

Town of Savanna Council Meeting

February 10, 2025 at 7pm

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, City Attorney Danielle Layden, Nick from George Kern CPA Office, Coty, and Stepanie.

1. Motion by Coy to Approve Minutes of January 13, 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. George M. Kern C.P.A Office – Nick shared the report, we are ahead on about everything, expenses look good, and doing Grand. Motion by Coy to approve Financial Report, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Rhonda - Yes Nathan - Yes
4. Financial Audits – Nick said they have two done one more to do. No Action.
5. Water Lines on HWY 69 – Tabled by Coy.
6. SPWA News – Coty shared that he got a quote to add a lean to on the City Barn that would provide shelter for city equipment. Council discussed adding fencing around lift station and possibly around the city barn also. Mayor Building is having some drainage issues that is causing floor damage so planning to get that fixed soon. No Action.
7. Water Adjustments – None
8. New Business – Look over recent mail. No Action
9. Public Discussions – None

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

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Kathy Siegert

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Coy Hall *Rhonda Hines*
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3. George M. Kern C.P.A Office – Nick read the financial report and said to give yourself a pat on the back, doing good, if there is anything that needs to be done now is the time to do it like maybe street repairs, and to count our blessings. Motion by Coy to Approve Financial Report, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Rhonda - Yes Nathan - Yes
4. Audits – Two done one more to finish. No Action.
5. Choctaw Nation – Stepanie Mervine with the Choctaw Development Fund and works along side multiple associations, businesses, and towns/cities to help promote businesses, see what needs they have, hands out packets, etc. which is why she travels all over the country to help meet those needs. I big focus now is along Hwy 69. She also works with infrastructure grants so if the town needs assistance in that area she would be happy to help. Invited the city to attend an upcoming event in Durant Feb. 25 that is about investments. “Thank you for having me tonight and let me know if there is anything I can help with.” No Action Needed.
6. Grants – Matt with touch base on the water project grant to get an update. Coy shared that the grant with the school has been signed off by Mark Wayne Mullins so that is looking good. Stepanie volunteered her assistance on that grant. No Action Needed.

7. Recent and/or Upcoming Events – Coy shared that the basketball team played their last game this past Saturday in Kiowa, but they have been invited to play on OKC Thunder court so they are planning to do that. Savanna Day is set for the last Saturday in June again along with the all school reunion. No Action Needed.
8. Surplus Equipment – Tabled by Coy
9. PD New Hire – Dustin Newton. Dustin introduced himself to the council sharing he has been in L.E. since 2020 along with some of his past employers like DOC K-9 and a Veteran, shared some about his personal life and back story. When asked why he wants to work for Savanna? He shared he's current town doesn't have a PD but he wants to work for a community one that works together not against each other and is more like family. Motion by Coy to Approve hiring Dustin Newton as a Savanna Police Officer, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Rhonda - Yes Nathan – Yes
10. Towing Ordinance – Danielle shared the Ordinance she typed up and copies were handed out for review. Tabled by Coy
11. Open Record Ordinance - Danielle shared the Ordinance she typed up and copies were handed out for review. Tabled by Coy
12. PD – Matt shared one officer return by to CLEET recently to finish Defensive Training, but was DOR so he has resigned. He left on good terms and was told if he does get certified later on then he is welcome to apply back to the PD. Motion by Coy to Approve Police News, 2nd Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Rhonda - Yes Nathan - Yes
13. Jeff said training is still going well, but he needs a copy of the town's liability insurance to file by mid-week. Kiowa is still having truck trouble so the town is still assisting them but everything is good. No Action.
14. New Business; Council discussed the recent invitation the town received for the MDSA Dinner on Feb. 27 and the town is being regonized as a 5 year member, Katie the city clerk said she would attend and was invited to sit at the Choctaw Nation table. City Treasurer Robbye maybe attending as

well and city attorney Danielle, so we will work on getting a list together and turned in before Feb. 18. No Action.

15. Public Business; none

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