

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 Sam Budreau, Phillip Chaney and Tim Fairchild.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Kevin Berthot.

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 Commissioner Tim Fairchild.

AGENDA

The Mayor requested the removal of Agenda Item 8D-Property Resolution 511 North Steuben and the addition an Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel. The amended Agenda was approved on motion by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild. 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 – April 25, 2022
- Warrant Register dated April 27, 2022
- Warrant Register dated May 4, 2022
- Uncollectible Accounts
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports

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

Chief Finance Officer Kepley provided an overview of procedures for the City's Uncollectible Accounts.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bernard Neyer, 319 South Lafayette, commented on the Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Todd Newman gave his report on City activities and operations. Items reported on included an update on upcoming IBEW Union Negotiations and potential maintenance issues at the City Pool.

City Manager Newman reminded the Commission of the upcoming 2023 Budget Work Session scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2022, 5:30 p.m., Alliance Room. He reported that budget books will be distributed to the Commission later this week.

NEW BUSINESS

ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT

Neosho County is improving the bridge on Grady Road east of the City landfill. Easements are needed from adjacent property owners, which include the City of Chanute.

For the bridge project Neosho County needs a tiny portion (.02 acres) of land from the City. The County Appraiser estimates that the value of this tract is no more than \$50.00. To cooperate with the County on this project, City staff is recommending that the City Commission donate this tract to Neosho County.

The City Attorney has prepared the Road Right-of-Way Easement based on the legal description provided by Neosho County.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to authorize the mayor to execute the Road Right-of-Way Easement as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE GRANT FUNDING

The Downtown Revitalization Committee received \$25,000.00 as an outside agency during the 2022 budget request. \$5,000.00 was to go towards beautifying downtown and the remaining \$20,000.00 was to be used for Downtown Business Grants. At DRC's May 3, 2022 regular meeting, the advisory board approved another downtown business.

Grain Bin Restaurant has requested a \$5,000.00 grant for roof repairs. They will be replacing the current tar roof with a Thermoplastic Polyolefin (TPO) roof system. Construction will begin early summer 2022 depending on weather.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to authorize City staff to make payment to the Grain Bin Restaurant based on the information received from the grant application once work has been completed and inspected by Community Development. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR HANDICAP PARKING – FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

City staff has received a request from First United Methodist Church for additional handicapped parking in front of their church located at 202 South Lincoln.

First United Methodist Church is requesting two additional handicapped parking spaces to be placed south of their existing space located on Lincoln Avenue between 2nd Street and 3rd Street. City staff has reviewed the request and it would not interfere with the use of the street. The Church would complete the construction at their own expense. The request meets the conditions contained in the Municipal Code Section 10.16.010 “The governing body shall from time to time authorize and direct the City Manager to establish parking zones, restricted speed zones, and the erection of traffic-control signals and signs”.

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 from First United Methodist Church for additional handicapped parking as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 803 NORTH STEUBEN

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 618 WEST BEECH

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1207 NORTH LEE

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 302 SOUTH WILSON

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, 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. 2022-156, No. 2022-157, No. 2022-158, and No. 2022-159.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION OF NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

Motion made by Commissioner Chaney, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, that the City Commission recess into executive session to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume in the City Commission Chambers at 7:10 p.m. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Commission returned to open session at 7:10 p.m.

No action taken.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Budreau requested follow-up on previous discussion relating to the railroad.

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

Mayor LaRue expressed his appreciation for all mothers in honor of Mother's Day. He also expressed his appreciation and recognized the "Class of 2022 Graduates".

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to adjourn.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk