

Town of Savanna Council Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2022 at 7pm

Savanna Public Works Authority

Meeting called to Order by Coy

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

Attendances: Police Chief Matthew Hines, Asst. Chief Orrin Gragert, Fire Chief Jeff Jones, City Attorney Pat Layden and Nick from George M Kern's office.

1. Motion by Coy to Approve Minutes of August 8, 2022 Council Meeting, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Absent Nathan - Yes
2. Motion by Coy to Approve Current Claims, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Absent Nathan – Yes
3. Financial Report; Nick presented Council with the Financial Report Attached. Nick stated we had alittle income for the month. The sale taxes were down but still good and budget spot on. Motion by Coy to Approve Financial Report, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Absent Nathan – Yes
4. Water Adjustments; Tabled by Coy
5. New Business; None.
6. Public Discussion; None.

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

Town Clerk

Kate Gragert

Council Members

Coy Holt
Nathan
Chad Graham

Town of Savanna

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

Attendances: Police Chief Matthew Hines, Asst. Chief Orrin Gragert, Fire Chief Jeff Jones, City Attorney Pat Layden, Nick from City Public Accountant George M Kern Office, Mrs. Hayworth, Rhonda Hayworth, Brad and Kristin Smith.

1. Motion by Chad to Approve Minutes of August 8, 2022 Council Meeting, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Absent Nathan - Yes
2. Motion by Coy to Approve Current Claims, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Absent Nathan – Yes
3. Financial Report; Nick presented Council with the Financial Report and again sale taxes were down but bottom line we are over due to the new building cost but since it was voted on and a purchase that will benefit the town it is okay and will level out over the next few months. Coy shared with council the police dept. purchased a new truck instead of an explorer like we have in the past, so when the police dept. takes it out of commission the water dept. will be able to use it. The truck will be over what was budgeted but it is the same price as an explorer would have been due to rising cost. Motion by Coy to Approve Financial Report and Financial Discussions, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Absent Nathan - Yes
4. Ambulance Service; 23rd is the planned starting date. Housing will be in the training center while the permanent building is being build. Construction has started on getting the farmer's market moved and the underground line will be marked soon so building construction can start soon. No Action.
5. Town Resident Rhone Hayworth; Rhonda shared with the council that swatters have been using the property at 101 4th street has an outside restroom even in the front yard along with throwing trash around the property. She asked the town attorney if the condemnation would be for the whole property or just the house, because there is issues with the whole property. No Action and council moved this into the next item.
6. Beginning Condemnation at 101 4th Street; Pat told the council and Rhonda the first step would be to send the owner a letter asking to clean up the whole property and offering the owner a spot to come before the council about the issues listed. If there is no respond or they decline then the town would move to the next step. The town would then vote to use city workers or hire workers to clean the property fully and

then send the owner a bill. If bill is not paid the town could file judgement and get a lien added to the property in hopes to receive the funds back. Town could mail the letter or have the police deliver it to owner, but that will have to be the first step.

Motion by Coy to Begin the Condemnation Process; 2nd by Nathan, Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Chad - Absent

7. Police Department Business; Matthew Hines shared the monthly police report with Council Members. Report Attached. PD has downloaded a new app with all the school staff, which will allow the school to alert all town officers in an emergency situation. They will hit a button that will alert police officers and allow the officers to be notified instantly instead of waiting for dispatch to call them out. The dept. had two big drug bust during traffic stops this last month bringing in a good revenue to the town along with taking drugs over the highway. Matt shared he is having to find a new outfitter for the police unit since he is having a hard time getting in contact with the current one the town as used. Motion by Coy to Approve the Police Report, 2nd by Nathan; Votes; Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Chad - Absent
8. Fire Business Department; Jeff Jones shared the FD will be having an all-day training Sept. 30 about 4 or 5 pm. This training is being gas company sponsors and all they asked in return was to give a presentation during the training. Lunch will be provided. Town has received one of the three checks that will fund this training. No Action Needed.
9. New Business; None.
10. Public Discussions; Brad and Kristin Smith approached the council sharing their concerns to the condition of the old highway, the road is in poor shape and makes for a very bumpy ride while driving that road. Recently Kristin was driving on the old highway going north bound and there was a big pile of dirt and rocks on part of road from some dirtwork that was done along the road. While trying to avoid a rocky patch she then hit some pipe and rebar that was also in the road left from the work done on the bridge nearby, this cause damage to her newly purchased car which she received a quote from Buck Wilson and the damages cost between \$700-800 to fix. Pat Layden recommended they get two or more quotes from anywhere they choose, then the town turn it over to the insurance. The couple agreed to do that and give the info to the town. The town will also look and see what can be done to clear and repair the road as well. Charles approached the council to discuss the complains his neighbors have filed in regards to him cleaning up his property and the ally way owned by the town. He has

done some cleaning, cleared trees, and wanted to build a fence, but now the neighbors it is causing some concerns to one set of neighbors. He shared there is other buildings that lending into the easement or ally now and that doesn't seem to be a part but is it for him. All he wants to do is clean up the property and add a fence. He has had the property surveyed so he knows what is his etc. Coy stated he respects his property lines and understands him wanting to clean up his property, but Coy is the mayor for all savanna residents so he has to represent both owners. Both property owners have o come to a mutual agreement in order for any changes to be made to the property that is owned by the town so the ally and/or easement. If not, then nothing should be done unless it is done by the town. The Town has to have full access to the area at all times. The neighbors have used this part of the easement for years without causing any issues to the town or other neighbors, so Coy will not tell them to stop now after all these years due to a civil matter. Coy told Charles he will have to talk with them and reach an agreement which he is confident they will be able to do.

Town Treasurer Robbye shared with council the town has received recently which was reviewed and discussed, along with sharing that she dropped off copies of all the bills the town has received that are for the donut shop and gave them a date of Nov. 1 to get everything transferred into the company's name. No Action Needed.

Motion to Adjourn by Coy, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Absent Nathan – Yes.

Town Clerk

Katie Ingent

Council Members

Coy Holt
Nathan
Chad Gruba