

# Town of Savanna Council Meeting

September 10, 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, Office Clerk Ebony Wilkes, George M. Kern, Rhonda Hayworth, Chan Lee from Outlaw Towing and a savanna resident.

1. Motion by Coy to Approve Minutes of August 12, 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. George M. Kern C.P.A Office – Mike read report. Ahead of the month and discussed raising rates to 5% to get ahead of rising costs. The council discussed that we want to hold off as long as possible. Robbye and Coy were reviewing the sanitation expenses and didn't seem to add up right so they will review that Motion by Coy to approve Financial Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan - Yes
4. Heritage Waste Contract – Table by Coy.
5. Pope Associates sent info to Coty and Coy contacted the guy but no response at this time. Tabled by Coy
6. Coty said he working on the surgery for lead and cooper lines but asked the council about getting a new laptop since the information has to be inputted into a spreadsheet and his computer is old and slow. Coy asked if he could get the information to Makenize and her input it into the spreadsheet for

him and Coty said that would be fine. Deadline is October 16. No Action Needed.

7. Water Adjustments – Two Adjustments were presented to council and reasons. Motion by Coy to Approve Water Adjustments, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan - Yes
8. Ward #3 – Rhonda Hayworth has accepted the position of Ward #3 and it has been confirmed she lives in Ward #3. Robbye Watts had Rhonda fill out the Oath of Office and Notarized it. Rhonda was sworn in as Savanna’s New Councilmember #3. Motion by Coy to Approve Rhonda filling Ward #3 position and accept her oath, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Nathan - Yes
9. New Business – None
10. Public Discussions – None

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

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3. George M. Kern C.P.A Office – Mike read the financial report and said twon months into the year start to a good start, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan - Yes
4. CPA Services – Remove from Agenda
5. Newman / Savanna School Grant – Tabled by Coy
6. Grants – Check was mailed for engineer but waiting for them to start next step. Coy and Coty discussed layouts and etc. No Action Needed
7. City of Savanna is wanting to have a Christmas Lighting event at the park this year. After looking at prices for pre light displays the town discussed DIY projects for the lighting with a budget of say 5000.00, so employees will look up ideas in the coming months with Date to be announced.
8. Recent and/or Upcoming Events – looking at a planned work day to prepare for season events like the lighting and also looking at playground shade solutions Matt got quotes of a sun shade and carports. Council discussed the pros and cons of both and Orrin suggested an adjustable sun canopy, council

will readdress at next meeting. Coty will ask Ms. Wilson about the basketball booster fundraiser and the first responders' participation. No Action Needed.

9. Surplus Town Assets – Tabled by Coy.
10. Firework Ordinance – City Clerk presented the Ordinance typed with the guidance from Danielle from the Law Firm, council reviewed the Ordinance along with Chief Hines and the Mayor signed it. City Clerk Katie signed the Ordinance and will get it filed. Motion by Coy to Approve Ordinance 2024-09, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan - Yes
11. Discontinue K-9 Program – Police Chief Hines asked to remove this from agenda and Coy agreed. Clerk will remove from Agenda for new month.
12. PD – Chan Lee from Outlaw asked to speak with the council after it came to his attention of the complaint from Chief Hines. Chief Hines had questions on if the company paid town taxes and if they had an office in Savanna. Chan shared with the council they do own land in Savanna but it is just storage lot not an office the office is in McAlester so the taxes go to them, but they would like to serve Savanna and be added to a rotation list. Chief Hines shared that Outlaw Towing always gives excellent services but there has then times when they were not available. After Matt's discussion with Mr. Montgomery and what outlaw would need to do the town ask that they get a office and DPH number tied to Savanna then Savanna will add them to the towing list.

Matt shared the Police Report and shared that the officer in CLEET has to miss a course due to sickness so he will have to retake that course, but he will still finish the rest of CLEET on time. Just hired a new officer he is not CLEET certified but hope to enter him into CLEET program soon. Kiowa support will stay the same, so help out when asked like always but watch your Ps and Qs along with how you word suggestions etc. ABLE commission has a new ordinance they have asked the city to approve. City Attorney will review it and the clerk will assist in editing the Ordinance. Aberdeen the collecting agency the town uses now offers a card software that can be used

for utilities and fines which would have a small processing fee than what the town uses now. Matt will get more info and prices on the program and get it added to next month's agenda. Motion by Coy to approve the Monthly Police Report given by Chief Hines, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Nathan – Yes Coy – Yes

13. Jeff shared the new siren has been ordered and papers signed last week. City is hoping to receive the equipment in the coming months but not sure on setup date. The new siren would be on the same frequency though as the current siren so can be sounded with the hand-held device. New Forestry App which will allow you to input info on the scene, but town will have to look at purchasing 4 new tablets for the fire dept in order to use the app on calls. Matt mentioned the tablets the PD uses fit the RAM Mounts so the tablets are secure in their units even while driving. Matt is going to get a quote from AT&T FirstNET and Robbye will get info from Nick on where he got the New CPA computer. Motion by Coy to Approve the Fire Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan; Votes: Nathan – Yes Coy - Yes
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15. New Business; Windstream is wanting a new contract signed, so council discussed with office clerk and Matt how Windstream internet has been, Dobson was mentioned as a suggestion and Fire Chief Jones shared the fire dept had to switch to 360 commutations because Windstream couldn't provide a reliable service. Matt will look and compare internet services. No Action at this time.
16. Public Business; none

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