

Town of Savanna
Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2022 at 7pm

Savanna Public Works Authority

Meeting called to Order by Coy

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

Attendances: Police Chief Matthew Hines, Asst. Chief Orrin Gragert, Fire Chief Jeff Jones, City Attorney Pat Layden, Lee Skinner, and Ebony Wilkes.

1. Motion by Coy to Approve Minutes of September 12, 2022 Council Meeting, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Yes Nathan - Yes
2. Motion by Coy to Approve Current Claims, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Absent Nathan – Yes
3. Financial Report; Tabled by Coy, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Absent Nathan – Yes
4. Water Adjustments; One Adjustment and One correction presented by water clerk Ebony Wilkes. Motion by Coy to Approve Water Adjustment and Correction, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Absent Nathan – Yes
5. New Business; Ebony Wilkes shared with council the information she found on the republic services rates in comparison to other towns. No action needed.
6. Public Discussion; None.

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

Town Clerk

Kate Gragert

Council Members

Coy Holt

Nathan Drey

Chad Graham

Town of Savanna

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1. Motion by Chad to Approve Minutes of September 12, 2022 Council Meeting, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Yes Nathan - Yes
2. Motion by Coy to Approve Current Claims, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Yes Nathan – Yes
3. Financial Report; Motion by Coy to table Financial Report, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Yes Nathan - Yes
4. Ambulance Service; Coy shared that the owners want to be very involved and believe in what the town is trying to do for its residents. They will be at the football games, assist at fire calls, and will work actively with the town's depts. The planned start date as then pushed back to 17th as long as the state requirements are completed. Kiowa is working on adding an ordinance as well to service their town and possibly more in Pittsburg co. area to follow. There is talk about offering a membership which would give members discounts, in which the town would help in monitoring the forms etc. The employees and owners have been working hard to get the services ready. Choctaw Nation is very supportive of the town adding this service and feel more towns should follow, that said they have said they will match the town's cost once the building is completed. No Action.
5. Condemnation at 101 4th Street; Pat and Chief Hines are still working on the progress. Tabled by Coy; 2nd by Nathan, Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Chad - Yes
6. Police Retirement Percentage; Coy shared that McAlester Police recently started offering sign on bonuses, so the town is trying to be proactive and keep our officers here. Chief Hines asked that the town increase the current retirement percentage to paying the officer's retirement fully 100%. Only officers who have been here 3+ years are eligible. Town Treasurer Robbye Watts asked if they checked with O.P.P.R.S to make sure it was allowed. Matt said yes, they did check and that other depts. Already do the same. Chief Hines stated this would be a good benefit for the town to offer so we can keep the officers we currently have and we don't lose them to the other depts. That are able to pay more or offering bonuses etc. Start day would be Payroll Nov. 1.

Motion by Coy to Approve the town fully paying the officers' retirement who have been employed 3+ years; 2nd by Nathan, Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Chad - Yes

7. Police Department Business; Matthew Hines shared the monthly police report with Council Members. Report Attached. PD had a meeting with Base about the school mutual aid agreement, Dept. recovered a stolen trailer, Dept. is pleased with clean-up work done around the town through the inmate program, Officer Smith is finishing his last month of CLEET, and gave monthly totals. Motion by Coy to Approve the Police Report, 2nd by Nathan; Votes; Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Chad - Yes
8. Fire Business Department; Jeff Jones shared the FD had training Friday Sept 30. Training went very well and the team learned a lot. All firefighters showed up and did well. No Action Needed.
9. New Business; Council asked about the work done on the splash pad. The pad was cleared and resurfaced but they ended up covering up the jets in the progress, so they will have to redo it. Robbye asked if the town could purchase benches to be placed along the walking track? Coy said he will have a table or two moved down by the walking track under the shade. Council agreed Halloween for Savanna will be on 31st same as McAlester. Town Clerk Katie shared the local SFBC is hosting a Fall Festival and possible trunk or treat on Oct. 29th, in case the depts. and/ambulance service would be interested in joining them. Katie will get more details from the church and get the information to the chiefs and ambulance service. The town has changed the locks to the community centers due to troubles with many people having copies of keys and taking ice frequently etc. The new keys made will stay at city hall, but the keys will be rented out to the residents who rent the center. The keys are marked DO NOT DUPLICATE and the resident will have to return the key as soon as they are finished with the center.
10. Public Discussions; None.

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

Town Clerk

Katie Shagert

Council Members

Coy Holt

Nathan Jones

Chad Gruba