

**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 Tim Fairchild.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Phillip Chaney.

Staff Present: Todd Newman, City Manager; David Brake, City Attorney; Tina Bailey, City Clerk; Cory Kepley, Chief Finance Officer; and Brandon Westerman, Director of Electric Operations.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Commissioner Fairchild.

**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 – October 25, 2021
- Warrant Register dated October 27, 2021
- Warrant Register dated November 3, 2021
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Todd Newman gave his report on City activities and operations. Items reported on included installation of signage to define the location of the new downtown restroom, the ARL

building located at 924 West Main, the Playmakers building located at 221 East Main, and the City's Strategic Plan.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE AT SANTA FE PARK – “SAINT NICK EVENT”**

Rena Kennedy, 1619 W. 14th, is requesting permission to temporarily close the causeway at Santa Fe Park, from the east entrance going west to the circle drives on Thursday, December 9, 2021, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and again on Friday, December 10, 2021 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. to hold a “Saint Nick Event”. She is also requesting use of City barricades and permission to leave the luminaries in place through Saturday, December 11, 2021.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to approve the request for temporary road closure for a “Saint Nick Event” as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **EXCESS CAPACITY SALES OF CITY'S ELECTRIC GENERATION**

The City's current twenty (20) year Agreement to Sell Excess Generating Capacity to Evergy expires at the end of this year. The City has been seeking to continue to sell its excess generation by marketing it to other utilities. Because of the increase in wind and solar farms, the need for other utilities to purchase capacity has declined.

The winter storm in February of 2021 showed the value of still having diesel units in addition to natural gas. The Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) is interested in being able to call on one half of the City's diesel generation in an emergency when natural gas would be unavailable or too expensive. City staff has negotiated a proposal to allow KMEA to call on up to one half of the City's available diesel capacity if it also agrees to purchase 15 MW of excess capacity at \$2.25 per MW on a monthly basis. If KMEA calls on our diesel generation, then the City will receive reimbursement for the cost of diesel fuel plus 10% plus \$5.00 MW.

Comments were made by City Attorney David Brake, City Manager Todd Newman, and Director of Electric Operations Brandon Westerman.

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to approve the two (2) year Power Purchase Agreement between Kansas Municipal Energy Agency and the City of Chanute and the two (2) year Master Power Purchase and Sale Agreement. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

##### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST TO WAIVE THE USE OF GENERAL ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (GAAP) SPECIFIED IN K.S.A. 75-1120a (a)**

The waiver is provided to cities which demonstrate compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of Kansas, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting and differs with GAAP in the United States of America.

The Resolution and waiver request must be presented each year and the Resolution requires that financial statements and financial reports be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of the State. The City of Chanute audit is conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide.

Motion made by Commissioner Berthot, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to adopt the Resolution authorizing a request to waive the use of GAAP specified in K.S.A. 75-1120a (a).  
Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Resolution was assigned: No. 2021-110

### **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Berthot congratulated Commissioner Budreau and Mayor LaRue on the recent election results and thanked everyone that voted. He commented that he is looking forward to serving another term which will be defined by the November 15<sup>th</sup> Board of County Commissioners canvass of the election and certification.

Commissioner Fairchild also congratulated the Commission on the election results.

Commissioner Fairchild suggested future review and discussion of the City's Standard & Poor Rating.

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

Commissioner Budreau extended appreciation to the past and current Veterans that served and are serving to keep us safe.

Commissioner Budreau inquired if City staff had received an update from the County on the City's 2022 Budget.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Chief Finance Officer Cory Kepley.

Mayor LaRue congratulated fellow Commissioners on the election results and thanked everyone that ran for local boards.

Mayor LaRue thanked the City Street Crew for keeping City streets in great condition.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to adjourn.  
Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC  
City Clerk