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The scheduled monthly meeting of the Chapman City Council was held Wednesday, July 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 Clubhouse Manager Dorrie Atkinson, Police Officer Brian Pryor, Director of Parks and Recreation Tori Heller, Cherissa Kabat, Kim Johnson, Rick Johnson, Shawn Monasmith, and Ty Prosser.

#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

None

#4 Discussion on 424 Marshall Avenue – Use of property for possible alcohol production sales (Brian Gaston)

Mr. Gaston was not present for the meeting. No action taken by the Council.

#5 Parking Time-Limit Signs in front of Londeen's (Kim Johnson)

Kim Johnson requested 30-minute parking limits be issued for the two parking spaces directly in front of Londeen's. A few elderly individuals have mentioned that it is difficult to find a parking space during the week. Traci Lucas of 4:10 Irish Den understands the need for the 30-minute parking and is not opposed to it. There is already 10-minute parking in front of the daycare. Kim Johnson suggested removing the yellow paint that marks the first spot after the intersection next to Londeen's as no parking. Removing the yellow paint and parking restriction would create an extra parking space. Councilmember Bell stated that if parking were permitted in the first (currently prohibited) space, cars would have to back up into the crosswalk and intersection when leaving. Councilmember Jury stated there were at least six parking spaces available on the north side of Londeen's on 5th Street. Councilmember Jury stated that if you count both sides of 5th Street and the two spaces in front of Londeen's, there are 14 parking spaces for Londeen's customers. Kim Johnson stated that elderly customers with canes or walkers have a difficult time finding a parking space close to the building and they come in during the weekend because it is difficult to park during the week.

No action taken by Council.

#6 Discussion on Old Grocery Store (Ty Prosser)

Ty Prosser stated he was interested in obtaining the property located at 105 E. 3rd Street. Mr. Prosser asked the council to provide him with the deed to the property, the current engineer's report and approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000 to use for renovations to the building. The estimate for demolition was \$30,000 and renovating the building would provide a useful space instead of an empty lot. The \$20,000 - \$25,000 would go primarily for repairs to the roof. The goal is to have the front half of the building at an operational level within 12 months. Councilmember Jury stated that if the council agreed to provide money for the roof, the repairs would have to be completed before the money was provided to Mr. Prosser. The City Attorney, Brad Jantz, will draft an agreement between the City and Mr. Prosser to provide the deed to the property at 105 E. 3rd Street and \$20,000 to \$25,000 for renovation costs. Once

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the agreement is signed, the project will be completed within 24 months and Mr. Prosser will be responsible for the demolition of the property in the future should the project not be completed.

No action taken by Council.

#7 Set Date for Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing

Motion by Bell to set the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing the Budget Hearing for 6:30pm on 13 September 2023, 2nd by Jury. Vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#8 Committee Assignments

Councilmember Nelson stated Tana Davis is no longer on the Economic Development Committee.

Motion by Bell to add Sean Fink to the Tree Committee, 2nd by Jury. Vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#9 Reports

Director of Parks and Recreation Victoria Heller

Youth ball season is wrapping up and adult co-ed season starts this Sunday. Planning has started for fall activities including volleyball and basketball.

Director of Public Works Ed Wehrmeister

There have been several water leaks this month and public works replaced a transformer in Irish Acres. The public works team has been extremely busy conducting locates due to Cox Communications' installation of fiber optic cable. Public works only has three full-time employees and two part-time employees.

Golf Clubhouse Manager Dorrie Atkinson

There are four golf tournaments before the next council meeting. The golf course has hired several new employees. The golf course has generated \$60,000 more revenue this year than the same period last year.

Police Officer Brian Pryor

The police department has planned a movie night in the park on 29 July 2023.

Councilmember Dale Nelson

Commended the volunteer staff at the Senior Center. The Senior Center serves approximately 20 people daily for lunch during the week. Individuals may request additional meals be prepared for the weekend.

Councilmember Tim Jury

Thanked Tori Heller with Parks and Recreation for another successful ball season.

Councilmember Jim Bell

Several parents were upset with the way teams were set up for the ball season. Some teams did not have a full compliment of players and had to borrow players from the D team. The Parks and Recreation Department should consider having only two of each teams next year when planning for ball season.

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Councilmember Mary Monasmith

Suggested waiving the fee for vendors during the Labor Day event. The council agreed to waive vendor fees this year.

City Administrator Bill Flanery

The audit for 2022 has been completed. Varney and Associates will present the audit to the council at the next council meeting.

Quotes for fencing for the dog park have been requested from five companies. KDHE has been contacted once again about using the property for the dog park and potential safety concerns.

#10 Adjournment

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

Howard Battishill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bill Flanery, City Clerk