

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 and Tim Fairchild.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Phillip Chaney.

Staff Present: Todd Newman, City Manager; Ryan Follmer, Assistant City Manager; Tina Bailey, City Clerk; David Brake, City Attorney; Cory Kepley, Chief Finance Officer; Fire Chief Jeff Mitchell; and Landfill Supervisor Josey Leck.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Kevin Berthot.

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 – July 10, 2023
- Warrant Register dated July 12, 2023
- Warrant Register dated July 19, 2023
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, 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 storm cleanup, slurry seal, and the upcoming Annual League of Kansas Municipalities Dinner.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF THE 2022 AUDIT

Neil Phillips with Jarred, Gilmore and Phillips, PA presented the 2022 Audit to the Commission. He reported that the Audit did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that are considered to be material weaknesses.

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 Berthot, to adopt the 2022 Audit as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Per the City Commissioners final Budget Work Session and comments received, City Staff is expecting to maintain the Mill Levy at or under the Revenue Neutral Rate. The City of Chanute is required to hold a Budget Hearing and have the Budget submitted to the County no later than August 25. As such, staff recommends that formal action be taken at tonight’s meeting to establish a Budget Hearing date. Notably, this will require publication of the Notice of Budget Hearing Form at least 10 days in advance of said hearing.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow the public to speak about the proposed budget. This requires a public notice which is set by the City Commission.

The budget establishes the allocation of financial resources expected to be available to deliver municipal services for 2024.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to set August 14, 2023 as the date to hold the required Public Hearing for the 2024 Municipal Budget. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PERTAINING TO OUTDOOR BURNING

Fire Chief Jeff Mitchell has requested slight changes to the City’s current burn ordinance which would require amending Chanute Municipal Code 8.08.280, 8.08.282, & 8.08.284 pertaining to outdoor burning in City Limits.

Chief Mitchell provided a brief summary of the requested changes.

General discussion was made.

Motion made by Commissioner Berthot, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to pass an Ordinance Amending Chanute Municipal Code Sections 8.08.280, 8.08.282, and 8.08.284 Pertaining to Outdoor Burning in City of Chanute. Voting: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Ordinance was assigned: No. 2658

REVIEW LANDFILL TIRE DISPOSAL FEE

Per Ordinance 2588, before the City Manager can set the fees for disposal of tires at the landfill, the proposed changes must be placed before the City Commission at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Assistant City Manager Ryan Follmer and Landfill Supervisor Josey Leck provided a brief overview of the proposed tire disposal fees changes.

16" tires & below	\$2.00 per tire
Nonresident	\$4.00 per tire
17" – 22.5"	\$6.00 per tire
Nonresident	\$12.00 per tire
22.5" +	\$20.00 per tire
Nonresident	\$40.00 per tire

Trailer loads of tires will be weighed by the ton and the tonnage fee will be \$160.00 for residents and \$190.00 for nonresidents. A trailer load will be considered anything over 10 tires.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Berthot, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to approve the proposed increase in landfill tire disposal fees as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 510 NORTH CENTRAL**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1220 WEST MULBERRY LOT #13**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1220 WEST MULBERRY LOT #15**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 210 SOUTH TENNESSEE**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1420 SOUTH HIGHLAND**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 820 WEST OAK**

General discussion was made.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, 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. 2023-76, No. 2023-77, No. 2023-78, No. 2023-79, No. 2023-80, and No. 2023-81.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Fairchild commented on the Landbank, upcoming tax sale, a Mission Blitz, and provided a brief update on the Chanute Community Foundation Grant for Santa Fe Park.

Mayor LaRue reminded everyone that school starts soon and to be mindful of children.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Mayor LaRue, to adjourn. Voting Aye: All.
Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk