

March 21, 2022

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order March 21, 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 March 7, 2022 regular meeting minutes, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Town Attorney: Josh presented RFPQ submissions for the proposed solar power project. We received submissions from Solential Energy and Reynold's Construction. Josh advised the council to table it till the utilities and engineers can review and the council agreed.

Josh updated the council on opioid litigation. The state restructured the settlement reducing their portion to 30%, so more municipalities are opting in with the state. Josh asked Brian to contact the state to get an estimate of our settlement. Josh said there will be some restrictions on spending, but a portion will be unrestricted and we expect to see a settlement in 3-6 months.

Josh also brought up public safety and utility boards for discussion. Josh explained that there are pros and cons, they will be delegating some of their authority to the boards but it could give the public more opportunities to provide input.

Police Chief: Report emailed. Bob asked if the council has any concerns with a payroll deduction for FOP insurance. Brian explained setting up a new deduction should be easy and the council agreed to allow it.

Fire Chief: Report emailed. Tonya mentioned there is a cadet day coming up for the fire department and she'll talk with Misty about posting it at the town hall.

Director of Public Services: Report emailed. Rob submitted the agreement with BMB for the Jenner Rd project. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to authorize Tonya to sign the agreement, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Rob submitted the notice to proceed for the Jenner Rd project. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve the notice to proceed, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Rob submitted pay app #1 for the Phosphorous Removal project with a net payment of \$23,679 to be paid to Ragle. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the pay app, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Rob submitted an agreement with BLN for additional archaeology and survey work in the amount of \$14,700. Rob explained that they've rerouted the water main, which is why the additional work is needed, but the new path is better and will reduce costs by more than \$14,700 during construction. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the agreement, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Rob mentioned that they've received comments from the state and customers supporting a utility board. Rob asked if members of the board could be out of town and Josh explained that it would be the town council's decision to make.

Utility Administrator: Report emailed. Misty left a contract with a new collections business Atlas Collections. Tonya agreed the terms are better for us and noted that the billing office does a good job collecting past due invoices. Motion was made by Sandy Elder to approve the agreement, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Environmental Manager: Michael clarified the March 7 minutes, all audit corrections with the exception of the maps are finished. Michael reminded the council of the executive meeting scheduled tomorrow. He also reminded the council of the April 2 clean-up day and mentioned he has heard positive feedback regarding the detention ponds. He asked if the potential utility board would include storm water and Josh explained we could generalize it to a public works board that could include storm water. Michael informed the council that with Misty's help they've discovered some errors in storm water charges to commercial customers and they are correcting them. We've only had a \$1 increase in fees since the town has created its storm water fund and he is interested in raising it. He is also working on blighted homes and has some ideas from the Vanderburgh Commissioner.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed. Brian submitted the updated Baker Tilly agreement with the council. He explained that 1 job classification has been removed and the lower end of the pay scale have been increased, but the upper end of each job classification has also decreased. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve the agreement, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Parks & Rec.: Tonya updated the council on the bike park and the weather has delayed them again. They are waiting for the area to dry more.

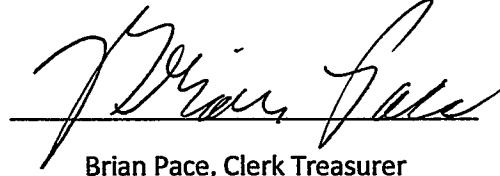
Old Business: Tonya discussed getting flyers ready to solicit Christmas light donations. The council also discussed a wreath and agreed on 48 inch lighted traditional.

Claims: Kim Burnett made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$303,582.90, 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