

Town of Savanna Council Meeting

August 11, 2025 at 7pm at City Hall

Savanna Public Works Authority

Meeting called to Order by Coy

Roll Call: Coy, Rhonda, Nathan and Robbye

Guests: Police Chief Matt Hines, Fire Chief Jeff Jones, Dee, Jeff O., Ruthy, City Attorney Danielle, and Coty Dedmon.

1. Motion by Coy to Approve Minutes of July 14, 2025 and July 24, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Rhonda - Yes Nathan - Yes
 2. Motion by Coy to Approve Current Claims, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Rhonda - Yes Nathan - Yes
 3. Bank N.A. CD(s) 1047305 and 206334 are maturity this month, City Clerk Katie spoke with the bank's CEO Mr. Brown about 7-month rate special and he agreed to honor it for all the CDs the town has maturity this month. Council agreed to renew the CDs at 7month 4%. Motion by Coy to Approve the CD renewals at 7month CD special 4%, 2nd Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Rhonda – Yes
 4. CPA Services – Robbye said she will contact Rhonda at Shores CPA to see if they can take town as a client, if so, she will send the contract over to City Attorney Danielle to review. Add to Next Month's Agenda. No Action Needed.
 5. Financial Report / Fiscal Year 25/26 Budget – Council approved the budget at the July 24, 2025 Special Meeting. No Rep. from CPA office so no monthly report. No Action Needed.
 6. Water Lines on HWY 69 – No Updates. Tabled by Coty called but waiting for call back.
 7. SPWA News – Coty shared everything is good, grass mowing is slowing down, fixing a leak tomorrow behind truck stop and side by side is in the shop for repairs. Coty asked if it was okay to rent UTV to do meter reading? Coy said that was okay. Coty is working on a grant for a Backhoe and has a guy coming down to help him with it. No Action Needed.
 8. Water Adjustments – Matt shared errors found on Savanna Gardens account along with a list of other accounts that are being corrected to the right rate level. Council discussed pool adjustments and how to calculate the adjustments in the future. No Action Needed.
 9. New Business – None
 10. Public Discussions – Resident Dee shared with council his request for a T-Horn at his property and the church property runoff needs cleaned out as well it is causing some flooding to surrounding houses. Coty said he will work on that once his gets other projects completed. No Action Needed.
- Motion to Adjourn by Coy, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Rhonda - Yes Nathan – Yes

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3. BANK N.A. CD(s) #226718 and #226696 are renewing this month. City Clerk Katie talked to the bank's CEO Mr. Brown about the 7month special at 4% and agreed to honor it for the city this month. Motion by Coy to Approve the CD renewals at 7month CD special 4%, 2nd Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Rhonda – Yes
4. CPA Services – Same as SPWA side. Robbye said she will contact Rhonda at Shores CPA to see if they can take town has a client, if so, she will send the contract over to City Attorney Danielle to review. Add to Next Month's Agenda. No Action Needed.
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6. Employee Salaries – Police Chief Matt Hines shared with council the premium increase for the BCBS Insurance. Coy made the motion to no give Employee Raises due to increase premiums and other expenses the town has had in recent months, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Rhonda - Yes
7. Grants – Paying the invoice for generators, so Katie will get those receipts submitted soon for the RIG grant. Still working on getting the water line project completed. No Action Needed.
8. Recent and/or Upcoming Events – School supplies have been delivered and ready to give to the students this week. Coy will contact the school board and superintendent on the handout day. August 23 will be the Water Fight for the kiddos with the First Responders. No Action Needed.
9. City Work Business – None
10. OPPRS Fee Increase – Matt wants to raise it from \$15 to \$20, so clerk will make an amended resolution to add the change and put on next month agenda. No Action Needed.
11. Police - Officer Burns is graduated and starting night shift. Matt got a bid on new PD Truck but would like to hold off due to the CPA issue and Budget. Coy said the budget has been approved for this Fiscal Year and a new unit was on it, so that won't change and told him to go ahead and order it. One officer still out on medical and having second surgery tomorrow, but probably be coming back on light duty due to PTO running out. No Action Needed.
12. Fire – Jeff shared things are running good, learning new recording system its not very user friendly but learning it and having couple others learn it also since this will be the only system allowed in the near future. Water Fight coming up. Driving training next month. No Action Needed.

13. New Business; Bay in the EMS building is getting to hot causing issues with the meds stored in the units, town will look at quotes for air conditioning unit but the bay doors will have to stay shut no more leaving the doors open often. No Action Needed.
14. Public Business; Jeff O. with the Savanna First Baptist church shared with council issues with the neighbor's trash and junk overflowing into the parsonage property. PD Chief stated that would be a civil matter, but he has been in contact with the owner asking to get it cleaned up because there is issues with the trash and junk being in the roadway causing issues for first responders also. Jeff shared the church is wanting to put up a fence but can't due to the overflow, so Matt said if the church will get the property surveyed then he will come and make sure the get it off the property line so a fence can be put up but it would still be a civil matter. That said the Matt will be taking photos and talking with the town attorney about sending letters, ordinances, etc. to get the property cleaned up. Jeff asked about a property on Brewer Road also, Matt agreed and said that is another one the town will be addressing as well.

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