

September 15, 2025

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order on September 15, 2025, at the Chandler Town Hall, 401 E. Lincoln Ave. at 6:00 p.m.

Present – Cheryl Amos, Tom Burnett, Sarah Eller, Tonya Wester, Ron Whitledge

Absent – none

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen Comments: Tammy Osha and Jen Young of the Lions Club briefed Council on Celebration Day event logistics, including parade lineup/judging at the park, restroom access, traffic control coordination with the Police Department, and vendor/booth updates. Council and the Lions Club discussed staging, road control points, and access needs for participants and spectators.

Susan Cowen and **Scott Finley** from Baker Tilly presented an overview of the 2026 Budget. They reviewed: (1) Due to SEA 1, the circuit-breaker loss is projected to increase from about \$35,525 (~3%) in 2025 to about \$105,887 (~7.5%) in 2026, reducing net property-tax revenues available to operating funds; (2) preliminary cash-flow outlook by key operating funds and the need to align budgets with recurring revenues (e.g., MVH and PS LIT pressure points); (3) considerations for balancing PS-LIT and General Fund support for public safety; and (4) timelines/options for appeals and October public hearing/adoption steps. Baker Tilly noted the Town is eligible for a three-year levy growth appeal of \$106,003—the last year to apply—which requires Council approval before the October 21st DLGF deadline; the 2026 rate estimates shown include the eligible appeal amount.

Minutes: Council reviewed executive session minutes from September 2nd, 2025. Motion to approve minutes was made by **Sarah Eller** 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.**

Town Attorney: Joshua Claybourn asked Council to consider extension of an existing Bond Anticipation Note (BAN). Extending the BAN maintains financing continuity. Motion 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.**

Josh asked Council about two voluntary annexation petitions for properties contiguous to Town limits in the area behind the Community Center, one for 76 acres and one for 2 acres. It was decided that he will draft two annexation ordinances and return them for Council consideration.

Police Chief: Chief Kirk Tevault reported that National Night Out will be on October 7th.

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Fire Department: Nothing new to report. Council discussed registration issues identified in BMV records. Cheryl Amos asked Clerk-Treasurer Kayla Litton why the Fire Department brush truck showed expired tags (June). Litton explained she had submitted the registration multiple times and the BMV returned it. Cheryl pointed out that Tyler and Kirk also had missing plates and directed that the matter be resolved immediately. Tonya asked Kirk to verify registrations and confirm that the Clerk-Treasurer's updates are reflected at BMV.

Director of Public Services: Tyler Kinder discussed ongoing street patching. If scheduling issues with the current vendor persist, he will secure a new contractor to complete the work.

Utility Administrator: Council directed the purchase of the Wrath of Calypso playset from AAA State of Play, the model preferred by the Lions Club. The Lions Club will provide a Donny Derrington Memorial grant match for up to \$5,200. Shipping will be additional; an additional appropriation may be required. Misty will proceed with ordering and return with any appropriation request.

Environmental Director: Michael Bell requested to correct a prior reference in Resolution 2021-15. Council accepted the lot change from Lot 3 to Lot 2 and designated the public drive as Pine Tree Drive. Motion was made by Tom Burnett 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.**

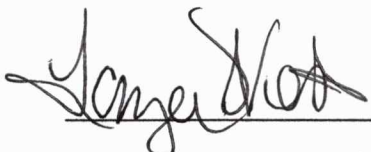
Cheryl Amos reported activity at the closed Kemper's Market site and asked Michael Bell if he knew what was going on there. He confirmed the building remains de-energized and may not be re-energized without inspection and approval. Cheryl informed him that she saw people working in the building with headlamps and a van labelled Whiting Construction. Misty let the Council and Michael know that someone had dropped off boxes of photographs from Kemper's Market at the Town Hall.

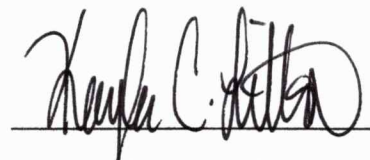
Clerk-Treasurer: Nothing additional to report.

Claims: Council reviewed claims totaling \$359,237.62. Motion to approve claims as presented 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.**

Adjournment

Motion was made by Sarah Eller and seconded by Tom Burnett to recess until the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 6th. **Roll call vote:** Cheryl Amos – **yes**; Tom Burnett – **yes**; Sarah Eller – **yes**; Tonya Wester – **yes**; Ron Whitledge – **yes**. **Motion passed.**



Tonya Wester, Council President

Kayla Litton, Clerk Treasurer

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