

June 7, 2021

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order June 7, 2021 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 Kim Burnett to approve the May 17, 2021 regular minutes, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Comments from Citizens: Rebecca Weaver from Joypunkz Mobility proposed establishing a ride sharing program in the Town of Chandler. They provide electric scooters, bikes, and other vehicles that can be rented. There is no cost to the town, and they cover their own liability insurance. Josh provided a copy of Evansville's ordinance to show the council how they regulate ride sharing programs. Their ordinance requires a vendor to purchase a license and pay a fee for each vehicle, restricts where vehicles can travel, requires the business to maintain liability insurance with \$1 million individual and \$2 million aggregate coverage, establishes parking requirements to avoid clutter, and establishes fines for violators. Tonya asked Rebeca to return with more specific details.

Town Attorney: Josh advised the council that the notice requirements to remove the deer stand and fire pit encroaching on the town's property has been satisfied. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to have Grover and Rob's crew to remove the deer stand, fire pit, and burn pile, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Josh told the council that Rob notified him of children playing in the detention pond. Josh does not believe any new ordinance are needed to address the issue but advises the council to issue a notice. Tonya suggested issuing a notice on utility bills. Bob suggested putting up danger and flooding signs.

Josh presented the Warrick EMS Lease 1st Amendment for approval. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the amendment, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Josh notified the council that there was interest in modifying Lampert's tax abatement and give him the full 10 years instead of 5 that was originally granted. Josh explained there is not any procedures for modifying an abatement, so he recommended doing starting the process from the beginning and prepare a preliminary resolution for the new abatement application. Ron explained to the other council

members that after taking more time to think about it, he would like to see the town grant a 10-year abatement. Tonya agreed since it is the largest business development project the town has had in a long time. Josh will advertise the public hearing for the tax abatement at the next meeting. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve Resolution 2021-08, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Josh received the second appraisal for the Fisher Bros Lumber Yard property, and it came in at \$200,000. The first appraisal from Bartlett & Associates came in at \$256,500. Josh explained that there are 3 options: 1) the town can advertise for bids and renegotiate the price if no bids are received within 60 days; 2) the town can take a proposed project and advertise to accept bids to construct it; 3) the property can be put up for auction. Josh let the council know that Aigner and Keller Development seems to prefer option 1. Tonya suggested tabling it till next meeting.

Police Chief: Report emailed.

Fire Chief: Report emailed. Tonya reported that their masks came in.

Director of Public Services: Report emailed. Rob explained he plans to submit 3 applications for a 50% match grant from the SWIF program. The Jenner Road Sewer project will be \$2,000,000, the Baker Road Replacement project will be \$250,000, and the phosphorus removal addition to the wastewater plant will be \$600,000. Rob also explained the 24" main is already in consideration since it has already been filed with the SRF as part of our current projects.

Cheryl asked Rob for an update on the rip rap that would be installed. Rob said that there is more work that needs to be done. Cheryl said that there is an exposed gas line that was covered by the rip rap. Rob said he will work with BLN and Ragle to address the issue.

Utility Administrator: Report emailed.

Environmental Manager: Report emailed. Grover notified the council that after the culvert at Whitaker ditch was repaired, the water has started moving faster and is causing erosion problems.

Grover presented change order #2 which formalized the rip rap change order that was approved at a previous meeting. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to approve change order #2, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Grover presented pay app #2 to Ragle for the Green Valley Dr Area Stormwater project for a total of \$23,800.50. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve pay app #2, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed.

New Business: Cheryl discussed storm water issues she has seen at Kemper's that effecting the neighboring business Hi-Tech Sheet Metal. Grover said he has already noticed issues and has already sent a notice to Kemper's. Josh asked Grover to send him the information he has and he'll see if anything else can be done.

Old Business: Rob updated the council on the swing set installation and asked about removing an additional 3 trees. Kim discussed issues that may arise from the tree roots that reach the lake. The council agreed to remove the additional trees and will address the channels opened by the roots after the removal.

Grover mentioned that there was a goldfish spotted in the town's lake and DNR recommended removing it.

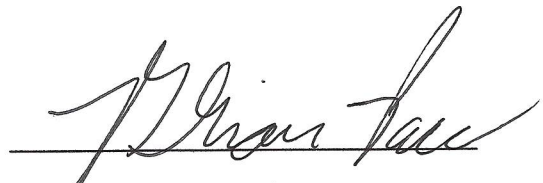
Tonya shared quotes for swings she received from Misty. The price for the swing suggested by Sandy would be about \$4,00-\$5,000 if the town also purchased swing set frame for it. It would be about \$1,800 if we didn't purchase a frame for it.

Claims: Cheryl Amos made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$632,122.46, 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 Tonya Wester to recess 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