

September 2, 2025

Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order on September 2, 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

Minutes: Council reviewed executive session minutes from August 7, August 18, and August 26, 2025. Motion to approve the August 7, August 18, and August 26 executive session minutes 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.**

Council then reviewed regular meeting minutes from August 18, 2025. Motion to approve the August 18, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented 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.**

Citizen Comments: Susan Haymaker of 326 Wabash Circle addressed Council regarding two recent pit bull attacks in her subdivision. She described her own encounter, which required police and animal control response, and expressed concern that the attacking dog was returned to its owner without a 10-day quarantine. She urged stricter enforcement and higher fines.

Council discussed:

- Responsibility for enforcement lies with Warrick County Animal Control.
- State law classifies unrestrained dog attacks as a Class C misdemeanor, with escalating penalties for repeat offenses
- Council encouraged residents to report loose dogs to Warrick County Dispatch (812-897-1200) to ensure incidents are documented
- Council agreed to review Chandler's ordinances for alignment with county statute and potential fine levels

Town Attorney: Joshua Claybourn was present but had nothing new to report.

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Police Chief: Chief Kirk Tevault reported that National Night Out will be moved to the Community Center due to parking concerns. He also requested review of part-time officer pay rate (last set at \$25.96/hr in 2024). Discussion indicated this requires amendment to the salary ordinance; matter will be revisited at next meeting. Kirk also informed the Council that the two new officers are at the academy and things were going well.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Spencer Wester stated that the new fire station is operational. There is an open house planned for October. He noted pending installation of flagpoles and parking lot lining. Spencer announced an award of a \$27,400 grant from the Warrick County Commissioners for a LUCAS automatic CPR device. Requested \$1,373.99 from opioid settlement restricted funds to install an onboard charger so the device is always powered. Council consented to the use of opioid restricted funds.

Director of Public Services: Tyler Kinder presented the renewal of contract agreement with Kevin Mosby for farming 15 acres adjacent to the maintenance garage (2026–2028, same terms). Motion to approve renewal 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.** Tyler reported ongoing projects related to parks and equipment:

Discussed replacement of 20-year-old side-arm mower/tractor. Repair would cost \$10,000–\$12,000; replacement quotes received:

- John Deere – approx. \$111,000
- Kubota – approx. \$125,000
- New Holland – \$52,000 (after trade-in) + \$15,000 attachment

Council discussed attachment options and determined the long-reach boom (\$27,000) would be most effective. Motion to approve purchase of New Holland tractor/mower with long-reach boom for \$79,000, funded from MVH, 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.**

Utility Administrator: Misty Denk reported lake treatment with coloring has been successful in controlling algae; cost to add coloring in future years would be approx. \$150 annually. **She** reported preparations for Halloween and Christmas events, with increased community group participation. Misty discussed fundraising ideas for upcoming events (raffles, T-shirts, donations). She announced department head monthly meetings will resume for improved coordination. She noted ongoing park lighting installations; Council requested cost estimates for adding lights at Town Hall.

Environmental Director: Michael Bell submitted a written report; absent.

Clerk-Treasurer: Kayla Litton presented a Scope of Work Agreement from Baker Tilly for engagement for payroll account review. Attorney reviewed and approved form. Council agreed to sign.

Opioid Settlement Participation – DocuSign package received requiring Council action to continue participation. Council consented for Council President to sign on behalf of the Town to remain in the program.

New Business: Council Member Cheryl Amos raised the issue of the old firehouse property:

- Three different parties have expressed interest in purchasing the building.
- Street Department has also indicated interest in retaining the facility.
- Discussion included property history (built 1977–78), potential restrictions, GIS mapping issues, and need for appraisal.

Motion to correct GIS mapping to reflect Division 3 for Firehouse Lane, retaining Town control of lane while separating property for appraisal, made by Cheryl Amos and seconded by Ron Whitledge.

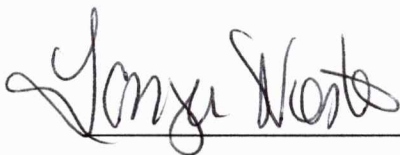
Roll call vote: Cheryl Amos – yes; Tom Burnett – yes; Sarah Eller – yes; Tonya Wester – yes; Ron Whitledge – yes. **Motion passed.**

Motion to have old firehouse property and adjoining lot (Lot 5, approx. 0.56 acres) appraised, contingent on confirmation of no restrictions on sale, 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.**

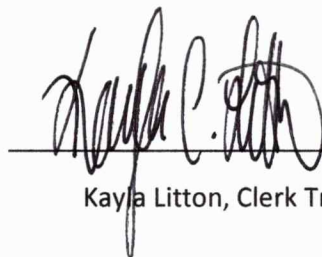
Claims: Council reviewed claims totaling \$1,718,136.25. Motion to approve claims as presented was made by Ron Whitledge and seconded by Sarah Eller. **Roll call vote:** Cheryl Amos – yes; Tom Burnett – yes; Sarah Eller – yes; Tonya Wester – yes; Ron Whitledge – yes. **Motion passed.**

Adjournment

Motion to recess until the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 15th, 2025 was made by Cheryl Amos and seconded by Ron Whitledge. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.



Tonya Wester, Council President



Kayla Litton, Clerk Treasurer

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