



January 21, 2025

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order January 21, 2025, at the Chandler Town Hall, 401 E. Lincoln Ave. at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call: Present - Cheryl Amos, Tom Burnett, Sarah Eller, Tonya Wester, Ron Whitledge

Absent –

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Minutes for the December 16, 2024, regular meeting, December 20, 2024 executive meeting, and January 9, 2025 special meeting were presented to the council. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve the minutes, second by Tom Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller abstain, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: Cheryl Amos nominated Tonya as president, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller abstain, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Tom Burnett nominated Ron as vice president, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller abstain, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Town Attorney: Chandler attended in Josh's place. He presented the 2025 attorney agreement for approval. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the agreement, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Chandler presented Culligan's CF-1 form. He summarized their performance, and wages are higher than expected. Tonya added that their abatement should be ending soon. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve the form, second by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Police Chief: Report emailed.

Fire Chief: Report emailed. Spencer reported that they're starting to shop for furniture. He asked to surplus their Rescue 23 vehicle and donate it to Skelton Fire Department. He doesn't believe it'll sell for much since it's so specialized. Cheryl asked if he knew the market value. Spencer asked if the council could agree to surplus it, then he'll look up the market value to determine if it's worth posting for bids before donating it. Motion was made by Sarah Eller to surplus Rescue 23, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Director of Public Services: Report emailed. Tyler presented pay app #15. Tonya reminded him it was approved last meeting, but they didn't have a copy to sign.

Tyler presented a contract with Egis for the Wastewater Asset management Plan. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve the agreement, second by Sarah Eller. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Tyler presented a contract with Egis to relocate a watermain on Epworth. He explained that due to construction by the county and state, we will have to relocate the watermain. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the agreement, second by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Tyler informed the council that the Wastewater CIP is finished and contains 21 projects, with 10 being focused on collection systems and 9 dedicated to upgrades at the plant. He explained that it's needed to qualify for some grants.

Tyler informed the council he will go forward with the purchase of the truck from Uebelhor since it was the lowest bid.

Utility Administrator: Report emailed.

Environmental Manager: Report emailed. Michael told the council they are still working on cleaning up from the storm. He said the leaf pickup schedule is published and it's a bigger job than usual this time. David Ballew is on board and has already helped with a LOMA letter.

Michael reminded the council he would like to purchase the surplus vehicle from the police department. He feels it's the lowest cost opportunity to get a new vehicle and he's hoping to utilize the old firehouse to expand the street/storm department. The vehicle will allow more independent work. Tonya asked if the vehicle would stay here, and Michael said yes. Kirk gave an estimate of \$4,100 to \$5,175 for the current market value. Cheryl asked if a truck would be more useful. Tonya mentioned the 2nd truck is older, and we have the dump truck. Ron thought a truck would be more appropriate too. Tonya said she's not concerned about the SUV, but sometimes we have to make do. Cheryl said driving with gas operated equipment in an SUV would be a safety hazard. Tonya asked if Kirk would surplus another vehicle next year. Kirk said it's possible, but he doesn't currently have any plans. Tonya asked for any motions and received none.

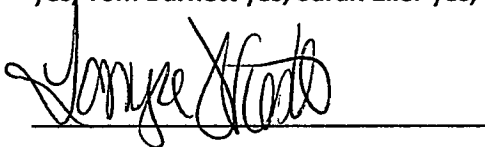
Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed. Brian announced his resignation. His last day will be February 11. He explained that he couldn't pass up a career opportunity with the City of Evansville. He informed the council that the Democrat party has scheduled a caucus on February 4 and he'll inform them of his replacement as soon as he learns who it is. The council congratulated him.

New Business: Tonya suggested replacing the part-time employee in the billing office with a full-time employee since she is retiring soon. The new person could act as a support role for department heads and spend some of their time floating between departments. Cheryl reminded everyone that we've had secretaries before, but the town has grown since. Brian warned they may need to budget a portion of their income from the general fund to avoid audit comments. Ron asked to clarify how many full-time employees will be there with the new one and Misty said 4. Tom said he thinks it'll be good. Sarah said she would need more information. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve the new position,

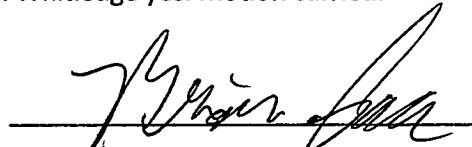
second by Tom Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller abstain, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Claims: Cheryl Amos made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$477,691.82, second by Sarah Eller. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to recess the meeting, second by Sarah Eller. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

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Tonya Wester, Council President

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Brian Pace, Clerk Treasurer