

March 17, 2025

### Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order March 17, 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** – none

#### Pledge of Allegiance

**Minutes:** Minutes for the March 3rd regular meeting were presented to the council. Cheryl noted two typographical errors (“Main Street” was incorrect, should be “Monroe Street” and Ron Whitledge was mistakenly referred to as “Ron Burnett”). Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve the minutes with the corrections mentioned, seconded by Sarah Eller. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos, yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

**Citizen Comments:** Representatives from the Chandler Lions Club—Tammy Osha, Jenn Young, and Terra Nord — attended the meeting. Tammy presented upcoming fundraising events to support local disaster relief for the recent mine subsidence event. Events include four Give Back nights – March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Evansville Thunderbolts hockey game, March 31<sup>st</sup> at the East Side Texas Roadhouse location, April 7 at Bandana’s BBQ, and April 14<sup>th</sup> at Azzip in Newburgh. Flyers were distributed, and the Lions Club requested that promotional materials be made available at Town Hall and shared via the town’s social media. The Council agreed.

The Lions Club also inquired about hosting a “Bucket Shake” fundraiser at the intersection of State Street and Lincoln Avenue. Discussion followed regarding safety and jurisdiction. The Council determined that the aforementioned intersection is under town control and not state jurisdiction. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve Bucket Shake pending event coordination, seconded by Sarah Eller. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos, yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

**Town Attorney:** Town Attorney Joshua Claybourn presented the second reading of Ordinance 2025-02, amending Sections 52.02 and 52.03 of the municipal code regarding wastewater pretreatment. Utilities Director Tyler Kinder explained that the update was prompted by inspection recommendations from IDEM, including stricter pollutant limitations and increased fine amounts. Motion was made by Sarah Eller to approve on second reading, seconded 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. Chief Kirk Tevault reported applicant testing is tentatively scheduled for April. Written exams may be held at the Town Hall due to logistical concerns at the high school.

**Fire Chief:** Chief Spencer Wester noted ongoing progress on the new fire station. Bid submissions for the decommissioned truck are due at the next meeting. He commended the Water Department's rapid response during a recent fire emergency, highlighting the effective coordination enabled by notification software.

**Director of Public Services:** Tyler Kinder presented a standard contract agreement with engineers working on Phase 4 of the Oak Grove Road widening project. The project, managed by the county, will require relocation of the water main. Motion was made by Tom Burnett to approve on second reading, seconded by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos, yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Tyler also shared plans to implement a formal encroachment agreement for utility crossings to protect town infrastructure. No vote was required at this time.

**Utility Administrator:** Misty Denk reported ongoing coordination with Homeland Security regarding mine subsidence matters. No action requested.

**Environmental Manager:** Michael Bell requested fee waivers for mechanical permits related to the 26 homes affected by the mine subsidence incident through the end of the year. Motion was made by Cheryl Amos to approve waiver of permitting fees for the affected homes through December 31, 2025, seconded by Tom Burnett. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos, yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Next, Michael requested permission to sign a letter of consent with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to begin exploratory drilling in the affected neighborhood. This is a preliminary step toward a multi-million-dollar grouting project to stabilize the area. Motion was made by Ron Whitledge to approve the signing of letter of consent, seconded by Sarah Eller. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos, yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester yes, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

Michael also noted preparations for an IDEM audit, the MS4 annual report due April 1, and developments related to the Redevelopment Commission and potential offers on property near the fire station. It was confirmed that Sandy Elder remains a valid member of the Commission despite resigning from the Council.

**Clerk-Treasurer:** Kayla Litton was attending training and had no report. Claims emailed. Misty Denk attended in her place.

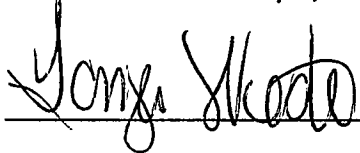
**New Business:** Councilmember Ron Whitledge presented a request from a resident at 344 Fuquay Road to be included in the BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) grant application due to past flooding, or, alternatively if that is not allowed, file a separate BRIC grant application for the 344 Fuquay Road property. Motion was made by Sarah Eller to support the request to include the property in the current BRIC grant application but failed to get a second. Motion died.

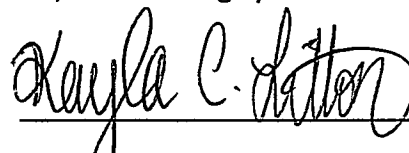
**Old Business:** The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 12, 2025, at the Chandler Community Center. Setup begins at 8:30 a.m., with the event starting at 10:00 a.m. The Lions Club will assist again this year. Volunteers and donations are still being accepted.

**Claims:** Cheryl Amos made a motion to approve claims as presented in the amount of \$414,844.65, seconded by Sarah Eller. **Roll call:** Cheryl Amos yes, Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester, absent, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion was made by Sarah Eller to recess the meeting, seconded by Ron Whitledge.

**Roll call:** Tom Burnett yes, Sarah Eller yes, Tonya Wester absent, Ron Whitledge yes. Motion carried.

  
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Tonya Wester, Council President

  
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Kayla Litton, Clerk Treasurer