

Town of Savanna

Council Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2022 at 7pm

Savanna Public Works Authority

Meeting called to Order by Coy

Roll Call: Coy, Nathan, Chad, and Robbye Absent: None

Attendances: Police Chief Matthew Hines, Asst. Chief Orrin Gragert, Fire Chief Jeff Jones, City Attorney Pat Layden and City Public Accountant George M Kern.

1. Motion by Coy to Approve Minutes of July 11, 2022 Council Meeting, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Yes Nathan - Yes
2. Motion by Chad to Approve Current Claims, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Yes Nathan – Yes
3. Financial Report; George Kern C.P.A. presented Council with the Financial. Report Attached. George stated the town had good revenue so in good shape. Sale taxes was good for the month as well, so treasurer will can that transferred over soon. Motion by Coy to Approve Financial Report, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Yes Nathan – Yes
4. Water Adjustments; None
5. New Business; Coy shared with council that the first responders did a car wash for the special Olympics and it did tremendous raising around \$1200.00. Matt Hines was kind to offer his car wash for the services (wash, wax, vacuum, etc.) so next month the town will look at doing a water adjustment for him as a thank you. Town did have a water pump go out so one was ordered and another will be ordered next month. (\$8606.82). 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 Hall
Nathan King

Town of Savanna

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1. Motion by Chad to Approve Minutes of July 11, 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; George Kern C.P.A. presented Council with the Financial Report and town is starting on a good note so good revenue. \$150,000 has been budgeted for Ambulance Service Building is that is passed this evening. Treasurer shared that Dolese send a letter showing rate increases and the annual letter of OMAG stating the amount of interest earned for the year along with policy payment owed. She also asked if the Quill Bill (school supplies) would be taken out of Drug Ed or General Account. Council agreed General funds. Motion by Coy to Approve Financial Report and Financial Discussions, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Yes Nathan - Yes
4. ARPA; Town has used approx. 19100.00 for new HVAC systems and that has been reported. Treasurer was receiving emails saying the report wasn't done even though Robbye and Ebony had filled one out so He contacted Christian which he confirmed they did have it done so no need to worry. Coy stated town is still waiting to hear back from engineer about the 2nd project mentioned in past meetings, so no updates at this time. No Action Needed.
5. Clothing Allowance; Coy shared the town normally has this added with budget but it was overlooked by mistake. Coty is the only full time City Water employee that has been here for a long period of time. Dawson Jones will be staying as an employee but is also starting welding school so may not be full time. That said the town will provide Coty Dedman with the same clothing allowance as last year but no other employees at this time. Motion by Coy to Approve Clothing Allowance, 2nd Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Chad – Yes
6. Building a New Center for Ambulance Service; 150,000.00 has been budgeted to build a center by Fire Station 1 on Hwy 69 and J Street. The Town did post an ad in the

newspaper to accept bids. Only one bid was presented which the quote from ALEJANDRO MERCADO the town received last month. We will wait to start construction for a time when ALEJANDRO MERCADO is able to start and finish it in a timely manner which town hopes is soon but date TBA. Town has started converted the process to mildly convert a part of the Training Center to a temporary housing area until the building is completed. Robbye has purchased beds, mattresses, bedding, etc. Chocaw Nation has been told of the plans also and they think it is a terrific plan and service for the town so they are wanting to donate towards it but we don't know the details or amount at this time. Robbye has typed a letter with the Tax Number and stating the town has given ALEJANDRO MERCADO permission for him to use the towns tax exempt number for town supplies, so she will drop that off to lowes soon. Coy and Matthew Hines will be having a meeting with the owner of the Ambulance Services tomorrow night to discuss details and make plans. No Action Needed.

7. Resolution for Ambulance Service; Council approved Resolution 71122-01 last month at the meeting among Pat Layden bringing it to this month's meeting. Pat handed the resolution to council and it was signed. Town Clerk will stamp and file it. No Action Needed.
8. 7 Year Ambulance Service Contract; Based on Coy's conversations with the owner he feels in good faith the town will not need a contract because they plan to keep the services here for a long period of time. No Action Needed and Remove from Agenda.
9. Buying Betsy Phifer's Property from James Andrews; Matthew Hines shared that James has decided to keep the property so veto discussing buying this property unless he comes back later in the future wanting to sale again. No Action and Remove from Agenda.
10. Town Property on Highway; no offers at this time. Still renting to lease holder and getting monthly rent payments. No Action.
11. Aflac; Matthew Hines shared the town currently pays a percentage for short term disability through BCBS for employees and some officers also have it through Alfac because it seems Aflac covers better and cheaper rate. Previous Meeting Minutes states the council has approved different policies and rates in the past. Moving forward they will pay up to \$50.00 for Short Term Disability through Aflac for all non-elected employees. Matthew will get will the Bryson the BCBS contact to let him know to cancel the short-term disability policy after the 30-day renewal is up. Bryson with Benefit Services provides our employees BCBS Medical and Life Insurance. Aflac will

cover the towns short term disability insurance. Employees will have the opportunity to purchase additional services with Aflac possible Bryson/BCBS but any extras will be employees responsible. Aflac was cancelled so the town can start anew with the company base on tonight's meeting. Aflac representative will be returning to visit with employees and finalize policies soon. Motion by Coy to Approve Short Term Disability for all non-elected employees up to \$50.00 any additional cost and/or policies with employees responsible, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan- Yes Chad – Yes.

12. Medical Life Insurance Carrier; Matthew Hines presented to Coy the new rates which is cheaper than what the town currently pays and will keep the same coverage. The New Carrier is Benefit Select which is the town's current medical provider. Any additional coverage that the employee(s) have purchased will need to be adjusted and/or changed by the employee(s). Rates are only for what the town will pay no other information was requested. The new insurance rep. will be at City Hall Thursday. Motion by Coy to Approve New Life Insurance Carrier, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Chad – Absent.

13. Police Department Business; Matthew Hines shared the monthly police report with Coy which Coy read to Council Members. Report Attached. PD was hit with Covid so the town did have several out with sickness but all have returned to work and doing well, but that did leave the town shorthanded so there will be some overtime and a delay in fees is expected in the monthly revenue. Officer Samuel Shelton has return to Savanna as an officer plus we have hired Jeff Smith, so all positions are filled at this time. Town is in the process of getting the units outfitted. Matthew stated PD is full and doing well now. Motion by Coy to Approve the Police Report, 2nd by Nathan; Votes; Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Chad - Yes

14. Fire Business Department; Jeff Jones shared the FD will be having an all-day training Sept. 30 so town get expect to see them all over town that day. This training is in thanks to Lee Skinner's contact to pipeline and them donating \$5000.00 towards training. There will be a natural gas speech/presentation that is welcome to fire and police plus drills and obstacle course. Part of the donates (3 checks) will be used to purchase prizes for the winners during this exercise and the town will provide food and drinks for attendances. Robbye shared she did fill out the forms needed and sent them but some were returned so she will get will Lee about getting that completed. No Action Needed.

15. New Business; None.

16. Public Discussions; None.

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

Town Clerk

Kate Jaeger

Council Members

Coy Holt
Nathan