

July 5, 2022

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order July 5, 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 Kim Burnett to approve the June 20, 2022 regular meeting minutes and June 20, 2022 executive 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 updated the council. They are making good progress on the transmission main easements. They haven't received a response from Boonville on the Baker Rd easement, but he doesn't think it'll be necessary to go through condemnation. It's likely that they are busy, but Josh will reach out again. Center Point's line may be deep enough in the Taylor Ave ditch that we can go forward, Michael can provide more detail.

Josh presented Ordinance 2022-04, an ordinance amending penalties for nuisances. Josh explained that it increases the fines to \$50 for a first offense, \$200 for a second, \$500 for a third, and reduces the period for remediation after an official abatement notice to 7 days. Josh also mentioned that each day after the notice period is a violation, so the fines can be added daily after 7 days. Tonya felt we may have to resort to adding fines daily since some of the repeat offenders haven't attempted to mow their lawns. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve Ordinance 2022-04 on first reading, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Police Chief: Report emailed.

Fire Chief: Report emailed. The fire department's still waiting for the truck to ship.

Director of Public Services: Report emailed. Rob asked the council to pay out all of Bryan's time as a retirement gift since he's served the town so long. The council discussed establishing a policy for retiring employees. Cheryl suggested paying out all vacation and personal time for retiring employees with 20 years of service that retire after June 1 instead of prorating as is required by the employee handbook. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve paying out all vacation and personal time for retirees with 20 years of service that retire after June 1, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Utility Administrator: Report emailed. Tonya briefly summarized Misty's report including 2 new cameras that will be installed at the Community Center and the elimination of the utility receipt's tax.

Environmental Manager: Report emailed. Habitat entered into a purchase agreement for Evanda Estates. They are planning to build USDA homes. Michael also reminded the council a public hearing is scheduled on July 18 for zoning standards and August 1 for stormwater fees. Michael also informed the council that Center Point's line is deep enough that he can go forward with ditch maintenance.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed. Brian updated the council and all the Christmas lights have been received. Brian also reminded the council that the line of credit we have with LNB will expire and asked for authorization to sign the renewal documents. The line of credit will be renewed as is with credit cards for department heads and administrative assistant: Bob, Misty, Spencer, Michael, Brian, Rob, and Wendy. The council approved the renewal.

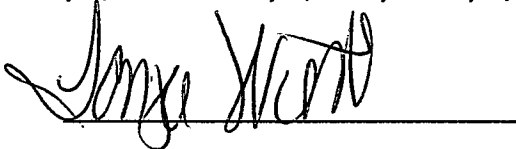
Parks and Rec: Kim has concerns with the signage pricing. She thought the original estimate for signage included more than just the bike park, but also the other trails that were discussed. Tonya said the cost would only make sense if they aren't cheap or flimsy signs. She suggested having them show us examples of the signage they want to install. Kim added that they plan to use printed aluminum. Ron agreed that we need additional clarification. After discussing, the council agreed to table signage for now.

New Business: Cheryl discussed the front right field and mentioned it's in poor shape. Tonya let the council know that the team that originally leased it is no longer leasing it and it's been unmaintained, but one of our other team's may know a group that would be willing to lease and maintain it. Tonya will contact him.

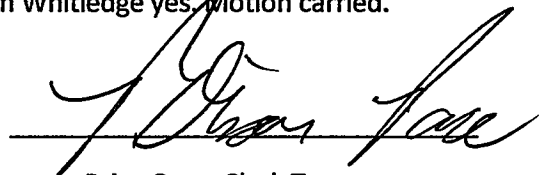
Sandy mentioned someone approached and is interested in purchasing the old town hall. Josh listed 3 ways for us to sell the property, get 2 or 3 appraisals and sell it for the average of the appraised values, sell it at auction, or post it for sale and negotiate with a realtor if no one bids within 60 days. Josh added that if there's a specific project the town would like to see the building used for, we could advertise bids for the project instead. Tonya asked if we could get a realtor's opinion first to estimate the value and Josh said we could, but they will have an expectation of representing us if we decide to sell it. Michael asked about protecting the use of the building and Josh said he'll look into it. Michael also suggested getting an estimate from an auctioneer. Cheryl mentioned that she doesn't like to see it sit and suggested looking into selling it. Tony asked Brian to add it to the agenda under old business.

Claims: Sandy Elder made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$451,297.96, 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 Kim Burnett 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