

June 20, 2022

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order June 20, 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 June 6, 2022 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.

Citizens on the Agenda: Cristy Fox and Jean Carter attended the meeting to discuss Narcan boxes. Jean Carter showed the council a picture of her grandson who died of fentanyl poisoning and introduced Cristy whose son died of an overdose. She's concerned with what she read in the town's minutes and the council's efforts to regulate where Narcan boxes can be placed. Tonya welcomed them to the council meeting and wished they would have come sooner to discuss their concerns. Tonya has seen people using the box at 2am and became concerned. Jean mentioned that people may not want to come to a police department. Tonya said we've had people come here before for Narcan and she's also concerned about the box being on a school route. Pharmacies don't leave Narcan on the shelf, so she doesn't believe it would be appropriate to place boxes anywhere. Jean discussed the support from Indiana Overdose Lifeline and the Narcan provided by the Indiana Department of Health and asked why they can't do what they want with their own property especially when it's supported by state programs. Tonya mentioned that if it causes foot traffic then we can potentially do something about it.

Cristy added that Narcan is available everywhere in Evansville, no prescriptions are needed, and it's supported by the state. She would like to place boxes at additional locations including the post office and mentioned Boonville approved to place boxes in their parks. Tonya doesn't like the current location, but she would be ok with handing them out at the utility drive through or placing a box on the corner of the town hall parking lot that isn't covered by cameras to ensure privacy. Cheryl said she knows her son and has a coworker who lost 2 kids and supports her efforts to make Narcan available. Tonya added that she supports mounting boxes at commercial locations, but not the parks. Ron said we would be willing to discuss the parks after some research. Tonya is primarily concerned with the boxes at bus stops and residential neighborhoods. The council discussed it and offered to let them mount a box at the fire department and town hall so there's Narcan available on each side of town.

Josh asked Bob if they've treated overdoses in the parks. Bob said they haven't. He also added that they can monitor the parks from their vehicles using the security cameras and every officer has Narcan. Ron

asked them to come to the council first next time so we can avoid any misunderstanding. Tonya asked them to get with us later and we'll help to install the boxes and suggested using stickers to advertise availability.

Town Attorney: Josh discussed nuisance penalties (unrelated to Narcan) with the council. The penalties currently allow \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second, and \$100 starting with the third and the penalty can be added daily for noncompliance. Tonya mentioned this to push repeat offenders to start maintaining their lawns since it's the same group of people that we have issues with. Bob asked to ensure there's a 3-5 day grace period to respond after the initial notice and Josh said the ordinance currently allows a grace period. Tonya suggested starting at \$50 and Sandy suggested \$50 for a first offense and \$100 for a second. The council decided to settle on \$50 for a first offense, \$200 for a second, and \$500 starting with the third. Josh will start drafting an ordinance and will add a 10-day period after the initial notice before fines are issued. Tonya asked Josh to change it to 5-day period.

Josh informed the council he hasn't received a response from Boonville and will let Rob update the council on the transmission main.

Police Chief: Report emailed. Bob asked to earmark money for fuel since price increases will cause him to go over budget. The council agreed.

Bob asked about his equipment request. Ron still has questions and would like to know cost and how long we've had our tasers and cameras. Bob said we received ours tasers about 2014, but they are out of date and cartridges are no longer produced. The new tasers come with a 5-year agreement to update them and the cartridges are double shot. Ron asked if we can fit it into the regular budget next year, but Tonya said she felt it would be negligent to wait. Ron feels like we should use ARP money for community projects instead of catching up on equipment needs. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to approve the tasers for \$54,789.75, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief: Report emailed. Spencer reported that they are still waiting on their truck and the station redesign. Tonya added that the fire department hosted a cadet camp and they had a good turnout.

Director of Public Services: Report emailed. Rob submitted pay app #4 in the net amount of \$4,500 to be paid to Ragle for the Phosphorous Removal project. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve pay app #4, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Rob notified the council that he has a conference call scheduled to discuss the remaining easements. He hasn't heard back from Boonville for the Baker Rd easement and asked Josh how to go forward. Josh said we can go through condemnation if needed, but he will try contacting their attorney first.

Josh also mentioned Rob has done a great job keeping easement costs below budget.

Tonya asked for an update on the exposed gas line and Rob told her BNG has started work.

Utility Administrator: Report emailed.

Environmental Manager: Report emailed. Michael told the council that he will start footing inspections for the State St. construction tomorrow. He's posted a notice for an August 1 public hearing to discuss

the storm rate due to another public hearing schedule in July and the time period needed to advertise notice.

Michael discussed the Taylor Ditch issues with the council. He believes after they determine the depth, we can go forward. Josh mentioned that Center Point believes they have the right to install lines their due to state statute. Josh doesn't contest their right to be in the older neighborhood separated by the ditch, but they don't necessarily have the right to cross the ditch into the new neighborhood. Rob mentioned that Center Point did call for locates.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed. Brian notified the council that we've started received donations for the Christmas lights. We also receive an update on the opioid litigation. The litigation is still in motion, but we've been it will be a few months before we see any money. Brian also submitted an invoice to the council for the large pump track. He explained that Brad already spoke with Rob about signs. Bob mentioned he didn't see any signs and Rob said he will follow up. Kim asked to table the invoice till we can talk about signage and the council agreed. Bob asked if there is a completion date set. Tonya said it will be completed by National Night out and we could do a dedication at that time. Bob said National Night out is on August 2nd. Misty said she will get an estimate for installing a camera pointing toward the bike park.

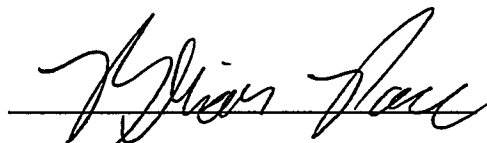
Old Business: Tonya asked for an update on Christmas lights. Brian informed the council we've received a shipment, but we haven't done an inventory yet.

Claims: Kim Burnett made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$1,103,220.85, second by Cheryl Amos. **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 Ron Whitledge. **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