

April 4, 2022

### Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order April 4, 2022, 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 Cheryl Amos to approve the March 21, 2022 regular meeting minutes and March 22, 2022 executive meeting minutes, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

**Citizens on the Agenda:** Rita McConnell attended the meeting to present our insurance renewal. She briefly explained that the property coverage limit was raised with industry standards. Property, earthquake, worker's comp came back as expected, but cyber insurance rates have increased a lot. She is working on another cyber quote to see if we can get lower costs with a difference carrier.

Bob asked the council to consider retiree coverage. Brian briefly explained that Paula couldn't get Anthem to agree to provide coverage, so we can only provide it through COBRA which has a limited period. Brian agreed to follow up with Paula to see if there are any options.

**Town Attorney:** Josh invited Rob to lead the discussion on the RFPQ. Rob sent a letter of recommendation and selected Solential Energy for the project. They specialize in solar power and have more experience with BOT projects. Ron mentioned he supports solar projects but isn't confident this is the right time and feels the money could provide more immediate impact with other projects and is on the fence. Josh mentioned that there's a lot of flexibility with BOT projects and the council could start with financing options if they want to approach the project cautiously. Ron trusts Rob's judgement and Solential Energy but isn't sure if this is the right time to make a 40-year commitment. Tonya mentioned she likes solar, but she is concerned and doesn't want to be in a position where she regrets her decision 5 years later. Cheryl mentioned she's not sold yet but isn't against the project either. Phil explained that there are no costs till construction starts, so the town could start the scoping phase to work out enough details they can make a confident decision. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to move to the scoping phase of the Solar Power Project with Solential Energy, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

**Police Chief:** Report emailed.

**Fire Chief:** Report emailed.

**Director of Public Services:** Report emailed. Rob submitted pay app #1 for the Jenner Road Project to be paid to MBM in the net amount of \$386,352.07. Motion was made by Kim Burnett approve the pay app, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Rob informed the council of the AWWA conference, he only plans to attend 2 days at a cost of \$350. The council agreed to let him go.

Rob gave the council some updates. The Paradise water tower is undergoing maintenance work. They are touching up the paint and doing some internal cleaning. There is work being done on Highway 62, so there will be some road closure on connecting roads. The construction is expected to start on the 11<sup>th</sup>. He also has one employee who tested positive for covid that will return Wednesday and they still following CDC guidelines.

Tonya asked Rob if he has heard any update on the gas line. Rob hasn't heard anything from BNG. Josh agreed to follow up with the state.

**Utility Administrator:** Report emailed.

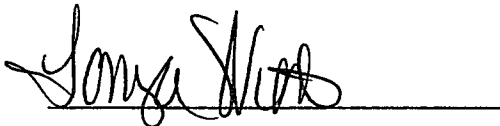
**Environmental Manager:** Michael said he had a good showing and got a lot of work done on the April 2 cleanup day. Keller Development is beginning construction on the Emmie June Cove Project. The town will host a storm water workshop on Wednesday. He's talked with his storm water board and is going forward with steps to increase the storm water fee. He has budgeted for some jetting work in the Green Valley Dr area to clear culverts. He also noticed some telecommunication lines above ground in the area.

**Clerk Treasurer:** Report emailed. Brian reminded the council of the letter sent to Chad to begin discussing a new fire contract. He hasn't received any communication from him and asked how the council would like to follow up. Tonya agreed to call Chad.

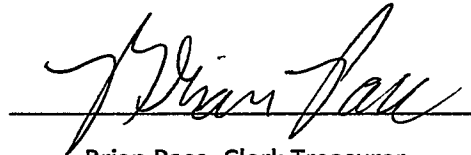
**Parks & Rec.:** Misty contacted Crystal with Super Cutz and she will follow up with the playground equipment installation.

**Claims:** Ron Whitledge made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$392,125.39, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Whitledge 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