

February 22, 2022

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order February 22, 2022, 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 Ron Whitledge to approve the February 7, 2022 regular meeting minutes, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Citizens on the agenda: Phil Lehmkuhler from Solential Energy and Larry Haag from BLN attended the meeting. Phil briefly presented the costs and estimated savings. The water plant solar project will cost approximately \$326,000 and provide an estimated savings of \$900,000 over 40 years. The sewer plant solar project will cost approximately \$1,156,000 and provide an estimated savings of \$2,557,000 over 40 years. Phil explained the timeline: if the town approves the BOT in March, then they expect to be ready to commission it next spring. Tonya asked about maintenance and Phil explained most wear is on the inverters, they come with 20-year warranties, and they've included replacements in the project plans. Tonya also asked about measuring our carbon footprint, and Larry explained that a monitor can be installed that can give the public information on energy production of the panels and savings. Josh said the next step would be to advertise a RFP. Ron asked if this commits us, and Josh explained that we can review proposals without committing ourselves to anything. Tonya explained that it's a 40-year commitment, but with major maintenance needs built into the project, projected cost savings, and environmental benefits she feels we should go forward. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to advertise a RFP, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Town Attorney: Josh submitted Ordinance 2022-02. Tonya explained that the ordinance updates the salary ordinance to provide longevity pay to all hourly utility employees. She noticed that the pay gap between more senior positions like plant operators was reduced to nearly 0 compared to less senior positions that qualified for longevity pay and this would correct the unintended effect of the previous salary ordinance. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to suspend the rules, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve Ordinance 2022-02 on the first reading, 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. Spencer asked the council about selling their surplus radios for \$570 since the quote he received expires Saturday. Josh said the amount is small enough, no bidding would be required. The council agreed to sell them.

Director of Public Services: Report emailed. Tonya explained that Rob appointed one person for water lead since the individual is already fulfilling the responsibilities, but their construction needs are significant enough he would like to have 2 water leads and asked the council's permission. The council agreed to let him appoint a 2nd water lead.

Utility Administrator: Report emailed.

Environmental Manager: Report emailed. Michael submitted Ordinance 2022-01 for rezoning 100 Inderrieden Rd. Michael explained that the sale of the property is contingent on rezoning, so the buyers would prefer to have it approved as soon as possible. Josh invited any one to remonstrate and noted that there was no remonstrations. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to suspend the rules, second by Ron Whitledge. **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 approve Ordinance 2022-01 on the first reading, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed. Brian submitted the lake fountain maintenance agreement for signature again and submitted a renewal of the monthly lake maintenance agreement with Aquatic Control. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to approve the monthly lake maintenance agreement, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

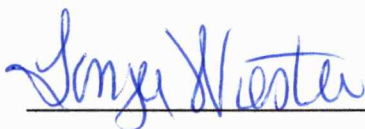
Parks & Rec.: Tonya announced the construction of the bike park is starting.

New Business: Misty shared tablet quotes with the council. Robert Pace explained that Ipads and the Surface Pro will require additional equipment or software to create presentations or connect to our system. He recommended the Lenovo Flex laptop since it has the versatility of a laptop but can still be used like a tablet, so it's useful for both viewing and presenting. The council discussed and agreed to get 6 Lenovo laptops and use ARP funds. Josh will draft a resolution to use ARP funds.

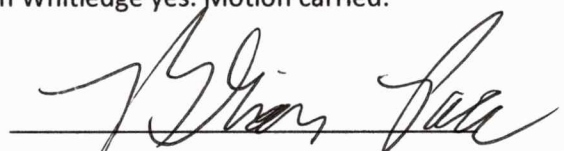
Old Business: Cheryl mentioned demolition of the nursing home started.

Claims: Cheryl Amos made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$335,504.00, 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 Cheryl Amos 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.



Tonya Wester, Council President



Brian Pace, Clerk Treasurer