

Town of Savanna Council Meeting

October 15, 2024 at 7pm

Savanna Public Works Authority

Meeting called to Order by Coy

Roll Call: Coy, Rhonda, and Robbye Absent: Nathan

Guests: Police Chief Matt Hines, Asst. PD Chief Orrin Gragert, Fire Chief Jeff Jones, SPWA Supervisor Coty Dedmon, Nick from George Kern CPA Office and Savanna Resident Ruby.

1. Motion by Rhonda to Approve Minutes of September 10, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes, 2nd by Coy; Votes: Coy- Yes Rhonda- Yes
2. Motion by Coy to Approve Current Claims, 2nd by Rhonda; Votes: Coy- Yes Rhonda- Yes
3. George M. Kern C.P.A Office – Nick read report. Sanitation budget off due the bill being billed two months behind. Suggested a Rate Raise to get ahead of the difference in cost and charges. Council stated to add that to next month's agenda. Motion by Coy to approve Financial Report, 2nd by Rhonda; Votes: Coy – Yes Rhonda - Yes
4. Heritage Waste Contract – Table by Coy.
5. Coty shared no updates at this time, but Joe Brown asked about getting his lines moved, so Coy and Coty discussed options. No Action.
6. Coty said they are working on putting up the new street signs and they are looking good. City had to purchase two new pumps so that was roughly \$2000.00 cost. No Action
7. Water Adjustments – None
8. New Business – None
9. Public Discussions – Mandy addressed the council stating they are in the process of buying a piece of Property on Willow St in Savanna, but they need

a letter from the city to show proof that they have access to Willow Street and the property can access to utilities. Council reviewed the map provided and confirmed that the street was open and that there should be a water line on the property if not it would be possible, so the letter shouldn't be a problem. Mandy said she would get it typed up and send it to the City Clerk for signature. Motion by Coy to Approve the letter requested by Mandy, 2ND by Rhonda; Votes: Coy-Yes Rhonda-Yes

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

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3. George M. Kern C.P.A Office – Nick read report, stating its looking pretty good, sales taxes hanging in there and now that truck stop is open again should get better. Council and CPA discussed auditors/audits. Nick said he will have them up to date to 2024 by Thanksgiving! Coy said he would extend it to DEC. Motion by Coy to Financial Report, 2nd Rhonda; Votes: Coy – Yes Rhonda – Yes
4. Travel of America – Owner wasn't able to make it, but told Coy he wants to be a part of the town, school, etc. so he will keep communication with mayor. Those presented shared good reviews about the truck stop now that its under new owners. No Action
5. Newman / Savanna School Grant – Not present but Coy shared an update that Newman is in the process of looking for a non-governmental group who has grant experience etc. to join the project, nothing set at this time though.
6. Grants – Moving forward on the railroad its slow but Matt is working on the paperwork. No Action Needed
7. Council discussed setting up a work day for the lighting but nothing set. Matt asked council about the budget on the lights along with how to purchase them. Council agreed to using a check to purchase it that way there is a

paper trail. Coy asked Matt about letting some of the students from savanna schools come and help with putting things together and Matt is good with that, but only employees will be able to hang stuff due to safety reasons and council agreed. No Action

8. Recent and/or Upcoming Events – Halloween will be on Oct. 31. Savanna First Baptist church invited the first responders to their Fall Festival on Oct. 26 4-7pm at their property on HWY 69. No Action
9. Surplus Equipment – Tabled by Coy
10. Card Processing Software – Matt has a contract which stated 7% fee for Citation Payments and 4% fee for SPWA Payment which is cheaper than the current fee. Council asked that the attorney look it over first then it will be discussed again at next meeting. Tabled by Coy.
11. PD – Matt shared monthly report and said everyone is doing a good job. Lawsuit is still going on the previous officer. No Action
12. Jeff shared the new siren scheduled for 31st and they will remove the old as well. Community EMS is wanting to partner with the Fire and PD in taking a EMR Class they would cover most of the cost and fire would use their county funds to cover the rest for any firefighter or Police officer interested. Jeff hopes to get a headcount in a couple days. School Fire prevention went good today. Also looking at doing CPR training soon so need a headcount for that as well. Matt mentioned getting his certification updated so he could train in CPR again, so that was discussed among those present where that could be completed at locally. No Action
13. New Business; none
14. Public Business; none

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