

August 2, 2021

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order August 2, 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 Kim Burnett to approve the July 19, 2021, regular minutes, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Comments from Citizens: Lindsay Rackley from Globe Life attended the meeting and briefly presented their insurance benefits to the town council. Tonya suggested that she email their rate sheet to the council.

Town Attorney: The council discussed subsidizing our energy costs with solar power. Rob said he doesn't have any operational concerns and believes it will be very beneficial if we can find the right financing option. Josh explained that traditionally, a town would pay an engineering firm for plans then advertise for bids, but Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) financing is designed to be more flexible which allows municipality to avoid the upfront cost of an engineering firm. Tonya asked to Rob to get more data.

Josh reminded the council that they approved a resolution to sell the property the EMS station is located on to Warrick County, but the purchase agreement still needs to be signed. He'll have the agreement ready at the next meeting and will have a clause that will revert ownership to the town if the EMS station is shut down. Josh will also have the purchase agreement for the lot that's being used as a driveway by the neighboring property ready at the next meeting.

Josh has let the council know that he has contacted IDEM regarding the health hazard at Lee Acres. They plan to inspect the area.

Police Chief: Report emailed. Bob asked if he can hire a new officer to start August 18 and the council agreed. He also mentioned some concerns about his budgeting being short due to the payout Littrell will receive for his banked time. Tonya asked Brian to see if the ARPA money can be used.

Fire Chief: Report emailed.

Director of Public Services: Report emailed. Rob presented pay app #10 to Ragle for the Downtown project for \$331,062.34. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve pay app #10, 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 pay app #11 to Ragle for the Downtown project for \$337,190.27. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve pay app #11, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried. Ron mentioned he isn't happy with Ragle and Rob said he's had issues with Ragle fixing issues when they are presented but they creep back up if he doesn't stay on it. He also asked about paving and Bob said he believes they are starting soon. Rob said he'll follow up with an email.

Rob presented a contract with BLN to do the engineering work needed for the 8" line on Baker Road that has been causing issues. The project is expected to be around \$250,000 and the engineering work is \$47,500. We've applied for a grant and will know in a couple weeks if we're approved. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the Baker Road agreement with BLN, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Rob is working with BNG to find a location for the exposed gas line. Rob had to stop them since they were looking at moving where the new Emmie June Cover project is located. Rob asked about implementing new policies for right-of-way permits. Our policy allows permits to be issued after work is done if there's an emergency, but he believes BNG may be abusing the policy. Tonya suggested implementing a time limit with penalties for reporting emergencies and Cheryl suggested a 24-hour time limit. Josh said he'll get started on a draft.

Utility Administrator: Report emailed. Misty explained we will take part in a new pilot program offered by our credit card processor. Their previous business models made it complicated for us to take payments for all town and utility operations, but the new program will streamline the process.

Tonya discussed trash can liners and Ron and Cheryl agreed that they are needed. Misty will verify the liners have a bottom and will get prices. Bob suggested using trash cans if the liners do not have bottoms.

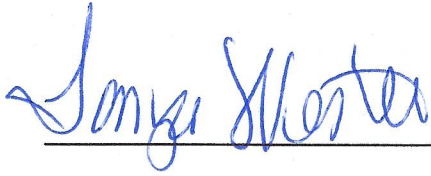
Environmental Manager: Report emailed.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed.

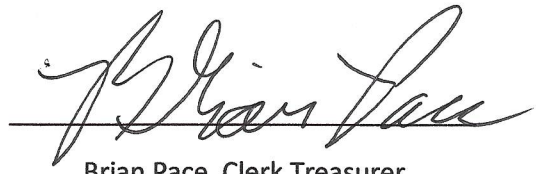
Old Business: Cheryl asked for an update on the stormwater issues on Jefferson St. Rob said Grover is handling it, but Cheryl asked if the town is paying for it. Rob doesn't believe our policies allow the town to cover the cost. Ron mentioned that the issue is due to bad stormwater planning in the past and doesn't believe the town should be responsible for any of the costs. Josh said the town has the authority to treat it as a nuisance. Tonya suggested starting with going forward with nuisance notices.

Claims: Cheryl Amos made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$536,025.55, second by Sandy Elder. **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 recess the 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