

# Town of Savanna Council Meeting

February 12, 2024

## Savanna Public Works Authority

Meeting called to Order by Coy

Roll Call: Coy, Chad, Nathan and Robbye

Guests: Police Chief Matthew Hines, SPWA Supervisor Coty Dedmon, George M. Kern CPA, Fire Chief Jeff Jones, and Town Attorney Pat Layden.

1. Motion by Chad to Approve Minutes of Jan. 8, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy- Yes Nathan- Yes Chad-Yes
2. Motion by Coy to Approve Current Claims, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy- Yes Nathan- Yes Chad-Yes.
3. Mike handed out SPWA Financial Report and stated positive income so moving right along. Motion by Coy to Approve Financial Report given by George M. Kern C.P.A., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Chad - Yes
4. SPWA News - Coty said all good, but two motors are going out on pumps so will need rebuild soon. No Action Needed.
5. None.
6. New Business – Coy handed out a few sheets to help supervisors take inventory of electronics. Sewage Charge Correction-Matt shared with council Grahams have been charged for sewage even though they have had a septic tank since moving houses. The water office has added up the charges and has the total that is owed to the Grahams. Motion by Coy to Approve the Refund for Sewage Charges, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan, Coy – Yes, Chad – Yes, & Nathan – Yes

7. Public Discussions – Possible Postage Changes coming to the SWPA bills, due to U.S.P.S changing policies. Matt and the office clerks are still gathering information on postage machine, post office procedures, etc. so no official changes yet. Council discussed a resident's request to charge for trash services in Savanna but not water for their rental property located in Savanna to use for personal use due to trash services not currently servicing the area where they personally live. Council discussed due to billing and location issues the residents will need to have an active water bill if they want trash services or contact the trash company directly to get trash services at their personal house directly. No action needed.

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

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4. Declined on KEDDO Grant, JAG Grant Approved for PD Cameras, and RWA Grant needs more details along with updated quotes. Coty said the Core and Main Quote is still good but will get a new quote for Generator. Katie will update app. and resubmit it once Coty get new quote. The board for the RWA Grant will meet again on Friday, so hoping to get approve soon. Motion by Coy to Approve Grant updates, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Chad – Yes
5. Surplus City Assets – The city has an old fire vehicle and Cop vehicle that is no longer needed. Community EMS is very interested in buying the vehicles, so Coy asked city attorney if they could buy them from the city or if we needed to take bids? Pat stated as long as they buy them for market value and since the amounts are reasonable the city won't need to take bids. The city also has a list of equipment that is no longer being used (list attached) that the town is looking at selling to highest sealed bid. The mayor and city supervisors will get values, check conditions, etc. and will give the city clerk

an official surplus list next week to post in the paper, take sealed bids until 5pm on March 8, 2024 and the city will approve or decline the bids at the next council meeting. Motion by Coy to Surplus City Assets once a completed list is made next week and sealed bids will be voted on at next council meeting on March 12, 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Chad – Yes

6. Police Chief Matthew Hines shared PD and Office clerk are doing good, going smooth, and will begin cross training soon. Looking at possibly hiring a new officer just waiting on background checks etc. but his coming highly recommended by officer Gragert so looking promising. PD just purchase new truck unit now just waiting to get it outfitted, but trying to see what can still be used from old units to help with costs. Coy stated he appreciates saving money, but don't risk safety for money. Matt shared pursue policies maybe changing soon due to the risks outweighing the arrest/charges, plus trucks can't compete with chargers and many other vehicles. Council asked for an update on Retired Firearms, Matt shared the market value is \$400 so council discussed and agreed to sell the firearms to any current officer and possibly city employee at \$325.00 starting at high rates. If officer(s) declined then go through local pawn shop to clear any other city employees to purchase firearm if they are interested. Motion by Coy to Approve all Police Business, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan; Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Chad - Yes
7. Fire Chief Jeff Jones shared the new man truck is now outfitted and in the parking lot if anyone wants to look at it. Crew did well while Jeff was working nights and still doing good. Next Fire Rating is in 1 ½ year last rating was 3 which is the same at McAlester so Savanna is doing very well, but Fire dept. is trying to better their rural service, but will probably need to purchase a new tanker to reach goal. Council discussed ideas on ways to improve in the area but also how the get the funds so that the town funds from residents is very minimal to none used to make purchase for rural needs. Council also discussed the city vs. county rights to equipment based on funds used to

purchase the equipment. Jeff will look into the ideas discussed and share with council as he gets answers. No Action Needed.

8. New Business; Coty shared they have been working on patching up potholes and that is going well. No Action.
9. Public Business; None

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*Kate Dugent*

*Coy Holt*  
*Chad Bell*