

February 3, 2025

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order February 3, 2025, at the Chandler Town Hall, 401 E. Lincoln Ave. at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent - Cheryl Amos

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Minutes for the January 21st regular meeting were presented to the council. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the minute with corrections, second by Sarah Eller. Roll call: Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Town Attorney: Joshua Clayborn presented Ordinance 2025-01 regarding changing the site review process. He stated the current rules allow for submitted plan to remain active indefinitely. Tom asked for clarification. Tonya explained permits have limited time, but site review is a separate process and can be approved before permit is issued. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to suspend the rules, seconded by Sarah Eller. **Roll call**: Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried. Motion was made by Tom Burnett to pass on first read, seconded by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call**: Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Josh informed us Mr. Combs is looking into purchasing real estate and is interested in voluntary annexation. No action is needed now. Michael Bell clarified that Schlag is the purchaser, and they have also purchased the racetrack. Michael said they are interested in developing single family properties on real estate. Ron asked if these were legally separated. Michael was unable to answer due to many changes happening at the time. Tyler was working on getting sewer there looking for cost effective options. Tonya asked for an estimated start. Michael said maybe August.

Police Chief: Report emailed.

Fire Chief: Report emailed. Spencer asked how to handle the surplus truck. Tonya suggested bids. Brian said that he could have bids mailed to Town Hall. Tonya said that the Town has gotten its money's worth since the fire department is busy.

Director of Public Services: Report emailed. Tyler presented pay app #3 in the amount of \$83,442.60 for Telephone Rd to Aigner Construction. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge, seconded by Sarah Eller. **Roll call**: Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

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Utility Administrator: Report emailed. Clair attended in Misty's place. Clair presented write-off checks. Sarah noticed God is Good was one of the payees. She said she thought they had an office in Evansville, and we should try to contact them before writing it off. Josh agreed and said he thought there was a West side location. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the remainder of the write-off checks. Sarah Eller seconded. **Roll call:** Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Environmental Manager: Report emailed. Michael said that Josh touched on most major discussion points he had.

Clerk Treasurer: Report emailed. Brian presented information on getting his surety bond refunded to the Town. He suggested that the bond maybe be transferable. Tonya authorized signing once the completed form was presented to the council. Motion was made by Ron and seconded by Tom. **Roll call:** Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Brian presented the Baker Tilly agreement for approval. He also suggested that it be used to support the replacement Clerk-Treasurer close the year in case he couldn't assist. Tonya and Ron asked the cost and Tonya wanted to know how many hours he estimated, but Brian said he wasn't sure. Brian said that data entry is the most time-consuming part. Motion was made by Ron and seconded by Sarah. Roll call: Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Claims: Tom asked about late penalties. Tonya said that Misty called to get them removed. Sarah made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$1,180,713.61, second by Tom. Roll call: Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Paul Cron mentioned that power was never disconnected from the billboard. Josh mentioned that he would follow up but knew that it had been delayed at first due to the weather.

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

Tonya Wester, Council President

Kayla Litton, Clerk Treasurer