

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 (via phone), Sam Budreau (via phone), Phillip Chaney, and Tim Fairchild.

Staff Present: Todd Newman, City Manager; Ryan Follmer, Assistant City Manager; David Brake, City Attorney; Tina Bailey, City Clerk; and Cory Kepley, Chief Finance Officer.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mayor Jacob LaRue.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved on motion by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Chaney. 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 – July 12, 2021
- Warrant Register dated July 14, 2021
- Warrant Register dated July 21, 2021
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linus Thuston of 912 W 9th commented on Chanute property taxes and how they relate to community vacant lots and the need to revisit zoning regulations to encourage future development.

General discussion was made.

Commissioner Chaney suggested future review of City zoning regulations.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Todd Newman gave his report on City activities and operations.

City Manager Newman provided a brief update on the American Rescue Act Plan.

General discussion was made.

City Manager Newman reported that the Maring Aquatic Center's last operating day is August 8, 2021.

General discussion was made.

Commissioner Chaney requested future review of City swimming pool rates.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR REZONE R-1 TO R-2 FOR 1129 SOUTH FOREST

Rezone application was made by Bernard Neyer to rezone the property commonly known as 1129 South Forest from an R-1 Single Family District to an R-2 Multifamily District with the intent to construct a 4-plex apartment.

On June 29, 2021 the Planning Commission considered this matter and unanimously voted to approve the rezone.

During the required 14-day petition period the City received petitions in protest of the rezone, equaling more than 20% of the real estate within 200 feet. Article #18 of the Comprehensive Zoning Manual states that: if the City of Chanute is in possession of protest petitions that equal or exceed 20% of the real estate to which the rezone applies it can only pass by unanimous vote of the City Commission.

Mr. Neyer provided a brief overview of his request.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Mr. Neyer and City Attorney David Brake.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Chaney, to pass an Ordinance changing the zoning classification from R-1 to R-2 for the property known as 1129 South Forest. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Ordinance was assigned: No. S-542.

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 505 SOUTH HIGHLAND

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 610 SOUTH EVERGREEN

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 107 SOUTH GRETCHEN

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1010 SOUTH EVERGREEN

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 731 SOUTH GRANT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Chaney, 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. 2021-58, No. 2021-59, No. 2021-60, No. 2021-61, and No. 2021-62.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Budreau commented on school zone street markings and the South Santa Fe Mill and Overlay Project.

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

Commissioner Chaney commented on the 21st & Plummer Intersection Project and the need for the Commission to continue discussion for intersection improvements and funding options.

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

City Manager Newman requested a consensus from the Commission to place this item on a future Agenda for further discussion. Commissioners Chaney and Budreau are in favor of further discussion.

Mayor LaRue thanked the Chanute Fire Department, area fire departments, and first responders that assisted with last Tuesday's event.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Mayor LaRue, to adjourn. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk