

## September 13, 2023

A special council meeting of the Chapman City Council was held Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at City Hall at 6:30pm. Mayor Howard Battishill was present. Councilmembers James Bell, Sheryl Coyner, Tim Jury, and Mary Monasmith were present. Also in attendance were City Administrator Bill Flanery, Betty Babcock, Russ Gunderson, Gail Gunderson, and Ty Lemon.

### **#2 2024 Revenue Neutral Hearing**

Mayor Battishill opened the Hearing.

The council discussed and agreed to the revenue neutral rate of 48.250 at the budget workshop on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Today's hearing is to formally approve the revenue neutral rate and the 2024 budget. Several funds impact the mill levy rate. The general fund impacts the mill levy more than the other funds (library, employee benefits, and library employee benefits). Several departments within the city fall under the general fund. Those include recreation, parks, golf, street, fire, and police department. An additional \$50,000 was placed into the street department budget for street repairs. The increase to the street department budget and fire budget, along with general inflation resulted in the mill levy increase. Ty Lemon stated that his property assessment went up \$40,000 and he has not made any significant improvements in eight years. The county informed Ty that there were some houses in the area that sold for very high prices and those impacted other's property values. Ty asked if the houses that sold at higher prices were located in the floodplain. The City Administrator, Bill Flanery, stated the city does not assess property values and he does not know which houses the county based their assessments on. Ty asked about a former plan with the county to improve the bridge on Old Highway 40 that would ease the floodplain in Chapman. The City Administrator stated he was not aware of any coordinated project with the County to improve a bridge on Old Highway 40 to assist with the floodplain. Ty asked if the City was going to do anything to improve the floodplain issues within the city. Tim Jury stated the bridge in question is not located within the city.

### **#3 – Resolution 09132024 – Approval of 2024 Mill Levy Rate of 48.250 (Exceeding Revenue Neutral Rate)**

Motion by Bell to approve Resolution 09132024 – Approval of 2024 Mill Levy Rate of 48.250 (Exceeding Revenue Neutral Rate), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jury, vote: yes –

Jim Bell – Yes  
Sheryl Coyner – Yes  
Tim Jury – Yes  
Mary Monasmith – Yes  
Dale Nelson – Absent  
Howard Battishill – No Vote

Unanimous (4-0). Motion carried.

### **#4 2024 Budget Hearing**

Motion by Bell to approve the annual budget for 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jury, vote: yes, unanimous (4-0). Motion carried.

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**#5 Adjournment**

Motion by Bell to adjourn, 2nd by Jury, vote: yes, unanimous (4-0). Motion carried.

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Howard Battishill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bill Flanery, City Clerk