

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jacob LaRue presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Jacob LaRue and Commissioners Kevin Berthot, Sam Budreau, and Phillip Chaney.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Tim Fairchild.

Staff Present: Todd Newman, City Manager; Ryan Follmer, Assistant City Manager; David Brake, City Attorney (via Zoom); Tina Bailey, City Clerk; Cory Kepley, Chief Finance Officer; and Susan Galemore, Director of Planning & Development

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Sam Budreau.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved on motion by Commissioner Berthot, seconded by Commissioner Budreau. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is used to approve non-controversial or routine matters by a single motion and vote. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- Minutes – City Commission – February 22, 2021
- Warrant Register dated February 24, 2021
- Warrant Register dated March 3, 2021
- Uncollectible Accounts
- Board and Committee Minutes and Reports

Motion made by Commissioner Berthot, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mara Jordan, Bit & Spur Saddle Club representative requested that the City Commission consider approval of the Club using the City's 2nd Street Drainage Ditch for a "Rubber Duck Derby" fundraiser the first weekend in May. She provided a brief overview of her request.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman.

City Commission was not in support of the request as presented.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Todd Newman gave his report on City activities and operations. Items reported on included an update on the schedule for reopening City Buildings to the public.

City Manager Newman provided a brief overview of a 3-Month Payment Option Plan for customers with high utility usage during the recent extreme cold weather event. Applications will be available at the City Utility Office. He reported that other options for utility assistance are available through Operation Soup Line and the Kansas LIEAP Program.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman and Chief Finance Officer Cory Kepley.

OLD BUSINESS

CHANUTE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

This item was discussed at the February 8, 2021 regular City Commission Meeting. Garver Urban Planner Juliet Bell Richey provided a presentation, via Zoom for review and discussion.

Garver's Urban Planner Juliet Richey stated that organizations typically start looking at updating their Comprehensive Plans every 10 to 20 years depending on growth and activity in the region.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman and Assistant City Manager Ryan Follmer.

Commission consensus was to wait until the COVID-19 Pandemic settles and to revisit this item at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION US-169 PROJECT UPDATE

Kansas Department of Transportation representative Wayne Gudmonson and Troy Howard provided a presentation and update on the US-169 Project and answered questions.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman.

CITY OF CHANUTE STRATEGIC PLAN

City Staff has completed the Strategic Plan for the City Commission to review before the upcoming budget work sessions. By developing and implementing the Strategic Plan, City Management set's guidance and transparency for City Staff within their immediate department. The Strategic Plan will be reviewed and updated yearly, alongside the adopted annual budget.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman and Assistant City Manager Ryan Follmer.

Commission consensus was to place this item on the April 12, 2021 Agenda for further review and discussion.

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 602 NORTH WASHINGTON

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 424 SOUTH MALCOLM

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1219 NORTH STEUBEN

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 222 WEST MULBERRY

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 318 SOUTH ALLEN

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 127 SOUTH GRANT

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to adopt resolution declaring that the above properties are in violation of Chanute Municipal Codes and authorizing abatement of certain nuisances as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Resolutions were assigned: No. 2021-17, No. 2021-18, No. 2021-19, No. 2021-20, No. 2021-21, and No. 2021-22.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Chaney commented on downtown revitalization projects, housing projects, commercial projects and encouraged everyone to stay mindful during future planning and remember current, new, and returning residents in order to stay on the path of progression.

Commissioner Berthot reminded everyone with upcoming warmer weather to be aware and cautious of slow-moving vehicles, farm equipment, and children playing.

Commissioner Budreau commented on the proposed traffic signal for the intersection at 35th & Santa Fe.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman.

Commissioner Budreau suggested enforcement of the detour laws for the US-169 Project to protect City roads.

Commissioner Budreau requested an update on the new Animal Shelter.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman and Assistant City Manager Ryan Follmer.

Commission suggested that a ribbon cutting be held for both the new Animal Shelter and the Santa Fe Ballfield Complex.

City Manager Newman will schedule ribbon cuttings and report back to the City Commission.

Mayor LaRue requested information on the City's procedure to request the street sweeper.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman.

City Manager Newman reported that residents can call the Public Works and Utility Complex for information and trouble reports for the street sweeper.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner LaRue, to adjourn. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk