

Town of Savanna Council Meeting

June 10, 2024 at 7pm

Savanna Public Works Authority

Meeting called to Order by Coy

Roll Call: Coy, Nathan, and Robbye Chad: Resigned

Guests: Police Chief Matt Hines, Asst. PD Chief Orrin Gragert, Fire Chief Jeff Jones, SPWA Supervisor Coty Dedmon, Danielle Layden from Layden Law Firm, and Nick for Geroge m. Kern C.P.A Office.

1. Coy announced that Chad gave his verbal resignation last month after the council meeting due to him moving out of Savanna and gave a recommendation for a replacement but the resident doesn't live in Ward #3 so the town will keep looking for a resident from Ward#3 to fill the temporary position until the next election date. For now, we will run with just Ward 1 and 2 councilmen and keep going. Motion to accept resignation by Chad Graham, 2nd by Nathan 2-Yes
2. Motion by Coy to Approve Minutes of May 13, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy- Yes Nathan- Yes
3. Motion by Coy to Approve Current Claims, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy- Yes Nathan- Yes
4. Nick handed out the balance sheets and read them. Stated water is looking good and ahead of budget even 11 months in. Motion to Approve Financial Report, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes
5. Coty said the state is wanting the town to get an engineer and water and sewer lines needs to be move for project. So the town will research for a project engineer. No Action Needed
6. Water Adjustments - None.
7. New Business – none

8. Public Discussions – None

Motion to Adjourn by Coy, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy- Yes Nathan- Yes

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1. Coy repeated what was said on the S.P.W.A side, so Chad gave his verbal resignation last month after the council meeting due to him moving out of Savanna and gave a recommendation for a replacement but the resident doesn't live in Ward #3 so the town will keep looking for a resident from Ward#3 to fill the temporary position until the next election date. For now, we will run with just Ward 1 and 2 councilmen and keep going. Motion to accept resignation by Chad Graham, 2nd by Nathan 2-Yes
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4. Nick handed out balance sheets and read them. Stated ahead of budget in most areas, expenditures are low and revenues high so looking good. City Treasurer asked about auditors and Nick stated they sent them lots of stuff but still backed up. Nick recommended sending out ROP for auditors may have to pay more though. He will send a list and mark recommendations. Motion by Coy to Approve Financial Report, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes
5. Grants – Documents are needed for the SAM.gov account, so clerks will work on getting those collected and address fixed. No Action Needed.

6. Celebrate Savanna Day – Coy shared that Matt came up with the idea of doing a 1st Responders Softball game Savanna vs. Kiowa for next year, but Coy decided why not this year for Savanna Day. Plans were made with both depts. and the school to have the game at the school baseball/softball field at 1:45pm on June 29, 2024. The HS Principal for savanna will umpire and help host the game if the first responders will join the school at the Savanna girl's athletics booster club basketball game fundraiser in the fall and both agreed. Players will be made of the first responders, their spouses, and household members ages 12-15. Other household members can still come and help out in other areas specially the older one 16+ with the gates and concession stand etc. Younger ones 11 under can maybe help with equipment etc. Looking at selling hot dogs, sodas and small fee for the gate entrance and the funds will go towards a school project TBA. We are encouraging HS Seniors to come and help out coaching. We just want to have a fun family friendly competition while showing the community specially students that our 1st responders are human to and can get familiar with them so they feel more comfortable should they ever need us. Still on for starting evening events at 6pm. Coy will ask the Savanna Jazz Band about coming to play, David Spears and his band have agreed to join us again this year, Fire Dept will serve hot dogs and soda, but will accept donations, Lazy Octopus will be having a Seafood Special that night as well at their place down the street from 4-8pm, fire vs police challenges will be like last year 3 legged race, tug o war, balloon toss etc. and then fireworks at dark. Due to the softball game, we are looking at moving citywide water fight to August before school. No Action.
7. Surplus Town Assets – Tabled by Coy
8. Discontinue K-9 Program –Tabled by Coy.
9. PD - Matt shared looking good, road signs are being made so looking for poles/stands for them recommending the security types specially on the bulldog drive so looking at two stands and welding that street sign, and Matt

also needs the 911 addresses added to meters so him and Coty will be working on that soon. Collections doing very well. Looking at an increase income for the year which is good. Truck stop as been sold and they have already started the remodel. Due to new laws and/or regulations on reportable and non-reportable offenses the town maybe have to purchase a fingerprint scanner along with training for city hall or send it through district where they will take fingerprints. Matt will research more and get numbers for both. Matt also has to talk with City Judge about new certificate requirements. Two officers start CLEET next month and will be out for about 4 months, but dept. is doing good and we will have it covered. Motion by Coy to Approve the Police Report and Police Business, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan - Yes

10. Jeff shared that the storm siren by the old fire station was struck by lightning and fired most if not all of it, he is trying to get someone to come and look at the damage and get estimates to fix it or buy a new one. The city will call OMAG and see if siren in covered on insurance if so, we will start a claim. Kiowa as helped for Savanna's assistance due to complications with the hired fire chief and his resignation. Kiowa is currently being McAlester to be emergency management but has asked of Savanna could do it, so Coy and Jeff have been discussing it and the town is looking at placing Jeff (Fire Chief), Matt Hines (PD Chief) and Coy (Mayor) as co-managers so when a big event such as a natural disaster hits they will meet at city hall, complete a list of workers and equipment to send to Kiowa and who to kept in Savanna while Kym the Mayor's wife would be keeping records and monitoring calls to help keep the communication between both towns. The fire dept will still respond as usual to normal fire calls, but our chiefs will be over the scenes no questions asked. This will also require chiefs and/or asst chiefs to attend meetings at Kiowa as well to keep communication updated and in agreement. Motion by Coy to Approve Fire Business, 2nd by Nathan, Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan - Yes

11. New Business; Coty shared he has sent floorplans ideas to be drawn up and Nathan has looked over them as well both agreeing having storage room, large freezer and refrigerator along with some of the suggestions from those managing the current senior center, so hoping to get that going soon. The town is working with the school on getting the school a grant which would cover the costs to redo the elementary building and put in a big Storm Shelter which the town would be able to use as well if needed. We may have to work with the Lodge in Kiowa on some fundraisers to help raise any additional costs. It has come to many attentions something is being building between the gas station and school, but no one is sure of what is being build some of our city employees tried to talk with the builders which did show them blueprints which showed a structure, parking spots, and drive thru but due to language barrier no one was able to get information on what kind of business etc. but Coty is monitoring things to make sure they do not cover any utility lines.

12. Public Business; None

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