



July 6, 2021

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

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

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

Absent - Cheryl Amos

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the June 21, 2021 regular minutes and June 21, 2021 executive minutes, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Comments from Citizens: BNG did not send anyone to talk with the council, but Josh did receive a call from Butch. They received the town's letter and was very concerned about our suggestion that we could take the problem to the IURC. They are discussing moving it to closer to property lines where there is less erosion, but still on the town's property. Josh suggested Grover with them on property lines, but Grover suggested they work with Rob. Butch said the gas line has been addressed before, but they believe the land eroded again.

Town Attorney: Josh discussed tap fees regarding the Emmie June Cove project with the council. The council agreed to waive \$63,550 in fees for 41 taps. The cost has increased by about \$1,230 since the council agreed to waive the fees. Josh said that this will not affect the grant they applied for. Tonya suggested not waiving any additional money. Ron suggested committing to waiving 41 taps at the current cost. After some discussion, the council decided to collect the \$1,230 difference.

The town issued a bond for the downtown project, but we have not issued bonds for the transmission lien project yet. Josh said we will likely advertise for bids beginning of next year and we will likely issue additional bonds around the same time.

Josh updated the council on Lee Acres. The e coli issues still exist and creates a significant health hazard, but it is outside of the town's limits, so it is ultimately the county's responsibility. IDEM has threatened to issue fines against the county, so they have started working on an agreement to fix the issue around 2014, but the agreement fell apart and nothing happened. There is a significant amount of new grant money available, so now would be the best time to push the county to revive the agreement.

Josh also mentioned we are still in a public health emergency, so we can have meetings remotely. The state created guidelines that would allow us to continue remote meetings after the public health emergency ends. Council members must be able to be seen and heard, cannot attend remotely for 3 consecutive meetings, and must attend in person for most meetings, but there are some exceptions.

The council must adopt a policy to continue remote meetings when the public health emergency ends. Josh will prepare a resolution.

Police Chief: Report emailed. Tonya mentioned the figures in the mid-year report seemed high.

Fire Chief: Report emailed.

Director of Public Services: Tonya reminded the council that we have a meeting with Solential on July 20th at 5pm. Tonya also mentioned that purchasing practices may change since they have ran into issues with shipping and prices.

Utility Administrator: Report emailed. Misty selected a part time employee and is working on posting Grover's job. Misty also sent a quote for new trash cans, \$1,566 for 9 cans and \$895 for 9 lids. After some discussion, the council agreed on the color black and to go without liners. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to purchase 9 steal dome lids and 9 wire baskets, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Misty also sent a quote for 2 new cameras at the park, one is a spot monitoring system that can take pictures of license plates. Motion was made by Sandy Elder to purchase security cameras at a price not to exceed \$2,990, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Ron mentioned the lease with Ragle. The council agreed to go forward with collecting the last 2 months of the lease.

Environmental Manager: Report emailed. Grover presented the final pay app for the Green Valley Dr Area Stormwater project to be paid to Ragle in the amount of \$14,250.60. Ron asked if Grover did a final walkthrough and Grover said he did and did not see any issues. Sandy asked about maintaining the banks. Tonya asked Grover to look into what needs to be mowed and maintained by us. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the pay app, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Tonya asked if anyone notice how they worked during the last rain and Grover said they worked perfectly.

Super Cuts cleaned up at 517 W Taylor for \$360. He is also getting complaints about the property at 116 W Washington. Grover asked if he should get it cut. Tonya suggested giving them notice first but go forward if they do not respond. Grover notified the council that the APC will have 2 public hearings to approve the civil plans for the Aigner and Keller development projects and the BZA will meet to approve a variance.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed.

New Business: Bob sent out info on grills for the parks. Tonya asked for input and Ron believes most people will bring their own grills. Kim and Sandy are also concerned about maintenance.

Claims: Ron Whitledge made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$489,394.83, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** 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 Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.



Tonya Wester, Council President



Brian Pace, Clerk Treasurer