

April 12, 2023

The scheduled monthly meeting of the Chapman City Council was held Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at City Hall at 7:00 pm. Mayor Howard Battishill was present. Councilmembers Jim Bell, Sheryl Coyner, Tim Jury, Mary Monasmith, and Dale Nelson were present. Also in attendance were City Attorney Brad Jantz, City Administrator Bill Flanery, Director of Public Works Edward Wehrmeister, Golf Superintendent Austin Murphy, Golf Course Clubhouse Manager Dorrie Atkinson, Director of Parks and Recreation Victoria Heller, and Christy Loy.

#2 Consent Agenda

Motion by Jury to approve the consent agenda as presented, 2nd by Bell, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#3 Public Comments

#4 Discussion on ChargePoint EV Charging Stations (Matthew Scott)

Matthew Scott was unable to attend the meeting. There are funds available to assist with installing charging stations. Mr. Scott assisted Herington with the installation of charging stations and has some ideas for installing charging stations in Chapman. KMEA also has a program to assist municipalities with the installation of charging stations. The council agreed to get more information on installing charging stations on the lots owned by the city in the 100 block of East 4th Street.

#5 Discussion on 100 Block of E. 4th St. (Rick Johnson)

Rick Johnson was not in attendance. No action taken.

#6 Discussion on Sidewalk in front of Senior Center

The front of the Senior Center is going to be renovated. The Senior Center has requested the city replace the sidewalk in front of the Senior Center to remove the broken concrete and tripping hazards. The city has replaced sidewalks in front of other businesses downtown in the past. Ty Prosser is renovating the building and is willing to replace the sidewalk for \$6,400. The council agreed that the public works team would tear out the sidewalk and new bids would be received for the pouring of the sidewalk.

#7 Appointment of Ashley Prosser, Mary Krantz, Dennis Will, and Larry Nelson to the Tree Committee

Motion by Bell to appoint Ashley Prosser, Mary Krantz, Dennis Will, and Larry Nelson to the tree committee, 2nd by Jury. Vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#8 Discussion on Old Grocery Store, 105 E. 3rd Street

The city received two quotes for the demolition of the old grocery store at 105 East 3rd Street. The bids were for \$32,000 and \$30,000. Bids were requested from two other companies, but they declined to bid on the project. The council agreed to have an engineer check the structural integrity of the building and the roof before deciding on the way forward.

#9 Discussion on Maintenance Shop – Spray Foam Insulation

Three companies were contacted for quotes for spray foam insulation for the new maintenance shop at the golf course. Only two companies submitted bids (H&H and Critchfield). The quote from H&H was the lowest at \$10,027.60. The \$10,027.60 is included in the \$75,000.00 that was previously approved for building the maintenance shop.

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Motion by Bell to approve the bid from H&H for spray foam insulation for the maintenance shop at the golf course, 2nd by Nelson. Vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#10 Committee Assignments

There are a couple of vacancies on the Economic Development Committee and a couple of vacancies on the Zoning and Planning Committee.

#11 Discussion on Dog Park

The city posted a poll on Facebook to determine if residents would support a dog park in Chapman. There were 83 votes in favor of a dog park and 52 votes against it. Several residents commented that the city should focus on repairing the roads instead of a dog park. Several city employees were not in favor of building a dog park as it would require more maintenance. The dog park would cost approximately \$14,000 and would be funded from the Capital Improvement Fund. The dog park would improve the quality of life for the residents of Chapman. The land cannot be used for any other purpose as it was the old tree limb landfill and is restricted by KDHE. The dog park would be located on the north side of Irish Drive at the intersection of Nicholson Road.

Motion by Jury to approve purchasing fencing for \$14,000 and construction of the dog park, 2nd by Bell. Vote: yes, Jury, Bell, Nelson and Coyner in favor, Monasmith against (4-1). Motion carried.

#12 Reports

Director of Public Works Ed Wehrmeister

The public works crew has been working on several water leaks including two main leaks. The fire hydrant at the middle school was replaced. The wiring for the lights at Sheeran Park has been trenched and completed. Liz Berg and Chass Clark attended a water conference in Wichita.

Golf Superintendent Austin Murphy

The golf course has been extremely busy. Varsity golf was on 11 April. Men's league starts next Tuesday night. Progress is being made on the new maintenance shop. Dorrie Atkinson is the new Clubhouse Manager. She has been with the golf course since last summer.

Director of Parks and Recreation Victoria Heller

Soccer is going great. About 250 children have signed up for baseball. The recreation department is going to need a lot of equipment. Donations can be made to the recreation department to help pay for some of the equipment.

Police Officer Brian Pryor

The police department helped the American Legion with the easter egg hunt. The police department is conducting DUI awareness at the high school and will have a mock accident scene. The council approved partial funding for a school resource officer last year, but the school has not voted on creating a school resource officer position.

City Administrator Bill Flanery

Labor Day planning is underway. The Lazy Wayne band has been contacted and are interested in participating again this year. The community garden is open. The public works team built the raised beds and filled them with dirt. Three people have signed up for a spot. Pool repairs are underway.

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A budget workshop was scheduled for 3 May 2023, at 6:00pm.

#13 Adjournment

Motion by Bell to adjourn, 2nd by Monasmith, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

Howard Battishill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bill Flanery, City Clerk