

November 1, 2021

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order November 1, 2021, at the Chandler Town Hall, 401 E. Lincoln Ave. at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent - Sandy Elder

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the October 18, 2021, regular meeting minutes and 2 sets of October 18, 2021 executive minutes, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Town Attorney: Josh invited Jordan Aigner to discuss the Emmie June Cove development on Gardner Rd. There is an existing roadway easement that they are interested in giving to the town, but Rob had some concerns. Jordan addressed it in an exhibit that will be attached to the demolition permit, so they can meet state deadlines. He also suggested looking into giving away the easement vs a recorded plat, which is a common practice in the county. Josh is confident Rob will be in favor. The council members didn't have any questions, but Tonya did ask to have the information ready for them to review before next meeting.

Josh presented Ordinance 2021-04 An Ordinance Amending Section 172.07. The council has approved it once and the APC passed it too. The ordinances currently prohibit a car port from being installed in front of a house and restricting houses to 2 accessory structures, so this ordinance will modify restrictions to allow it. You could potentially have 2 accessory structures next to each other with less than 6 ft of space, which could be an issue for emergency responders. Tonya felt like we shouldn't base policies on "what if". Cheryl mentioned some concerns she received about people who own neighboring properties and whether they are still restricted to 2 accessory structures. Josh read our ordinances and believes a homeowner is still restricted to 2 accessory structures even if there are multiple lots. After additional discussion, Josh advised the council they could rely on coverage restrictions if they want to waive restrictions on the number of accessory structures. The council agreed and Josh advised that they vote to amend it. The council also discussed issues with accessory structures on non-adjacent properties, since our ordinances currently requires a primary structure before an accessory structure can be built. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to strike the first sentence in section F, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried. Josh advised the council to take public comments before a final vote. Tonya invited anyone interested to provide comments. Ray feels like this creates a loophole that would allow a home to be built with less than 25% of side yard available and people should apply for a variance instead. Tonya felt that it would

be more proactive to establish policy that anticipates homeowner needs so they don't have to apply for variances. Tonya suggested amending the minimum distance of 3ft to be more consistent with side yard requirements for primary structures. Ron discussed the safety issues, but he doesn't believe the requirement needs to be the same for accessory structures and primary structures. Tonya tabled the ordinance for discussion till the next meeting.

Police Chief: Report emailed.

Fire Chief: Report emailed.

Director of Public Services: Report emailed. Rob submitted information for the Jenner Road Sewer project. Ron asked about using a bond to finance it since interest rates are low. Josh will discuss it with Scott and see what he recommends.

Utility Administrator: Report emailed. Misty submitted the holiday schedule. The town usually moves holidays that land on Saturday to Friday and Sunday to Monday, but New Year's Eve is on Friday. Rob asked to move it to Monday instead of Thursday. Cheryl suggested placing the holidays on Thursday and Friday if it doesn't violate the union agreement.

Misty asked about Christmas lights and Tonya asked her to call Super Cutz. Misty said there's also some maintenance work needed.

Misty brought up stripping at the parks. She is trying to get an estimate for the area near the elementary school. The estimate for the park is \$450. Kim asked to add a handicap accessible spot. Tonya suggested going forward.

Misty also submitted an estimate for cameras to host remote meetings and record them. Cheryl said she has a company she can suggest for an additional quote. The quote includes televisions and mounting costs, so the audience and council can both see a presentation from them. The quote also includes a camera that can be operated, but we can reduce costs by using a fixed camera. Josh believes a fixed camera is the norm.

They also received a request from April Gammon to rent the Community Center at a reduced rate to host a fundraiser on November 14, 2021, to raise funds for leg braces for a child with a rare medical condition. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to donate the use of the Community Center and only charge the cost for cleanup, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried. Misty asked to clarify if the cleanup costs she's referring to is the deposit and Cheryl said yes.

Environmental Manager: Report emailed. Tonya noted that there were 8 new house building permits. Motion was made by Tonya Wester to hire Jed Gamble to train with Grover till his retirement with a starting date of November 8, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed.

Parks and Rec: Ron mentioned the bike park committee did meet and discussed a few ideas. They learned a lot about the DNR grants and plan to meet again and will start using maps to work out details.

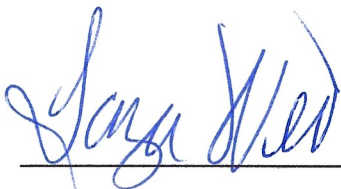
Kim asked about planting flowers in the detention basin area. Josh believes we are only restricted on building structures but will review and advise the council.

Josh also suggested looking into grants for converting unused railroads into trails. Evansville is currently applying for one. Ron said Brad is also looking into it.

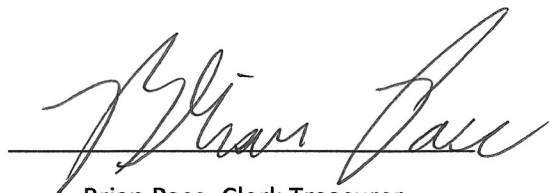
Old Business: Tonya mentioned the engineers will be sending drawings soon for the proposed new fire house to see how it'll fit on the land.

Claims: Ron Whitledge made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$423,898.31, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

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



Tonya Wester, Council President



Brian Pace, Clerk Treasurer