

November 15, 2021

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order November 15, 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 Cheryl Amos to approve the November 1, 2021, regular meeting minutes, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried. *Obtain*

Citizens on the agenda: Brand and B.J. presented options for the bike park project. They've split the project into two parts, one for the trails and one for the bike park. The Next Level Trails grant deadline is on December 1, so they'll have to move quickly to get in an application this year. The project total must be over \$200,000 and be shovel ready. The matching portion is 20%, which can include volunteer labor. Tonya suggested breaking down the trails project to multiple phases since we would have difficulty matching 20% of the \$800,000 project total. The council agreed to hold a special meeting on November 29 at 5:30 p.m. to finalize details of the application.

Town Attorney: Josh presented Ordinance 2021-04 An Ordinance Amending Section 172.07. He explained that section F was changed to remove the restriction to 2 storage barns. Josh explained that since the ordinance is changed it will have to be sent to the APC again and they will make a recommendation. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve Ordinance 2021-04, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Police Chief: Report emailed.

Fire Chief: Report emailed.

Director of Public Services: Report emailed. Rob presented pay app #13 for the Downtown Waterline Replacement project for a net amount of \$458,472.85 to be paid to Ragle. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to the pay app, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Rob explained that we'll advertise for bids on the Jenner Rd project first, then we'll evaluate the need to issue debt.

Utility Administrator: Report emailed. Misty explained the conflict in scheduling again and Tonya suggested allowing the on-call employees effected to treat the holiday as a work day and the work day as a holiday since it'll land in the same pay period and will have net neutral effect without reorganizing the holiday for the entire town. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve the holiday list, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Misty asked about closing the park bathrooms. Tonya suggested closing the park bathrooms after the 1st frost of the season, so Rob won't have to ask for council approval every year. Misty asked to be notified when they are closed.

Misty asked about Christmas lights. Tonya explained Super Cutz asked for some guidance on buying new Christmas lights and repairing them. Tonya will get with Grover tomorrow.

Girls Scouts asked to use the Community Center every Thursday. Kim said we need to develop a plan to manage rental relief requests. Cheryl said the school has allowed similar groups to use their building. Tonya suggested asking them to work with local churches first and we'll reconsider if they can't find anyone.

Environmental Manager: Report emailed. Jed attended the meeting in Grover's place. Jed reported that the IDEM audit went well. They were informed that the report required every 2 years will be moved online and the requirements will be modified so we can potentially save \$7,000 by not having to hire a firm to generate the report.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed. Brian presented insurance renewal options to the council. The as-is renewal will have a 21.2% increase and there's a renewal option that will increase prescription costs for employees but only come with a 13.8% increase. There's also an option with SIHO with a 5% increase, but it will create the largest cost increase for employees. After some discussion, the council agreed it's important for us to keep strong benefits to stay competitive. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to renew our health insurance as is, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

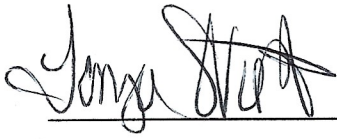
Brian explained that Paramount and Principal has offered a rate hold, but our dental insurance will require a signature to renew. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to renew our dental insurance as is, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Brian also mentioned the audit is going well.

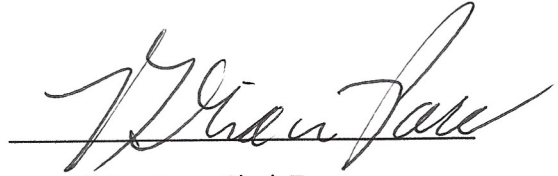
Old Business: Kim asked Rob about flooding on McCool and if they had a chance to use their camera. Rob explained that they saw 3 blockages and he sent the information to Grover. Kim also asked the council about flooding on McCool in front of Tracy's house that's coming from the neighbors. Tonya said we'll have to work on getting them to replace the tile.

Claims: Cheryl Amos made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$333,993.76, 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 Tonya Wester to recess the meeting, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

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Tonya Wester, Council President

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Brian Pace, Clerk Treasurer