

February 6, 2023

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order February 6, 2023, at the Chandler Town Hall, 401 E. Lincoln Ave. at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call: Present - Cheryl Amos, Sandy Elder, Tonya Wester, Ron Whitledge

Remote - Kim Burnett

Absent -

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Minutes for the January 17, 2023 regular and executive meeting were presented to the council. Sandy noticed the year was incorrect in the minutes. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the minutes with the year corrected, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call**: Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett abstain, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Town Attorney: Josh notified the council that's he's talking with Boonville's attorney regarding the fire department.

Police Chief: Report emailed.

Fire Chief: Report emailed. The new truck is in full service.

Director of Public Services: Report emailed. Rob submitted pay app #3 for the Jenner Rd project for a net amount of \$312,381.85 to be paid to BMB Inc. The hatch issue has been addressed and we're waiting for it to be cast. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve the pay app, 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 pay app #9 for the Phosphorous Removal project to release retainage of \$28,660 to be paid to Ragle Inc. This will be the final pay app for the construction. Motion was made by Sandy Elder to approve the pay app, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call**: Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Rob submitted a copy of a lease to the council to allow Mosbey to farm the land near the sewer plant. We've sectioned off areas for our use, increased the rent to \$2,550, and increased the term of the lease to 3 years, but everything else remains the same. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the lease, 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. Misty submitted a fee justification document from BLN for the ADA update to the council for approval. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to approve the document, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Environmental Manager: Report emailed. Michael submitted a contract for our Water Characterization report with Christopher Burke Engineering which is now required for the stormwater. Michael explained that many people in the area are using Christopher for their reports too. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve the contract, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Michael presented information on a house located at Holy Dr. and asked the council how they would like to approach it. After some discussion the council decided to start the abatement process. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to issue an abatement notice, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call**: Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Tonya asked Michael an update on 210 N lowa. Michael said he spoke with the owners recently and there's a title issue that's slowing them down, but they expect it to be resolved and are still making progress. Cheryl asked Michael if he's received any questions or concerns about Thorpe Lane. Michael said he hasn't received any complaints about the area. Cheryl asked Michael to look at the houses since she thinks several aren't in living condition and some could be unoccupied.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed. Brian informed the council Bob wanted to purchase batteries and paddles for our defibrillators using our opioid litigation money. Brian asked the council if they'd prefer to use the restricted funds and the council agreed. Tonya suggested using restricted funds whenever possible since it'll be harder to spend, she also asked Brian to send the opioid information to the fire department so we can get their ideas on what to use the money for. Tonya also suggested getting community input for how to use the money.

Brian asked if the council would be interested in using the Community Center to host an early voting location. He informed them that people can always vote early at the court house. The council discussed and agreed that it would be an unnecessary expense since everyone is running unopposed, but they would reconsider if the cost was minimal.

Brian explained that our current CCD tax rate is below the maximum .05 that's allowed and we will have to host a public hearing if we'd like to raise it. Baker Tilly recommended a public hearing in March to meet deadlines in May. The council agreed to hold a public hearing at the first meeting of March.

Brian submitted a lake maintenance contract with Aquatic Control and explained that we can get a 3% discount if we pay in full before April 1. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to approve the contract, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call**: Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Old Business: Tonya asked about fundraising again for Christmas lights. Misty said she'll get the list ready to send out again. Cheryl suggested we could generate more interest this time since we have the display at the park.

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Claims: Sandy Elder made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$746,032.63, 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 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