

**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 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 (via zoom); Tina Bailey, City Clerk; Cory Kepley, Chief Finance Officer; Brandon Westerman, Director of Electric Operations; Clint Moore, Parks Director; and Wayne Robinson, Public Works Supervisor.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Mayor Jacob LaRue.

**AGENDA**

The 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 – January 10, 2022
- Warrant Register dated January 12, 2022
- Warrant Register dated January 19, 2022
- Uncollectible Accounts
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports
- KMEA Board of Director Appointments
- Request to Use Santa Fe Park to Hold Annual Chanute Mexican Fiesta

2022 Chanute Mexican Fiesta Committee President John Alonzo provided a brief overview of their request.

General discussion was made.

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 material lead times for City projects.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MINIATURE GOLF COURSE**

A Chanute Safari Mini Golf Course has long been a discussion item at Parks Advisory Board meetings, Chamber Tourism Committee meetings and within the community. As the result of potential funding from a new State tourism grant, this project has the possibility of becoming a reality. The Chanute Safari Mini Golf Course would be located on an expanse of City owned land next door to the historic depot building, which houses the Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum and Chanute Public Library.

Project organizers have requested that \$13,200 be funded out of the Transient Guest Tax to provide for the design of the course in order to have the necessary details to include in the grant request. The grant request deadline is March 11, 2022.

Project organizers Nancy Issacs and Deb Shields provided a brief overview of their request.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to approve the funding request for the project design work in the amount of \$13,200 and funded by the Transient Guest Tax. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL 5 MW WIND FARM ENERGY FROM EVERGY**

The City of Chanute electric utility has typically used a balanced portfolio of energy sources to meet its customers' needs. The City will have some long term baseload contracts which are supplemented with short term purchases and self-generation.

The City had 10 MW baseload with NextEra that expired at the beginning of this year. That contract was for approximately \$28.00 a MW and Evergy is offering 5 MW of wind farm energy at \$17.85/MWh. This purchase would last through December 30, 2033. This is one of the lower priced products that the City has seen over the years. The City already has an approved Master Purchase Agreement with Evergy in place.

Director of Electric Operations Brandon Westerman provided a brief overview of the proposed contract.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to approve the purchase of 5 MW wind farm energy from Evergy as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER PURCHASE OF LANDFILL BALER**

During the 2021 Budget Work Session City staff presented a new baler under the Capital Improvement Project segment of the meeting. The increase of Landfill rates was reviewed as an option to help offset the future purchase of a new baler.

During their regular meeting on August 9, 2021 the City Commission approved a rate increase to the landfill tonnage rates. The rate increase was projected to increase revenue by approximately \$120,000.00 for future debt service of a new baler.

The current baler was approved for purchase on March 24, 1994 for \$275,447.00. The baler has struggled the last couple of years to consistently perform its duties and has become a maintenance nightmare for our mechanics and welder. Repairs are having to be performed in house due to parts no longer being available due to the old age of the baler. The baler has been down for two (2) weeks and is completely torn apart at this time with some replacement parts being non-existent.

City staff received a bid on January 19, 2022 from Dehart Recycling Equipment in the amount of \$1,050,000.00 for a new baler. The bid is only good for 15 days with a lead time for delivery of 50 weeks. The proposed purchase of a new baler will be made out of Electric with a transfer coming out of Refuse in the amount of \$100,000.00 each year for the next ten (10) years.

Public Works Supervisor Wayne Robinson provided a brief overview of the Landfill baler.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to approve the purchase of a new baler for the Landfill in the amount of \$1,050,000.00 from DeHart Recycling Equipment as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1101 NORTH STEUBEN**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 305 SOUTH CENTRAL**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1026 SOUTH MALCOLM**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1716 WEST MAIN**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 301 NORTH MALCOLM**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 106 SOUTH WILSON**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1017 NORTH GARFIELD**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 208 SOUTH HIGHLAND**

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. 2022-008, No. 2022-009, No. 2022-010, No. 2022-011, No. 2022-012, No. 2022-013, No. 2022-14, and No. 2022-15.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Fairchild thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Budreau commented on the City's Capital Improvement Projects and requested future review and discussion by the City Commission.

City Manager Todd Newman reported that Fiber Deployment will be placed on a future Agenda for City Commission review.

Commissioner Berthot thanked community volunteers for their commitment to Chanute and for putting out the effort to make our community a better place to live in.

Mayor LaRue thanked fellow Commissioners and City staff for all that they do and that he is looking forward to 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to adjourn.  
Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC  
City Clerk