

January 2, 2024

### Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order January 2, 2024, at the Chandler Town Hall, 401 E. Lincoln Ave. at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll call: Present** - Sandy Elder, Tonya Wester, Ron Whitledge

**Absent** – Cheryl Amos

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Tonya announced that two members of our community passed away, Gene Essick and our council member Kim Burnett. She asked for a moment of silence and to keep their family in your prayers.

**Election of Officers:** Tonya asked to table the election of officers until our next meeting so a full council can vote. The other council members agreed.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the December 18, 2023, regular meeting minutes were presented to the council. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the minutes, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

**Citizens on the Agenda:** Isaac, Rocky, and Caleb attended the meeting to present a disc golf project to the town. There are no disc golf courses in Warrick County and 7 in Evansville, so they know the course will be used. The course can also promote healthy lifestyles by providing low impact exercise since participants walk an average of 2 miles. They intend to take advantage of underutilized space, so it doesn't interfere with existing structures. Ron asked about the cost, and they estimate it will be between \$20,000 and \$30,000 depending on the course design. They could also expand into the wooded areas near the Community Center. Tonya said we have bike trials there, but they suggested it could be combined without causing any issues. Ron asked about using our park on 4<sup>th</sup> street, but they believe the property is too small. They presented information on the Udisc app that can be used to promote our course. Tonya said we'll need a way to communicate when the course would be closed since we have teams that practice in our fields. Caleb added that this provides a low-cost sport for the area too. They also suggested offering sponsorship to cover some of the costs. Tonya suggested getting together with the bike park group and putting a plan together. Tonya said she will talk with Brad and schedule an executive.

**Town Attorney:** Josh reminded the council of the RFP. We received one bid from the organization we've talked with. The committee will meet and present a proposal at the next meeting. Josh will meet with Baker Tilly to discuss financing and our annexation plans.

Josh presented Ordinance 2024-02 for a second reading. Josh summarized the changes requested. The ordinance now specifies the notice will be delivered by mail or a town employee, noise complaints

references Chapter 96 to avoid conflicting definitions but he plans to update it to include construction noises and appropriate hours, he added language that allows us to withhold permit if fines are delinquent, the town will recover costs if we have to pay for remediation. Michael added that he understands if the police write a ticket they should receive the money, but what fines will go toward the unsafe building fund? Josh suggested rewriting it so it can go to either the police or the unsafe building fund. Josh recommended tabling it until he can bring back a revised ordinance at the next meeting and the council agreed.

**Police Chief:** Report emailed. Kirk asked for guidance on how to handle street parking around Heim Ridge and Mallard Circle. Kirk said there's issues with people parking on sidewalks due to limited room on the streets. Ron is concerned that street parking on both sides could become an issue and Tonya suggested restricting it to one side. Ron would prefer no parking than create a possible hazard. Michael said the houses have a 25ft setback which is only enough room for 1 car in the driveway. Sandy asked if the Habitat homes are constructed the same and Michael said it's similar. Ron suggested extending the driveway and Michael added that there are 3 properties that have gravel front yards. Michael also added that there's no parking/signage. Tonya said we need to find relief for residents. Sandy asked if we would allow street parking everyone and Michael suggested limiting it to areas based on the road width. Tonya said we'll need our building and safety people to get together.

**Fire Chief:** Report emailed. Alex informed the council they had their new lightbar installed. Tonya mentioned that we'll hopefully have a new fire station in 2024.

**Director of Public Services:** Report emailed. Tyler submitted a scope of service agreement with Baker Tilly for the work on the BAN and bond. Motion was made by Sandy Elder to approve agreement, second by Ron Whitledge. Roll call: Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

**Utility Administrator:** Report emailed. Tonya told the council that Misty couldn't get a hold of Aquatic Control over the holiday, so she doesn't have any answers about the pump yet.

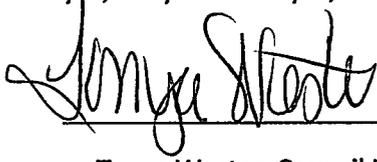
**Environmental Manager:** Report emailed. Michael reminded the council they committed \$200,000 of ARP funds to match a county grant for a Stormwater project that didn't get approved. He's requesting the funds be repurposed for an excavator and dump truck. The excavator with thumb and trailer would be \$61,400 and the dump truck would be \$58,000. The \$67,000 cost for starting a new employee plus the cost of the new equipment will come in below the original \$200,000 that was committed. Michael said Kasey can operate the equipment. Tonya asked about hauling the equipment with one of our trucks, but Michael said it would be too heavy which is why they would like to purchase the dump truck with it. Tonya suggested doing the work at Green Valley internally if we purchase the equipment. Michael believes we will be able to start doing culvert work, maintain ditches, and monitor the dams with the new equipment. Tonya asked about storage and Tyler said they can make room. Tyler asked if it is a diesel truck and Michael said no. Michael suggested reinstalling an overhead door at the old town hall and use it to store the equipment. Tonya said she is ok with the truck and excavator, but she isn't sure about modifying the old town hall building and the other council members agreed. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to purchase the excavator and dump truck at a combined cost not to exceed \$119,000, second by Sandy Elder. Roll call: Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

**Clerk Treasurer:** Report emailed. Brian asked if we should table the bike trails invoice for discussion until the next meeting and the council agreed. Brian presented encumbrances left by Rob. He said we'll need \$145,000 for the Epworth Rd project, \$60,000 for the Telephone Rd, and \$40,000 for the Windsor project. Motion was made by Sandy Elder to approve encumbrances, second by Ron Whitledge. Roll call: Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Michael said he's planning to take down Christmas lights tomorrow.

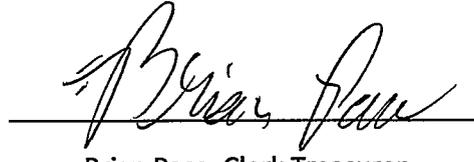
**Claims:** Ron Whitledge made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$502,230.83, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to recess the meeting, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** 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