

# Town of Savanna Council Meeting

August 12, 2024 at 7pm

## Savanna Public Works Authority

Meeting called to Order by Coy

Roll Call: Coy, Nathan, and Robbye Ward #3: Unassigned

Guests: Police Chief Matt Hines, Asst. PD Chief Orrin Gragert, Fire Chief Jeff Jones, SPWA Supervisor Coty Dedmon, Danielle Layden from Layden Law Firm, Nick from George M. Kern Office and two savanna residents.

1. Motion by Coy to Approve Minutes of July 8, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy- Yes Nathan- Yes
2. Motion by Coy to Approve Current Claims, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy- Yes Nathan- Yes
3. Nick from George M. Kern C.P.A Office – “there’s money is the bank and paying the notes” per Nick, he reviewed the financial report and the Budget it’s looking good, showing positive, big amount due to the grant money and its looking good for next year.
4. Coy shared an email he received from Jim Hemphill attached with their current rates and an example contract from a recent project to the council and city attorney. Attorney agreed that it seemed good. Motion by Coy to use Poe Associates for the Water & Sewer Relocation Design Project once Attorney fully reviews the documents, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes
5. Coty said doing good, but summer help has returned back to school so down in workers. Coy said to look at hiring 1-2 hands but must pass drug test and check references. No Action Needed.
6. Water Adjustments – None

7. Ward #3 – Coy has spoken with a person from Ward #3 (Hayworth) to fill the position, she was not able to attend tonight due to prior plans, but starting next month plans to start attending monthly meetings.
8. New Business – None
9. Public Discussions – Mr. Graham from O Ave, Savanna shared invoices with council from recent work due from a plumber. He stated that the plumber found a crushed pipe and there were photos taken, even though Coty said he was able to run 600 gals through it. Coty will go back and dig up the line to double check and if it is crushed the town will get it fixed and reimburse Mr. Graham \$400.00 for the plumbing bills. Residents agreed and appreciated it. Motion by Coy to Approve information discussed regarding the Grahams' water line, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy- Yes Nathan- Yes

Motion to Adjourn by Coy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy- Yes Nathan- Yes

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*Coy Holt*  
*Nathan D. J.*

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3. Nick from George M. Kern C.P.A Office – Nick reviewed the report and statement questioning where the big jump in sales tax came from, which lead to the council and Nick discussing how to check info on OKTAX.COM. Nick will do more research on subject later. Nick reviewed the budget and showed that the incomes were up so that's good and next year looks good. Council discussed employee raises for the year and agreed on 4% for all permanent employees no hire date restrictions. Motion to Approve Financial Report, 24-25 Budget, and 4% raises for All Employees, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan - Yes
4. CPA Services – Coy shared with Nick that it has come to the city's attention that the Employee taxes haven't been paid for many quarters, showing documentation and that the auditors are also waiting for documents as well. Nick looked over the documents and will look into it along with checking with auditors. Coy asked that City Treasurer and City Clerk be copied in the emails also. Nick collected the documents and will get it sent by next week. No Action at this time.

5. Savanna Superintendent Mr. Newman shared with council that the school is applying for a EPA Grant for 20 million, it started with the need for most of the lumber under the school needing replaced due to constant moisture caused by water runoff, but thanks to the help of a grant writer and company the school received an estimate from the school discovered there is a grant program that could allow the school to fix a number of things like Ground water control, replacing the lumber, new HVAC units, air ducts, solar offset so solar panels on each building, new insulation, new windows, roof, and football fieldhouse which would also be a storm shelter. This would not only get needed repairs fixed but also save the school thousands in energy costs since it would make the school more energy efficient. Mr. Newman read over the agreement between the school and the city which would aid them in getting the grant. The agreement is attached and in short states that the city would assist in security during the construction, lend city workers to help with the project and will assign workers to be responsible in opening the shelter during inclement weather, city and school will attend meetings, city will help to make sure codes and permits are met, city will share updates with residents on the project through alerts including notes on water bills, and that the city has a good history with the school and offers continued support in many ways. Council and attorney agreed that it looked great and it would be a wonderful thing if the school gets approved. Mayor Holt signed the agreement along with Mr. Newman and the city clerk will get it filed. Newman said the school will submit everything in the next two weeks, Deadline is in Oct and should know if approved in Dec., but its looking promising since the school has true needs, it has energy efficiency, only one from Oklahoma, there is still 100+ openings left and funds available. Motion by Coy to approve the signed Agreement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan - Yes
6. Grants – Moving forward on the Water Project we the costs and looking to start on it soon. Matt got the papers typed up and the engineer cost along

with the proof of insurance needed. City will get the check printed and added to the paperwork for Matt Hines to turn it. Motion by Coy to Approve the paperwork and cost to process with the water project, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan - Yes

7. Recent and/or Upcoming Events – Fire Dept. hosted a community water fight like last year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of this month, everyone had a good time, Kiowa joined in on the fun and then Savanna joined them in their water fight, we didn't have as many kids this year due to it being on tax free weekend and crazy days sale day but it was still fun for kids and the adults and we plan to do it again next year, but looking at doing it on the Saturday after school starts along with having it at football field. No updates on the next first responders' game yet. No Action Needed.
8. Surplus Town Assets – Tabled by Coy.
9. Discontinue K-9 Program –Tabled by Coy.
10. PD - Matt shared he has compared last year and recent year there was a increase in incomes so doing good. PD has an open spot, but possibly filling the position soon, will have to go to CLEET though. We currently have one in CLEET and he said they are doing a lot of P.T. but still making it. The investigate on MCAAP went good, officers were able to get good evidence quickly so we had leads quickly, the sheriff dept got involved along with SID dept so very pleased with how it was handled and officers did a good job. Motion by Coy to approve the Monthly Police Report given by Chief Hines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Nathan – Yes Coy – Yes
11. Jeff shared things are he received another quote for a new siren but doesn't include the removal of the old one, but we do have the quote with the new and removal of old one does require a down payment of 25%. Council discussed insurance policy and that everything including the sirens are covered under the policy now that the adjuster has came down but Matt is going to reach out and make sure. Forestry still have grant funds and papers

will be sent to grant writer. Motion to Approve the Purchase of a New Storm Siren, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan; Votes: Nathan – Yes Coy - Yes

12. Ward #3 – Coy has spoken with a person from Ward #3 (Hayworth) to fill the position, she was not able to attend tonight due to prior plans, but starting next month plans to start attending monthly meetings.
13. Changing the dates of the remaining Meetings of 2024 Year – Due to Football season starting and council members having family members on the team the council has asked to move the remaining meetings for 2024 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month instead of Monday, but the time remain at 7pm and at Savanna City Hall. Motion by Coy to Move the meetings from 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month for the remaining 2024 meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan - Yes
14. New Business; Robbye shared mail with council for review, but council agreed to discard it. No Action Needed.
15. Public Business; Newman shared the school will be doing a training this week and invited both the fire and police dept to join. Clerk shared that there is a program offered by state safety dept. that offers drunk driving and distracted driving presentations the PD or school just needs to contact the officer listed on the business card given to Officer Gragert, school and city will look at setting that up sometime in the spring. Newman shared with council the upgrades made to the football field including new booths, fencing, press box, etc. things that will make the games safer and more efficient for those attending the games. Police officers will be at games again this year to help escort if needed and provide security plus the fire dept and EMS. No Action.

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