

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, Phillip Chaney, and Tim Fairchild.

Staff Present: Todd Newman, City Manager; Assistant City Manager, Ryan Follmer; David Brake, City Attorney; Tina Bailey, City Clerk; Cory Kepley, Chief Finance Officer, Monica Mason, Communications Director; Monty Bailey, Gas Superintendent; Chris Pefley, Chief of Police; and Chad Small, Battalion Chief.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mayor Jacob LaRue.

AGENDA

Mayor LaRue requested the removal of Agenda Item 9K-Property Resolution for 1602 South Edith. The amended Agenda was approved on motion by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Berthot. 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 – November 22, 2021
- Warrant Register dated November 24, 2021
- Warrant Register dated December 1, 2021
- Warrant Register dated December 8, 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 an update on City holiday hours, the IBEW Local Union No. 304 agreement, the City of Chanute 2022 Strategic Plan, the Pon#2 Fiber Project, the C&D Landfill Project, the Ball Complex Project, the Airport, and the Golf Course.

General discussion was made.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Conduct a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments for the record on the 2021 Budget Amendment and for that purpose the Mayor opened a hearing at 6:43 p.m.

As there were no comments from the public the hearing was closed at 6:44 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT

For 2021, the following nine (9) funds are included in the Budget Amendment: Special Parks/Recreation, Special Highway, TIF Project, Electric Fund, Gas Fund, Sewer Fund, Fiber Fund, Electric Maintenance, and Utility Services. 2021 revenue will support the proposed amendment.

Increasing the limit in these funds is necessary for the City to pay its obligations through the end of the year. This will not increase taxes, but allows us to spend revenue already received.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Chief Finance Officer Cory Kepley and City Attorney David Brake.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to adopt the 2021 Budget Amendment and by signature of the Governing Body authorize Certificate to the County Clerk. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL GAS UTILITY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM LIAISON MEETING

As part of the City's Gas Utility Public Awareness Program the City is required to hold an annual liaison meeting with public officials to review and discuss the City Gas Department Emergency Plan.

Gas Superintendent Monty Bailey distributed handouts and provided an overview of the City's Gas Utility Public Awareness Program and the Gas Department's Emergency Plan.

General discussion was made.

110-120 WEST MAIN UPDATE – CITY OF CHANUTE LAND BANK PROPERTY

The property located at 110-120 West Main is under contract with Consolidated Housing Services and Consolidated Development Partners with intentions of becoming a downtown housing development. Commissioners approved the Memorandum of Understanding for Redevelopment of 110-120 West Main during their May 24, 2021 regular City Commission Meeting.

CRDA Executive Director Matt Godinez distributed a handout and provided an update on the Land Bank property currently known as 112 West Main.

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

KANSAS OPIOID SETTLEMENT

The State of Kansas joined other governmental entities in pursuing a monetary settlement against certain pharmaceutical companies for opioid addiction to the citizens of Kansas. Some cities were direct participants in the litigation. Other cities, like Chanute, relied on the Kansas Attorney General's Office to represent its citizens. The Kansas Legislature determined how the settlement monies should be apportioned.

To receive its proportionate share of the opioid settlement for Kansas the City must take certain actions. One of those actions suggested by the League of Kansas Municipalities is to prepare a Resolution authorizing City officials to enter in an agreement with the Kansas Attorney General's Office to receive the funds allocated to Chanute and release the City's claims.

The City's share of settlement funds is unknown at this time.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman and City Attorney David Brake.

Motion made by Commissioner Chaney, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to adopt Resolution authorizing City officials to try and obtain Chanute's allocation of the opioid settlement. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Resolution was assigned: No. 2021-120

APPLICATION FOR 2022 LICENSE TO RETAIL CEREAL MALT BEVERAGES

Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses are approved annually in December for the following year. Inspection of the buildings have been made and approved by the Building Inspector and Fire Department with no deficiencies noted. Clearance through the Police Department has been approved. The City License Fee and the State Cereal Malt Tax have been paid by all applicants.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to approve the applications for a 2022 Cereal Malt Beverage License. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION APPLICATION – ASH REAL ESTATE, LLC

ASH Real Estate, LLC has submitted an application under the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. It has been verified that the property listed under the scope of the application, 1611 West 11th, parcel identification number 067-049-30-0-10-13-004.00-0 is within the scope of the city limits of Chanute. The application has been submitted and reviewed by the Neosho County Appraisers office along with the Neosho County Treasurer's office.

General discussion was made.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Application – ASH Real Estate, LLC, 1611 West 11th. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RESCHEDULE/CANCEL DECEMBER 27TH REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The last regular City Commission meeting for the year 2021 is scheduled for December 27th, Commission may wish to consider either cancelling the second meeting in December and/or rescheduling for another date to wrap up any unfinished end-of-year business.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman and City Attorney David Brake.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to approve cancelation of the December 27, 2021 regular City Commission meeting. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1507 SOUTH EVERGREEN

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1315 SOUTH PLUMMER

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1001 SOUTH DENMAN

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1205 SOUTH MALCOLM

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 225 SOUTH WESTERN

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 12 SOUTH ALLEN

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. 2021-121, No. 2021-122, No. 2021-123, No. 2021-124, No. 2021-125, and No. 2021-126.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Chaney requested an update on the building located at 221 East Main, Playmakers.

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

Commissioner Chaney commented on the lighting project at 35th & Plummer.

Commissioner Chaney requested future discussion on the City Debt Service and Cash Reserves.

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

Commissioner Chaney commented on the Pon#2 Fiber Project.

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

Commissioner Chaney commented on the 21st & Plummer Project and suggested review of the City's Comprehensive Plan for that area.

Commissioner Chaney commented on the downtown Christmas decorations and future goals of outside agencies.

Commissioner Chaney commented on Board & Committee minutes and reporting of poor attendance.

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

Commissioner Chaney wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Berthot wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Fairchild commented on property resolutions and potential Land Bank acquisition opportunities.

Commissioner Fairchild commented on housing programs and review of potential Federal Grant opportunities.

Commissioner Fairchild requested future review of the City's Electric Municipal Code, specifically for downtown.

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

Commissioner Fairchild wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Budreau commented on Pon#2 Fiber Project and requested future review to identify the next Fiber Pon.

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

Commissioner Budreau provided a brief overview of a recent Golf Course Committee meeting and future goals.

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

Mayor LaRue expressed his appreciation of the updated Strategic Plan Book and that it shows the commitment that City staff has for the Community.

Mayor LaRue wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Mayor LaRue, to adjourn. Voting Aye: All.
Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk