

May 2, 2022

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order May 2, 2022, 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 Sandy Elder to approve the April 18, 2022 regular meeting minutes, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Town Attorney: Josh updated the council on nuisance issues. The abatement of Red Fox Tavern was affirmed by the council, but as he recalls we didn't go forward with demolition due to costs. Tonya asked if there's a limit to fines that we can issue. Josh doesn't believe there is, but he will get more information. Tonya would like to increase fines since it's always the same people being reoffending.

Police Chief: Report emailed.

Fire Chief: Report emailed. Tonya notified the council that the fire department are expecting their truck to ship on May 9.

Director of Public Services: Report emailed. Tonya discussed her visit to the Huntingburg Water Plant with the council and their solar panel installation. She voiced her support for solar since it's a contained cost we can control. Ron isn't confident moving forward with solar yet, but he mentioned he was impressed by the installation. Sandy asked if we're doing both the water and sewer plant at the same time since she felt like it would be a lot to do at once. Tonya said yes and Josh mentioned there could be economies of scale doing them together. Josh also mentioned the water plant may require IURC approval.

Utility Administrator: Report emailed. Misty discussed the rate reduction with the council. The required notice has been published and the paperwork filed with the IURC. She will review the steps for the reduction and ensure we're on schedule.

Environmental Manager: Report emailed. Michael left a request to Tonya to appoint a replacement for Mark Worstell. The position is appointed by the president. Tonya chose to appoint Jason Higgs, he works for Black Equipment, lives in the Green Valley/Les Dr area.

Ron backtracked to Misty and asked for clarification on our adjustment policy. He received a call from a person that was away from home due to surgery and had a water line break. Misty confirmed we don't adjust for accidents.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed. Brian submitted the Opioid Participation Agreement for approval. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to approve the agreement, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

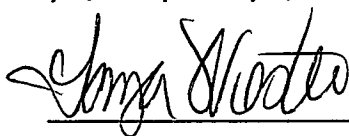
Brian also informed the council that the first ARP report has been submitted. While preparing the report, he discovered that municipalities can report ARP fund use as replacement revenue up to the standard allowance of \$10 million. He notified the council that this will make reporting easier and we won't be restricted to the usual expenditure categories.

New Business: Kim asked if our ordinances could be used to stop someone from attaching an opiate rescue kit to a tree in their front yard for public use. Josh believes we can argue it's a nuisance due to the intended person it will attract, but since it's a life saving medication they would have an argument too. Josh suggested revising the nuisance ordinance to ensure the kit is included, but we'd have to be careful about unintentional inclusions like mini libraries or garage sales. Bob mentioned that Mike Perry is looking into it also. Bob also suggested enforcement on the grounds that a prescription is normally required.

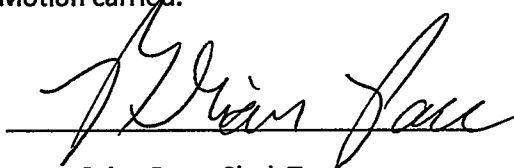
Old Business: Misty is working on the letters for the Christmas lights. Tonya asked her to put a July 1 date on them. Ron asked about shipping and thought they would arrive this month. Brian agreed to reach out to the salesman and get an estimated shipping date.

Claims: Ron Whitledge made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$527,437.63, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

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



Tonya Wester, Council President



Brian Pace, Clerk Treasurer