

July 7, 2025

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order on July 7, 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: Motion to approve the minutes from June 16, 2025, as presented was made by Sarah Eller and seconded by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call vote:** Cheryl Amos – yes; Tom Burnett – yes; Sarah Eller – yes; Tonya Wester – yes; Ron Whitledge – yes. **Motion passed.**

Recognition: Fire Cadet Isaac Lindsey was recognized for being named the 2025 Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Association Junior Firefighter of the Year. Isaac gave a brief speech detailing the competition and expressed his appreciation to the Town of Chandler and supporting departments. Isaac received a standing ovation from all in attendance.

Citizen Comments: Darrin Clifton provided a detailed update regarding ongoing code enforcement issues at his residence. He recounted efforts made since January 2025 to compel compliance from contractors who had performed unpermitted work. He noted delays in follow-up communications and inconsistencies between letters issued by the Town and his understanding of the violations. Council members and staff, including Michael Bell and Attorney Josh Claybourn, confirmed the timeline of notices, inspection visits, and contractor responses. The council affirmed its position to begin enforcing fines per the Chandler Municipal Code. Discussion included options for clarifying discrepancies in letters for legal documentation purposes.

Presentation: Rodney Nicholson of River City Wireless gave a presentation on his company's efforts to expand broadband access within the Chandler area. He requested information on zoning requirements and special use permits for the potential installation of a wireless tower within city limits. Council referred him to speak with the Environmental Manager and Area Plan Commission for guidance.

Town Attorney: Ordinance 2025-06, regarding hydrant meter rental fees, was brought forward for second reading. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-06 on second reading was made by Ron Whitledge and seconded by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call vote:** Cheryl Amos – yes; Tom Burnett – yes; Sarah Eller – yes; Tonya Wester – yes; Ron Whitledge – yes. Motion passed.

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Ordinance 2025-07, establishing a Cross Connection Control Program, was introduced. Tyler Kinder explained the ordinance was required by IDEM to formalize the existing backflow prevention program managed by PSI. Motion to suspend the rules to allow adoption on first reading was made by Ron Whitledge and seconded by Cheryl Amos. **Roll call vote:** Cheryl Amos – yes; Tom Burnett – yes; Sarah Eller – yes; Tonya Wester – yes; Ron Whitledge – yes. **Motion passed.**

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-07 on first reading was made by Cheryl Amos and seconded by Sarah Eller. **Roll call vote:** Cheryl Amos – yes; Tom Burnett – yes; Sarah Eller – yes; Tonya Wester – yes; Ron Whitledge – yes. **Motion passed.**

Police Chief: Chief Tevault reported the department's two new officers are scheduled to begin training in Plainfield in September and should graduate December 19.

Fire Chief: Spencer Wester requested and received verbal approval to repost the surplus fire truck on govdeals.com after a failed sealed bid sale. He also proposed increasing the firefighter disability benefit from \$290/week to \$800/week for an annual cost of \$672. Council supported the change by consensus. Council was informed that the concrete pour for the new fire station floor was scheduled to begin at 4:00 a.m. the next day. The Billboard contractor continues to delay work; Spencer noted excuses given due to rain were likely not valid.

Director of Public Services: Tyler Kinder presented a purchase agreement for the acquisition of the water plant property (three parcels) for \$330,000. A phase one environmental study will be conducted. Motion to accept the purchase agreement was made by Cheryl Amos and seconded by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call vote:** Cheryl Amos – yes; Tom Burnett – yes; Sarah Eller – yes; Tonya Wester – yes; Ron Whitledge – yes. **Motion passed.**

Utility Administrator: Misty requested approval to move forward with the OCRA planning grant application process for a comprehensive plan update. A public hearing will be held during the August 4, 2025, council meeting. Motion to proceed with the grant application was made by Cheryl Amos and seconded by Tom Burnett. **Roll call vote:** Cheryl Amos – yes; Tom Burnett – yes; Sarah Eller – yes; Tonya Wester – yes; Ron Whitledge – yes. **Motion passed.**

Environmental Manager: Chandler has applied for RED (Rural Empowerment and Development) support in partnership with the county. Results are expected in August. The agreement with Lochmueller Group for the Public Works Design Manual update has been reviewed by legal counsel and is ready for signature. Conversations with engineers are underway to update the stormwater section. Speedway development rezoning and parceling plans are moving forward. The developer intends to begin with four apartment buildings (72 units).

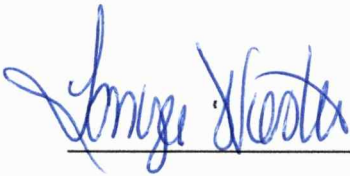
Clerk-Treasurer: Kayla Litton presented the renewal agreement with Ohio Township for council signature. No other new business. Council declined to sign at this time, citing the need to look into the agreement and get more data.

Claims: Council reviewed claims totaling \$ 1,837,969.83. There were no questions or discussion. Motion to approve claims as presented was made by Sarah Eller and seconded by Cheryl Amos.

Roll call vote: Cheryl Amos – absent; Tom Burnett – yes; Sarah Eller – yes; Ron Whitledge – yes; Tonya Wester – yes. **Motion passed.**

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Cheryl Amos and seconded by Sarah Eller to recess the meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 21, 2025. **Meeting adjourned.**



Tonya Wester, Council President



Kayla Litton, Clerk Treasurer

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