

April 18, 2022

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order April 18, 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 Cheryl Amos to approve the April 4, 2022 regular meeting minutes and April 4, 2022 executive meeting minutes, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Town Attorney: Josh emailed the council an update on the exposed gas line owned by BNG and is expecting progress. Josh summarized the opioid settlement to the council. We expect \$80,500 and 15% will be unrestricted. Josh provided a list of uses and activities that can satisfy the requirements for the restricted portion of funds. Easements are still progressing and will finished by summer at the latest, then we'll start working on issuing bonds.

Police Chief: Report emailed.

Fire Chief: Report emailed. Spencer reported the ice machine needs to be replaced at the firehouse and submitted a quote for \$3,785.

Director of Public Services: Report emailed. Rob submitted pay app #2 for the Phosphorus Removal Project to be paid to Ragle in the net amount of \$44,685.00. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the pay app, second by Kim Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Tonya warned everyone construction on the highway started and to watch out for reduced speed limits. The construction will stretch from I69 to Boonville.

Utility Administrator: Report emailed. Misty submitted an engagement letter with Baker Tilly to assist with removing utility receipts tax from our billing. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve 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.

Misty reported the state created a 2nd program to help renters with utility bills and rent up to 18 months for qualifying individuals. Tony Roads is also looking to organize the town parade in September.

Environmental Manager: Michael reported jetting from Iowa to Inderrieden on Green Valley Dr is finished and the cleanup helped with storm flow. The Taylor Ditch project is moving forward except for the utilities that need to be moved.

Michael also discussed the abatement of the Red Fox Tavern with the council. Michael discussed a FEMA program that would purchase houses in a flood plain, but the owners of the Red Fox Tavern and neighboring residential property owners weren't interested. The council discussed increasing fines for nuisances and repeat offenders. Ron and Tonya both support increased fines. The additional money could be used to fund cleanup of other properties that aren't complying.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed. Brian left the agreement with Powell and Majestro for approval. The agreement doesn't change the attorney fees owed by the town for the opioid settlement. 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.

Brian left the Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services for approval. The town is expected to receive a settlement of \$80,549 after fees. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to approve the amendment to 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.

Brian left insurance renewal agreements for approval. The total renewal cost came in at \$166,194 for property, liability, auto, surplus earthquake, cyber, worker's comp, and accident coverage. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to approve the insurance renewal, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

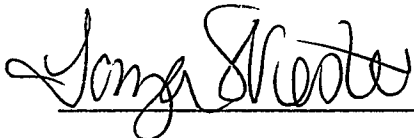
Parks & Rec: The council discussed the sports park playground. They decided to level it and wait until after the bike park is finished to develop it further.

Old Business: The council discussed visiting the Huntingburg water plant and seeing their solar panel installation. They set a time for April 29 at 11am Eastern Time.

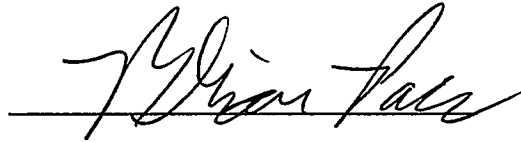
Misty will work on sending out letters to solicit Christmas light donations.

Claims: Ron Whitledge made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$773,765.04, 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 Ron Whitledge to recess the 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