

October 18, 2021

### Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order October 18, 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 October 4, 2021, regular meeting minutes and October 4, 2021 and October 14, 2021 executive minutes, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

**2022 Budget Hearing:** Tonya suspended the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for the 2022 budget. Brian mentioned that there have been no changes in the budget since the last hearing. Brian summarized the same discussion points as the last budget hearing. Tonya invited the public to provide comments and none were received. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to approve the 2022 budget, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried. Tonya closed the public hearing and resumed the regular meeting.

**Comments from Citizens on the Agenda:** B.J. Huff and Brad Scales presented their ideas for a bike park next to the Community Center. They already have experience and provided examples of other bike parks that they've constructed and mentioned that hiking trails can also be included in the design. They've included a trail from the school to the bike park to help reach the minimum project cost of \$200,000 to qualify for DNR Next Level Trails program. Josh added that in kind donations can also contribute to the matching portion of a grant and suggested looking into the train tracks for a trail. A couple audience members spoke up in support, suggested looking at Scales Lake bike park as an example. Tonya suggested organizing a committee. Ron, Kim, and audience members Justin and Randy volunteered to form a committee with B.J. and Brad.

**Town Attorney:** Josh mentioned that the APC passed the Accessory Uses Structures Ordinance and it will be presented to the council at the next meeting.

Josh also gave the council an update on the Water Transmission Main project. They are working on securing easements and haven't had much difficulty, but we may have to use eminent domain to secure some of the easements. Josh briefly explained the court process for eminent domain and the purchase price will be determined by 3 the appraisals provided by the town, the property owner, and the courts. It's possible to appeal, but successful appeals are rare.

**Police Chief:** Report emailed. Bob presented a quote for a storage barn for \$4,935. Sandy asked where it'll be covered from if it's not ARPA eligible and Brian explained that we can use CCD funds. Motion was made by Sandy Elder to approve the barn purchase, 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 updated the council and notified them that the dealership has already ordered the truck, since it's a popular model and they don't have any issues selling it. They couldn't get a guarantee on the bed slide price, so they plan to get quotes from other vendors. They were warned that the price on the lights and console will increase in 2022, but they could order it in December to secure the price and pay it in 2022.

**Director of Public Services:** Report emailed. Rob updated the council on the Downtown Waterline Replacement project. The project is projected to be finished by mid November. They've increased the level in the water tower by 5 ft and plan to raise it to the max of 28 ft. This will increase water pressure by 5-6 p.s.i. which will help to reduce fluctuations in water flows. We'll also have less discolored water since the new line are made of p.v.c. and poly.

**Utility Administrator:** Report emailed.

**Environmental Manager:** Report emailed.

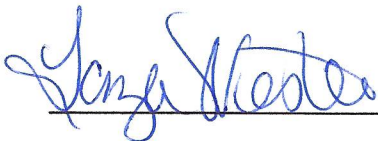
**Clerk Treasurer:** Report emailed. Brian presented a quote from D.R. Frey for a total of \$4,985 to convert our fund numbers due to changes being implemented by the state. Brian explained that we're converting from 3 digit fund numbers to 4. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve the quote for account conversion services, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Brian let the council know that Baker Tilly hasn't seen any other clients provide retirees insurance, but they are looking into it and will advise us if they learn anything new.

**New Business:** Tonya explained to the council that she has heard some complaints about the stretch of road on Monroe between Indiana and State St. and asked the council their thoughts on converting it to a 1-way. Cheryl explained that she thinks it used to be a 1-way, but she doesn't believe it's a big enough issue to require the town's intervention. Ron suggested leaving it as is too.

**Claims:** Ron Whitledge made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$735,151.01, 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 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