

Aug 4, 2025

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order on Aug 4, 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: Council reviewed the minutes from the July 21, 2025, meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Ron Whitledge 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.**

Public Comment: Susan Haymaker, 326 Wabash Circle, addressed concerns about covenant violations in the Heim Ridge subdivision, including large campers parked beyond setback requirements and overgrown weeds/mowing issues behind fences. Council explained that covenant enforcement falls to the homeowners association, but town ordinances cover weed control and certain parking restrictions for RVs/accessory structures. Ms. Haymaker was advised to submit specific addresses to the ordinance enforcement email or speak with Michael Bell. She also asked about the county leash law, which Council confirmed is in effect.

Town Attorney: Josh Claybourn reviewed the draft Fourth Amendment to the Cooperation Agreement with Ohio Township, noting key terms: extending the agreement to June 30, increasing annual payment to \$20,000, updating insurance provisions, and finalizing an equipment list agreed upon by the volunteer fire department and Ohio Township. Ohio Township also offered to fund upgraded reporting software at no cost to the town. Council discussed authorizing approval once Exhibit D and software details are finalized but tabled the matter to the August 18 meeting to allow full review. Josh also addressed the removal of the billboard near the fire station. The sign structure has been removed, but the remaining concrete pad and steel footer were discussed. Council consensus was to have the pad taken below grade to allow for fill and mowing, with possible removal to 30 inches below grade for future use considerations. Michael Bell will continue coordinating with the property owner to complete the work.

Police Chief: Chief Kirk Tevault reported that an officer will begin the police academy on September 2 at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, allowing earlier completion than the Evansville program. Officers will reside at the academy during the week.

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Fire Department: Chief Spencer Wester reported that an offer of \$5,000 was received from Ohio Township for the old rescue truck, which will be repurposed for trench rescue use county-wide. Motion to approve the sale for \$5,000 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.**

Concrete work at the fire station continues, with the back area scheduled for completion this week. Anticipated move-in is before the end of the month.

Director of Public Services: Tyler Kinder presented Change Order #3 for the Telephone Road project, decreasing the contract by \$6,000 to allow town staff to complete valve riser adjustments when the road work resumes in 2026. Motion to approve was made by Sarah Eller 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.**

Tyler also presented the final pay application (6) for the Telephone Road project in the amount of \$430,897.40, closing out the project. Motion to approve was made by Tom Burnett 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.**

Tyler further discussed banner pole options for park and highway lighting. Council approved purchasing two single banner poles for use with the new lights to take advantage of combined shipping costs.

Utility Administrator: In Misty Denk’s absence, Tyler Kinder presented a new collections agreement with Hoosier Account Services to replace the town’s previous provider, which is no longer in business. Motion to approve the agreement 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.**

Environmental Manager: Michael Bell recommended hiring Dave Ballew to replace the vacant Level 3 Stormwater Technician position, noting Dave’s qualifications and current service as the town’s contracted floodplain manager. Council discussed that the role would differ from the prior position and may require a revised job description and salary ordinance update. By consensus, Council scheduled executive sessions for August 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and August 18, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. to review department structure, job descriptions, and future staffing needs before taking action.

Clerk-Treasurer: Kayla Litton presented a temporary interfund loan authorization of \$65,000 from the General Fund to the Payroll Fund. Motion to approve was made by Sarah Eller and seconded Cheryl amos. **Roll call vote:** Cheryl Amos – yes; Tom Burnett – yes; Sarah Eller – yes; Tonya Wester – yes; Ron Whitledge – yes. **Motion passed.**

Claims: Council reviewed claims totaling \$483,061.99. Motion to approve claims as presented was made by Cheryl Amos and seconded by Ron Whitledge. **Roll call vote:** Cheryl Amos – yes; Tom Burnett – yes;

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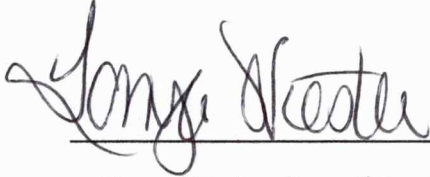
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Sarah Eller – yes; Tonya Wester – yes; Ron Whitledge – yes. **Motion passed.**

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Ron Whitledge and seconded by Cheryl Amos until the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 18, 2025. All in favor. **Meeting adjourned.**



Tonya Wester, Council President



Kayla Litton, Clerk Treasurer