

April 17, 2023

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order April 17, 2023, 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: Minutes for the April 3, 2023, regular meeting minutes and April 13, 2023 executive meeting minutes were presented to the council. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to approve the minutes, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Annexations: Tonya closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for annexations. Josh presented ordinances for 3 super voluntary annexations and 1 vacation.

Josh presented Ordinance 2023-07 to vacate Paula Dr. Josh explained that the easement on Paula Dr continues into the property owned by Charles Macer. They agreed to have their property annexed if we can vacate the easement to allow them to develop all the land.

Josh presented Ordinance 2023-04, 2023-05, and 2023-06 for super voluntary annexations of properties owned by petitioners John F. Davis, Charles B. Macer, and M&M Investments. Tonya mentioned that there were concerns about target shooting on the property but assured the owners we've already created an ordinance allowing property larger than 5 acres to continue to practice target shooting after an annexation into the town.

Tonya invited public comments and received none. Michael mentioned that John Davis and M&M properties are wanting to start developing as soon as possible. Tonya closed the public hearing and invited a council member to make a motion to suspend the rules and approve the annexations. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to suspend the rules and approve ordinances on the first reading, 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 Cheryl Amos to approve ordinances 2023-04, 2023-05, 2023-06, 2023-07 on the first reading, second by Kim Burnett. **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. Josh mentioned the final closing for the bonds is this Friday and we've already done the pre-closing. Josh added he's discussed some long-term planning with about the APC with Michael and is optimistic about converting the railroad to a trail. Once the owners agree to release the railroad for use, he expects most of the cost will be covered by grants. The fire department is

interested in a partnership with the Boonville Fire Department. He connected with Boonville's attorney and is working on the details of the agreement.

Police Chief: Report emailed. Kirk submitted a list of surplus items and asked if the town would be willing to surplus those items and give them to Lynnville to help equip their new town marshal, Michael Mitchell. Motion was made by Kim Burnett to surplus the items submitted by Kirk, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Tonya mentioned that Kirk is the interim chief of police and invited a council member to make a motion to officially appoint him as the chief. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to appoint Kirk Tevault as the chief of police, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief: Report emailed. Tonya let everyone know the sirens will no longer be used for fire alarms, but they will still be used for storm warnings and weekly tests.

Director of Public Services: Report emailed. Rob mentioned that Kyle and Matt have returned to work. Bryan is still out, and Rob will send a letter to the state to have Alex become the interim operator.

Tonya discussed creating an assistant director position to prepare for Rob's retirement so that a person can train in the job. Cheryl thought that would be the best way to transition. Ron agrees with the position, but we'll need to discuss the salary. Tonya said it should be less than what Rob earns, maybe \$65,500. Cheryl added that they wouldn't have a vehicle, but Tonya suggested allowing them to have a phone. After some discussion, the council agreed \$66,000 would be a good salary. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos create an assistant director position with a yearly salary of \$66,000 and be provided a cell phone, second by Sandy Elder. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Kim Burnett yes, Sandy Elder yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Utility Administrator: Report emailed.

Environmental Manager: Report emailed. Michael thanked the council for their support on the annexations and vacation and Tonya thanked him for doing the work. Michael updated the council on 202 North Kentucky property, one car was removed and they've taken some steps to clean up the property. He's still working on getting a contractor there and has one quote. He's also trying to get a combined quote with 816 E Washington. There was some activity on 210 N Iowa and talked with a potential buyer. Tonya suggested developing a standard procedure for hiring a contractor to handle abatements to speed up the process. Rob mentioned that we used to do some of that ourselves and Tonya asked if our employees could handle that in winter when our maintenance slows down. Rob agreed.

Michael added that he spoke with the county about strategic planning meeting. Their meeting will be in June, and he asked the council to set a planning session so he can represent our interests. After some discussion, the council agreed to meet at 4:30 on April 26 for a planning session.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed.

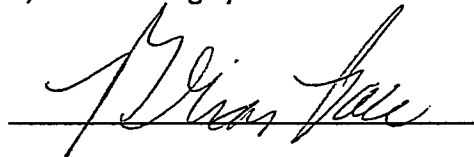
Parks and Rec: Sandy asked if they treated the lake yet. Misty said they are looking rough, but she's not sure. She'll make a note to ask Brian about it.

Claims: Cheryl Amos made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$330,427.74, second by Sandy Elder. **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.

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Tonya Wester, Council President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brian Pace", written over a horizontal line.

Brian Pace, Clerk Treasurer