

September 7, 2021

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order September 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 Ron Whitledge to approve the August 16, 2021, regular and executive minutes, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Last Call for Bids: Tonya made a last call for bids on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phosphorus Removal Project. No additional bids were submitted. Josh opened and announced the bids:

Firm	Total Base Bid
Deig Bros. Lumber & Const. Co.	\$600,000
DeBra-Kuempel, Inc.	\$649,987
Kieffer Bros., Construction	\$619,669
Ragle, Inc.	\$573,200

Tonya tabled the bids till next meeting to allow BLN to review the bid packages.

Public Hearing: Tonya suspended the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for the CDBG Covid-19 Response Program grant that was received by the town. Andy Zellers from the Evansville Regional Economic Partnership attended and directed the public hearing. He briefly explained that grant funds of \$250,000 have already been issued and has been used to provide grants to businesses within 2 miles of the corporate limits of the Town of Chandler that employ at least 51% low-to-moderate income persons in jeopardy of losing their jobs without grant assistance and this is the 2nd public hearing required to receive the grants. He invited the public to make comments. No additional comments were made, but Andy notified everyone that comments can still be emailed to the partnership. Andy ended the public hearing and Tonya resumed the regular meeting.

Comments from Citizens on the Agenda: Ryan Montgomery attended the meeting to hear the council concerns regarding the recent water construction project. Tonya mentioned some of the complaints she heard. The biggest complaint is Ragle employees don't seem to be aware of their surroundings, for example there are closed roads that weren't marked closed, driving heavy equipment fast, leaving signs laying around, and there's a lack of neatness. Ron mentioned that he felt flaggers weren't paying

attention to traffic and spending too much time on their phones. Cheryl mentioned her complaints with the sidewalks, but she understands large projects like this will always have some complaints. Tonya also mentioned a ladder that was left in a large hole at a construction site near her home that kids were trying to play in, but Ragle did respond quickly and secured the site. Tonya feels that the problems aren't big, but these little problems are piling up. Ryan said he has had a meeting with his employees and is reinforcing their goals: safety, delivering the project as promised, and be productive. Tonya thanked him for coming and asked for a timeline update. Ryan said their goal is to get a punch list ready within paving season this year.

Town Attorney: Josh notified the council he is still working on the agreement to sell the driveway to the neighbors at the 510 N State Street property, the county is closing on the sale of the 510 N State St property, and he's working on easements for the Water Transmission Main project.

Police Chief: Report emailed.

Fire Chief: Report emailed. Tonya asked for an update on the shed and truck purchase using ARPA funds. Brian notified the council that Paige from Baker Tilly isn't confident that these would be eligible ARPA purchases. Josh mentioned he feels they are interpreting the interim rules too strictly. Tonya suggested trying to challenge their interpretation of the rules. Tonya announced the fire department received another \$2,500 grant from DNR for radios.

Director of Public Services: Report emailed. Rob let the council know that they originally estimated that the phosphorus removal project would come in at \$550,000, but we will be able to cover it without borrowing money.

Rob submitted a list of 16 radios and asked the council to allow him to dispose of them. He did attempt to get a quote on them from 2 businesses that Bob recommended that buys old radio equipment and they said they no longer have value. Motion was made by Tonya Wester to allow Rob to dispose of the radios, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Rob submitted a list of 30 cell phones and asked the council to allow him to dispose of them. He tried to donate them, but they are too old and couldn't find an organization that was interested. He has had the batteries removed for recycling. Motion was made by Tonya Wester to allow Rob to dispose of the cell phones, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Utility Administrator: Report emailed.

Environmental Manager: Report emailed. Grover shared quotes for mowing the detention pond areas from Super Cutz. The large detention area of 11 acres is expected to need 7 mowings per year and they are quoting \$715 per mow. The small, wooded section near where the deer stand is will cost \$9,900 for a cleanup. The small retention area will be \$75 per mow. The fence row will cost \$1,485 to clean up and \$75 to mow. Grover couldn't get quotes from other companies. Tonya tabled it till next meeting.

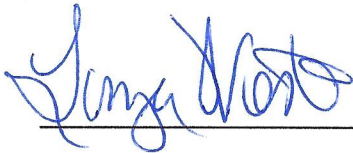
Tonya asked the council for dates to schedule interviews and discuss applicants. They agreed to meet on September 16 at 4:30 at the town hall.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed. Brian notified the council that Baker Tilly is expected to have budget books ready for review by next meeting.

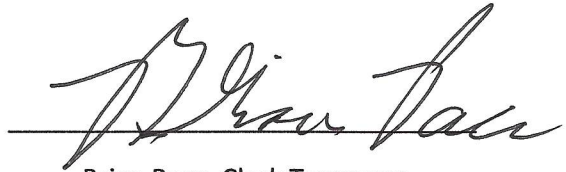
New Business: Tonya suggested depositing the money from the sale of the 510 N State St property into a new fund for the fire department and asked the council their thoughts. After some discussion the council agreed. Tonya asked Brian to look into creating a new fund for that purpose and for the new public safety tax revenue.

Claims: Cheryl Amos made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$628,876.59, second by Sandy Elder. **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 the meeting, second by Cheryl Amos. **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