

**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, 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 Commissioner Tim Fairchild.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK – APRIL 23-29, 2023**

Mayor LaRue proclaimed April 23-29, 2023 as National Library Week in Chanute. Chanute Public Library Board Members & Library Staff accepted the proclamation.

**AGENDA**

The Mayor requested the removal of Agenda Item 10A-USD 413 CDBG Non-Profit Childcare & Early Education Facilities Project and the addition of an Executive Session to Discuss Non-Elected Personnel. The amended 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 – April 10, 2023
- Minutes – City Commission Special Call Meeting – April 13, 2023
- Warrant Register dated April 12, 2023
- Warrant Register dated April 19, 2023
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports
- Request to Use Katy Park for Annual MIRZA SEKCATS Car Show
- Request for Temporary Road Closure and Approval to Sell/Serve Alcohol-Outsiders Bar & Grill

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 the City's 2022 Audit.

City Manager Newman provided an update on a recent Task Force meeting that was held to educate downtown business owners of the resources available to them for repairs to damaged buildings during the recent wind storm.

Commissioner Chaney requested a follow-up meeting for the Main Street building owners.

City Manager Newman suggested that the Chanute Main Street Board schedule any future meetings related to this item.

City Manager Newman also provided an update on the new golf course restaurant lessee, Colborn's at Stone Creek, LLC.

City Golf Board Member, Hank Waggoner provided a brief update on the golf course and thanked the City Commission for their continued support.

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

City Manager Newman will provide the Commission with a copy of the restaurant lease in the weekly bulletin.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **RURAL HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT**

In September 2022 the City passed a Resolution to establish a Rural Housing Incentive District.

The Department of Commerce has initially rejected the City's application, but will allow the City to re-submit a request for reconsideration with a revised Resolution.

The City Attorney has drafted a revised Resolution pursuant to the request of the Department of Commerce.

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 a Resolution making certain findings and determinations as to the need for housing within the City of Chanute, Kansas, and setting forth the parcel of real property proposed to be designated as a Rural Housing Incentive District within the City. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Resolution was assigned: No. 2023-46

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO THE CHANUTE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Jeana Lawrence, Chanute Public Library Director, is requesting that the Commission appoint one member to the Library Board of Trustees to replace Linda Ashley. Ms. Ashley is completing eight years of service with us in May.

The Library Board recommends appointing Anita De La Torre to fill the four-year term vacancy. If appointed her term would be from May 2023 through April 2027.

Ms. De La Torre and her husband use the library extensively and has been contacted and is willing to serve. (Appointment: Mayor with consent of the City Commission/4-year term).

General discussion was made.

Commission consent was given and the Mayor appointed Anita De La Torre to the Chanute Public Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term, beginning May 1, 2023.

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 814 & 814 1/2 SOUTH WASHINGTON**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 415 SOUTH LINCOLN**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 813 SOUTH STEUBEN #733**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 326 SOUTH ALLEN**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 511 NORTH CENTRAL**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 214 NORTH HIGHLAND**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 820 SOUTH CENTRAL**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1112 SOUTH HIGHLAND**

Motion made by Commissioner Berthot, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, 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. 2023-47, No. 2023-48, No. 2023-49, No. 2023-50, No. 2023-51, No. 2023-52, No. 2023-53, and No. 2023-54.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL**

Motion made by Commissioner Chaney, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, that the City Commission recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume in the City Commission Chambers at 7:00 p.m. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Commission returned to open session at 7:00 p.m.

No action taken.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Chaney commented on Chanute Boards and Committees and commission liaison vacancies that were previously held by Sam Budreau.

City Manager Todd Newman will place this item on the next Agenda for Commission review and discussion.

Commissioner Chaney commented on recent social media comments related to the City's trash service and new trash carts.

General discussion was made.

Commissioner Fairchild commented on the new trash carts and also on the response to the community that was made by City staff and other communities after the recent wind storm.

Mayor LaRue commented on the City's upcoming Clean-Up Week.

Mayor LaRue commented on the recent engineer report that was provided to downtown building owners that sustained damage to their buildings during the recent wind storm. He also commented on downtown dilapidated buildings and the need for enforcement of downtown minimum building codes.

City Manager Newman suggested placing Downtown Historic District Minimum Standards on a future Agenda for review and discussion.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Tina L Bailey, CMC  
City Clerk