

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, Phillip Chaney, and Tim Fairchild.

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mayor Jacob LaRue.

PROCLAMATION – ADOPTION MONTH NOVEMBER 2022

Jacob LaRue, Mayor of the City of Chanute, proclaimed the month of November as Adoption Month in our community.

Hope Unlimited Children’s Services Specialist representative accepted the Proclamation.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved on motion by Commissioner Berthot, 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 – October 24, 2022
- Warrant Register dated October 26, 2022
- Warrant Register dated November 2, 2022
- Warrant Register dated November 9, 2022
- Uncollectible Accounts
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vincent Hulett, 607 South Santa Fe commented on leaves, the lot located at 7th & Santa Fe, and speeding on Santa Fe from 3rd to 7th Street.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Todd Newman gave his report on City activities and operations. Items reported on included an update on upcoming City holiday hours, the Tioga's utility account, and the property located at 115 East Main.

OLD BUSINESS

PLAYMAKER'S – 221 EAST MAIN

The restaurant at 221 E. Main was heavily damaged by a fire in 2021. On January 10, 2022 Chanute City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2022-01 declaring the property to be unsafe and dangerous and directing the owner to repair or remove same. At the October 24, 2022 commission meeting, Commissioner Fairchild requested that the owner of the property provide a Letter of Credit to ensure funds for the property to be demolished if repairs are not completed on a timely basis.

While the owner has started some repairs, the building remains unsafe and dangerous. Accordingly, the City Manager is requesting commission action to authorize removal of the structure and provide that the costs incurred by the city in removing the structure and in making the premises safe is assessed against the property. Costs for razing and removing the structure will initially be incurred by the City of Chanute.

Earl Bartholomew, 221 East Main distributed an Acquisition & Development-Notice of Intent handout to the Commission for review and requested an extension to allow him more time to complete repairs.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Chaney, to approve Ordinance authorizing and directing the removal of certain unsafe and dangerous structures located at 221 East Main and to hold publication of the Ordinance until November 28, 2022 to allow Mr. Bartholomew time to provide the previously requested letter of credit in the amount of \$40,000 and to complete Phase 1 repairs (concrete poured) by November 23, 2022.

Voting Aye: Commissioner Budreau and Chaney

Voting Nay: Mayor LaRue and Commissioners Berthot and Fairchild

Motion failed.

Motion made by Mayor LaRue, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to approve Ordinance authorizing and directing the removal of certain unsafe and dangerous structures located at 221 East Main.

Voting Aye: Mayor LaRue and Commissioners Berthot and Fairchild

Voting Nay: Commissioner Budreau and Chaney

Motion carried.

The Ordinance was assigned: No. S-555

150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

During the September 12, 2022 regular City Commission meeting there was a consensus from the governing body for Chanute Chamber of Commerce & Office of Tourism Executive Director Jane Brophy and Main Street Chanute Executive Director Jillian Wilson to form an 150th Anniversary Celebration event committee and to bring this item back to the Commission at a future meeting for further discussion and funding request.

Chanute 150th Celebration event committee members Jillian Wilson and Jane Brophy distributed a tentative Event Plan and Timeline handout and provided a brief overview of the proposed budget along with a selection of events for the celebration to occur in 2023.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman, Ms. Wilson, and Ms. Brophy.

Commission consensus was for the funding of Fireworks to be removed from the event plan and timeline. City Fireworks funding and event date will be placed on the Agenda and considered at a future meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to approve funding in the amount of \$50,000, with an initial \$20,000 distribution for the Chanute 150th Celebration events.

Voting Aye: Mayor LaRue and Commissioners Berthot, Budreau, and Fairchild

Voting Nay: Commissioner Chaney

Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

SET PUBLIC HEARING ON RENEWAL OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program is intended to promote the revitalization of the area of the City of Chanute through the rehabilitation, conservation or redevelopment of the area in order to protect the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City. The current program expires December 31, 2022.

Prior to formal action, a Public Hearing for the renewal of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan must be conducted.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Berthot, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to Set Public Hearing for the November 28, 2022 Chanute City Commission meeting. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

QUARTERLY REPORTS – AVAILABLE CASH

City Staff presented an update on Available Cash according to GFOA Standards.

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

CIP UPDATE

City staff provided an update of ongoing projects. Items of discussion included Fiber, Ball Complex, and Municipal Buildings.

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

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 501 SOUTH GARFIELD

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1106 SOUTH GARFIELD

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 106 SOUTH WILSON

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 115 NORTH WASHINGTON

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1519 SOUTH HIGHLAND

Motion made by Commissioner Chaney, 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. 2022-239, No. 2022-240, No. 2022-241, No. 2022-242, and No. 2022-243.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – REAL ESTATE PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Motion made by Commissioner Chaney, seconded by Mayor LaRue, that the City Commission recess into executive session to discuss real estate property acquisition pursuant to the Acquisition of Real Property exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6). The open meeting will resume in the City Commission Chambers at 8:40 p.m. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Commission returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

No action taken.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Mayor LaRue congratulated the Chanute Blue Comet Football team.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to adjourn. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk