

**Town of Savanna
Council Meeting Minutes**

November 14, 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 and Nick from George M. Kern office.

1. Motion by Coy to Approve Minutes of October 10, 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; Nick gave the financial Report- Coy asked about using the funds in the grant account to repair pumps at lift station? Nick said we could but would have to replace the funds but the town needs to call and ask because due to the terms the town may can just use the funds now. Town will call and ask to get that information. Town is good though and on budget. Motion by Coy to Approve Financial Report, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Absent Nathan – Yes
4. Water Adjustments; Tabled by Coy
5. New Business; None.
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
Chad Graha
Nathan

Town of Savanna

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1. Motion by Chad to Approve Minutes of October 10, 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; Nick gave Financial Report. Town has good revenues for the month and on budget. 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Yes Nathan – Yes
4. Stipend Pay; The town gave \$500.00 last year, council discussed what the stipend pay is for etc. Motion by Coy to Approve \$500.00 Stipend Pay for this year, 2nd by Nathan; Votes: Coy - Yes Chad – Yes Nathan – Yes
5. Grant; Tabled by Coy
6. Ambulance Service; Coy stated they are up and running, they have 4 full time employees but they are still working on how many will be on duty each day etc., and they have been using one truck for doing some transportations for the hospital or nursing homes so they can have some steady income but there is still always one truck available to service local residents. Building is coming along good; we made some changes to the original plan we added two more rooms and more space so there will be an additional invoice of 24,000.00 but the final total is still around the 150,000 cost that was approved in July. Choctaw Nation is very interested in this service and feels every town should have this service, so the town has been working with them on getting a donation and has sent them the paperwork requested. We don't know the amount or that they will for sure donate to its looking like they will give something. No Action Needed
7. 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
8. Surplus Town Equipment to Sale - 2012 Ford Taurus VIN: 1FAHP2MT1DG104126, 2009 Dodge Charger VIN: 2B3KA43T79H533752, 2012 Chevy Tahoe VIN: 1GNLC2E09CR314441 and 2015 Ford Explorer VIN: 1FM5K8AR2FGC16777; Council discussed that these are old police units that the town no longer needs, so if approved we would take bids on them to sale. An

ad will be posted in the newspaper for 10 days stating the town is taking concealed bids for the listed vehicles. The deadline will be Dec. 12 at noon, all bids must be neat and provide a good contact, all bids sealed in an envelope will be placed in the town safe until the council meeting Dec. 12 at 7pm at city hall, and anyone who has questions or would like to look at a vehicle(s) can contact city hall during regular business hours. Motion by Coy to Approve the sale of the listed vehicles to the best concealed bidder, 2nd by Nathan, Votes: Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Chad – Yes

9. Retirement of K-9 Captain; Police chief and former K-9 Handler of Captain stated Captain is 10 years old now so he is getting temperamental which can be a risk specially at the school around children plus he has been in service jumping in and out of police units, running stops, and training all this time so he is getting worn out. If Captain is retired though then is completely done, he can not be brought back in service or transferred etc. The Town will be released of all responsible of Captain and his care. Captain will be retired to Matthew Hines. The police dept. would still have K-9 Zep which is doing well and dual trained. Council discussed if the K-9 would be replaced, which Matt replied no the town only really needs one K-9 so there is not a need to replace Captain. Motion by Coy to rehire Captain to Matthew Hines, 2nd Nathan; Votes; Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Chad – Yes
10. Truancy Violation; Matthew Hines asked to table this for next month when so the town attorney can be present. But the school has asked the local police dept. about this violation due to them having some trouble with attendance lately. Chief Hines stated he does want to write these tickets as he feels it will cause more issues. He would have to meet with the school resource officer, gather all the information, schedule meetings and then decide if the ticket is truly necessary. Council discussed the pros and cons along with Chad's views from a school stand point. Council decided to Table the Item until next month for further discussion and/or action.
11. Police Department Business; Matthew Hines shared the monthly police report with Council Members. Report Attached. The PD recently had to terminate an officer. Matt apologized for the officer's behavior, but did state the matter was handled immediately. That stated Matt has requested more information during the hiring process in hopes it would assist in picking the best fit for the town. Officer Shelton had a high lead that stopped in Atoka and cash was recovered. The town has just received one of the new police units from the outfitter so it should be in services soon. This unit is outfitted with a K9 and prisoner area so both can be transported. Matt shared the

monthly totals. Motion by Coy to Approve the Police Report, 2nd by Nathan; Votes; Coy – Yes Nathan – Yes Chad - Yes

12. Fire Business Department; Jeff Jones shared the FD should be receiving a direct deposit in the general fund account of 4440.00 as a JAG grant so once it has been posted he needs to be notified so a confirmation can be sent. Kiowa fire dept. is having troubles again due to conflicts with their council. Savanna as already responded to one call south of Kiowa for them along with the ambulance services. Savanna will help when needed but if Savanna continues to have to be the primary respond then the town will have to start billing Kiowa. Jeff and council members shared their thoughts and concerns about the matter. Out council is hoping to lend some help and/or advice to Kiowa so that Kiowa can have a good dept. as well. No Action Needed.

13. New Business; Robbye shared with council mail received. Notice of Claim in regards to a Windstream line; Coy stated to talk to Coty about the letter. Letter stating the base has increased its rates so the town needs to adjust the bills; Coy state to get with Ebony and Nick. Letter sharing that the fuel tank located at Superette has leaked so the superette has to correct the issue and/or close the fuel tank. This is superette's responsible not the town's so no action needed. Donut Shop electric bill has been transferred, the final bill came in and was given to the tenant so that issue as been resolved.

14. Public Discussions; None.

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

Town Clerk

Council Members

Coy Hat
Chad Gub
Nathan Dug