on Webpage. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Retainer Agreement, Lawsuit for PFAS Chemicals: Mayor Val Gunnarsson explained a possible contract for a retainer agreement between the city and the law firm of Napoli Shkolnik. He said he didn't feel the city should pursue the agreement and no action was taken.

Signing Contract with Fischer Excavating for Wacker and Oakton Road Lift Stations: During the MSA presentation regarding the lift stations, a motion was made by Nick Law and second by Pat Sanchez to have the mayor sign the contracts with Fisher Excavating for the Wacker and Oakton Road lift stations. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Gunnarsson adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Minutes composed by City Clerk Mike Nester