



**March 2, 2026**

**Town of Chandler Council Meeting Minutes**

The Chandler Town Council meeting was called to order on March 2, 2026, at the Chandler Town Hall, 401 E. Lincoln Ave. at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Absent** – None

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes:** Council reviewed the February 17, 2026 meeting minutes. Clerk-Treasurer noted a correction changing “Cool Road” to “McCool Road.” A motion to accept the minutes as presented with the correction 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.

**Town Attorney:** Joshua Claybourn presented Ordinance 2026-02, an ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the Town of Chandler regarding responsibility for sewer laterals and limitation of liability for sewer backups, for second reading and adoption. Josh noted the ordinance aligns the Town’s sewer ordinance with current design standards regarding check valves and backflow devices and is consistent with what nearly every surrounding utility does. Director of Public Services Tyler Kinder confirmed the changes clean up existing language and ensure the ordinance and design standards match. A motion to approve Ordinance 2026-02 on second reading 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.

Josh reported that he and Director Kinder have been working on changes to the right-of-way ordinance fees and that a draft would be circulated before the next meeting.

Josh also reported that the waterworks revenue bond closing is proceeding, noting that the interest rate received was significantly more favorable than Baker Tilly had anticipated.

Josh raised the Ohio Township interlocal agreement, noting the current agreement does not expire until June 30 and recommending consideration of a one-year renewal to keep the existing arrangement in place. Council President Wester stated she would prefer to table the item until the next meeting to allow time for review and to send the agreement to the fire department for an equipment list update. Council discussed that certain equipment, including a recently acquired side-by-side, does not appear on the current equipment list and should be added prior to renewal. Council agreed to table the item until the next meeting.

**Police Chief:** Police Chief Kirk Tevault was not present in person. Tonya noted the department’s new equipment had been used and performed well.

**Fire Department:** No report was presented. The fire department was not yet present at the time of their report.

**Director of Public Services:** Tyler Kinder requested an additional appropriation of \$100,000 to the sewer operating fund for the repair of the septic receiving station, which went down last year. Tyler noted that repair work has already begun. Utility Administrator Misty Denk clarified that the funds are available

from prior-year unspent reserves and need to be moved into the 2026 appropriations. Tyler also stated he would be working on updating rate fees for the septic receiving station to improve cost recovery prior to the facility reopening. A motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$100,000 to sewer operating 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.

Tyler also reported that the waterworks revenue bond rate came in better than anticipated and that closing is expected in March. Council President Wester acknowledged the work of staff, including Tyler, Utility Administrator Denk, and Clerk-Treasurer Litton, in obtaining the favorable bond rating that contributed to the good rate.

**Utility Administrator:** Misty Denk reported on preparations for the Town’s Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for March 28 at 10:00 a.m. Misty noted that \$800 in donations had been received that day, with an additional \$500 received earlier, and that the Lions Club and the local 4-H group would be assisting with the event. Egg stuffing has been completed. Misty also mentioned that golden egg hunts are being planned for the week leading up to the event.

**Environmental Director:** Michael Bell reported that the department continues to work on stormwater mitigation in anticipation of spring rains, including clearing culverts and ditches.

**Clerk-Treasurer:** Kayla Litton presented Resolution 2026-02, a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Chandler, Indiana, approving fiscal year 2025 budget transfer amendments. Kayla explained that the resolution covers transfers between line items that require Council approval under SBOA guidelines, noting that while transfers within a department do not require approval, transfers between departments or categories do. A motion to approve Resolution 2026-02 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.

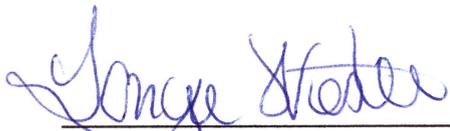
Kayla also reported that the Annual Financial Report (AFR) has been submitted with no issues.

**New Business:** None.

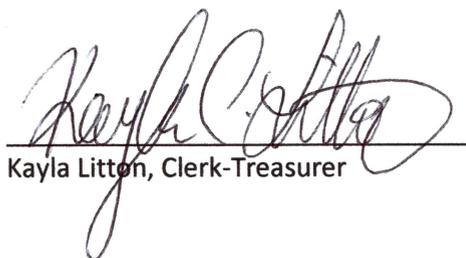
**Old Business:** Councilmember Cheryl Amos noted that she has observed increased activity at the former Kemper’s grocery store location since Thursday, including vehicles and a trailer marked with a garage-related business name. The nature of the activity is unknown at this time.

**Claims:** Claims totaling \$837,882.12 were presented for approval. A motion to approve claims 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.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Ron Whitledge and seconded by Cheryl Amos to recess until the next regularly scheduled meeting. All in favor.



Tonya Wester, Council President



Kayla Litton, Clerk-Treasurer