

June 21, 2021

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order June 21, 2021 at the Chandler Town Hall, 401 E. Lincoln Ave. at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call: Present - Cheryl Amos, Kim Burnett, Sandy Elder, Tonya Wester, Ron Whitledge

Absent -

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Motion was made by Sandy Elder to approve the June 7, 2021 regular minutes, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Tonya closed the regular hearing and opened the public hearing for Lampert's tax abatement. Josh briefly explained that the confirming resolution will change the tax abatement that Lampert applied for from 5 years to 10. Tonya invited the council and then the public to provide comments. No additional comments were made. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve Resolution 2021-09, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Comments from Citizens: Larry Haag from BLN attended the meeting to present pay apps for the Green Valley Dr. Area Stormwater project. He told the council that they have not done a walkthrough with Grover yet, so he recommended tabling final pay app #4 till the next meeting. He presented pay app #3 for approval for \$20,696.40 to be paid to Ragle. Larry also provided an update regarding the exposed gas line. At some point BNG thought the town would repair it, so they have not done anything with it. Larry recommended sending a certified letter demanding a timeline for repairs so there is a record that they were informed. After some discussion, the town council decided to invite BNG to the next meeting to present their timeline. Rob recommended going to the IURC if they refuse to fix the issue. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to approve pay app #3, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Town Attorney: The Black Bass in town's lake is not currently regulated, so Black Bass of any size can be removed. DNR is taking steps to update which lakes are regulated and would like to know if the town would support including Chandler's Lake so that a 14-inch minimum can be enforced. The DNR recommends it since the regulation can help boost the population of Black Bass. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to support the regulator change, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Josh updated the council on the Emmie June Cove development project. The county has agreed to exercise their right to purchase the parcel the EMS is on. There is a small parcel owned by the town that is used as a driveway by a neighboring property. If the town wants to go forward with selling the parcel to the neighbor's, Josh said he will try to avoid any appraisal costs since the parcel is small enough, we will not get much money from it. The council agreed to go forward with selling it.

Josh confirmed that Aigner and Keller Development would like to go with option 1 that was previously discussed for selling the Fisher Bros Lumber Yard. The council agreed to go forward with listing the property and renegotiating if no bids are received within 60 days. Cheryl suggested listing it at the higher appraisal and the council agreed.

Police Chief: Report emailed. Bob told the council that Littrel asked to purchase his vest from the town. Bob said he was okay with it since the vests must be custom fit and will not be usable by his replacement. The council agreed.

Fire Chief: Report emailed. Tonya reported that their masks and bags are in, and they have been able to test fit them.

Director of Public Services: Rob presented change order #1 for the Bell Rd Sewer Relocation project for \$31,065. Motion was made by Sandy Elder to approve change order #1, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Rob presented the Certificate of Substantial Completion for approval for the Bell Rd Sewer Relocation project. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve the certificate, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Rob presented the final pay app for the Bell Rd Sewer Relocation project to be paid to BMB in the amount of \$37,640. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the pay app, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Rob presented the pay app #9 for the Downtown Waterline Replacement project to be paid to Ragle in the amount of \$530,693.48. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to approve the pay app, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Rob also updated the council on the Swift grants. We will be applying to fund the Jenner Rd sewer project, the Baker Rd project, and the phosphorus removal update needed at the sewer plant. The 24" main is already in consideration. The town is required to send Statement of Just Compensation letters as part of the grant for the water main project. Rob asked the council to authorize him to sign the letters to speed up the process, since we will have to send about 80. Josh mentioned that the sewer issues at Lee Acre's still exist, and the projects needed to address the issue could qualify for the grant. The county contacted Josh and encouraged us to apply even though he feels the county should be responsible for the match. Josh said the town may have to take steps to force the county to address the issue. Motion was made by Tonya Wester to authorize Rob to sign the SJC letters, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:**

Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Utility Administrator: Report emailed.

Environmental Manager: Report emailed.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed. Brian asked the town council what steps they would like to take regarding the opioid litigation. Josh explained that the State passed a statute requiring all local entities to opt-in with the state and split the settlement from their litigation. The town can opt-out since we have filled our own litigation. There is no reliable way to predict which option would provide the largest settlement for the town, so Josh did not provide a recommendation, but he did warn the council that the law firm encouraging us to opt-out has a financial incentive to keep us as their clients. The council decided to take no action, which will opt us into the state's settlement.

New Business: Tonya asked about opening the town hall, but Bob informed her that Misty recently opened the lobby for the public.

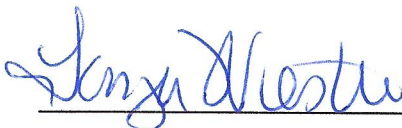
Old Business: There are 30 applicants for the Covid Phase III grants and 28 provided information to meet all application requirements. Kim asked about Lynne Marie's and Shipp Property Management Group LLC. Josh discovered that Shipp Property Management Group was dissolved in March, but Lynne Marie's is still active. The council decided to remove Shipp Property Management Group LLC from the list. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the remaining 27 applicants, second by Cheryl Amos.

Roll call: Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

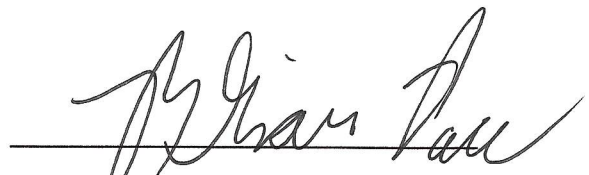
Motion was made by Kim Burnett to approve the contract for administrative services with the Evansville Regional Economic Partnership, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Claims: Ron Whitledge made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$248,944.93, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tonya Wester to recess meeting, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.



Tonya Wester, Council President



Brian Pace, Clerk Treasurer