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The scheduled monthly meeting of the Chapman City Council was held Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at City Hall at 7:00 pm. Mayor Howard Battishill was present. Councilmembers James Bell, Rick Johnson, Tim Jury, Christy Loy, and Mary Monasmith were present. Also in attendance were City Administrator Bill Flanery, Police Chief Kevin Diercks, Police Sergeant James Reynolds, Fire Chief Cecil Thrush, Golf Superintendent Austin Murphy, and Ron Kabat of the American Legion.

#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 Beer Garden for American Legion on Labor Day (5 September 2022)

Ron Kabat stated the American Legion would be hosting the Labor Day Cornhole Tournament on Monday, 5 September 2022. Ron requested the road in front of the American Legion be blocked off that morning for the tournament from 0700 until at least 1300. The American Legion requested a special permit for beer sales during the tournament. Councilmember Jury asked if the area was going to be roped off and limited to people old enough to purchase or consume alcohol. Ron stated the area would be roped off and alcohol would be contained in a separate area. Participants will not be able to leave the area with any alcoholic beverages and participants will be given armbands to identify them. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served inside of the American Legion.

Motion by Bell to approve a beer garden for the American Legion on Labor Day, 2nd by Johnson, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#5 Request for Road Closure in Front of American Legion on 5 September 2022 for Cornhole Tournament

Motion by Bell to approve the road closure in front of the American Legion on Labor Day from 0700 to 1300, 2nd by Johnson, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#6 Purchase of Equipment for Fire Department

Fire Chief Cecil Thrush stated the airbags currently in use by the Fire Department will be obsolete within 2 years. The Fire Department would like to replace the current system with a high-pressure 4500psi system. The surrounding communities use the high-pressure system. The current self-contained breathing apparatus bottles (SCBA) also need to be upgraded. The Fire Department has 10-12 bottles that are out of date and should be out of service. Chief Thrush requested the city council authorize the use of ARPA funds to purchase 16 SCBA air packs, 20 SCBA bottles and valves, a valve wrench, and 20 O-rings and gaskets. The total cost of the request is \$18,144.00. Councilmember Johnson asked what the cost would be to purchase all new equipment. Chief Thrush stated that purchasing all new equipment would be approximately \$125,000.00. Chief Thrush stated he would reach out to smaller departments in the area and see if they need the older equipment. Replacement parts are available for the requested equipment.

Motion by Jury to approve the use of ARPA funds to purchase fire equipment in the amount of \$18,144.00, 2nd by Bell, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

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#7 Purchase/Lease of Golf Carts

Superintendent Austin Murphy requested the city council authorize the use of ARPA funds to purchase five golf carts for \$29,500.00. The golf course ran out of golf carts the previous Saturday and has been running out consistently on weekends. The golf course currently has 25 golf carts and this year they have generated approximately \$30,000.00. The golf course is busier this year with the closure of Abilene's golf course. Compared to last year, the Golf Course has made an additional \$62,000.00. Each golf cart brings in about \$1,200.00 of revenue annually. Abilene does not have any working used golf carts for sale and their golf carts are electric. At \$1,200 per golf cart, a cart would pay for itself in five years. The golf course can support 30 golf carts operating at the same time. People can book tee-times on their phones. The new golf carts will not replace any current carts. The golf carts will come from Kansas Golf and Turf.

Motion by Bell to approve the use of ARPA funds to purchase five golf carts in the amount of \$29,500.00, 2nd by Jury, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#8 Purchase of Audio/Video Equipment for Police Department

Sergeant James Reynolds stated the Police Department is hosting a movie in the park this upcoming Saturday. The Police Department has purchased a 22-foot inflatable screen. Initially, the Sheriff's office was going to participate in the program and pay for half of the audio/video equipment. Unfortunately, the Sheriff's office has decided not to participate. Sergeant Reynolds requested the city council authorize the use of ARPA funds to purchase audio/video equipment in the amount of \$3294.00 for use in future police-community events. The system will benefit the entire community at upcoming events. The Police Department is borrowing equipment from Junction City for this weekend's event.

Motion by Johnson to approve the use of ARPA funds to purchase audio/video equipment in the amount of \$3,294.00, 2nd by Loy, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#9 Beer Garden for 1855 Retail Liquor on Labor Day (4 September)

Motion by Johnson to approve resolution 08102022 authorizing 1855 Retail Liquor to join the city's common consumption area on 4 September 2022, 2nd by Bell, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#10 Beer Garden for Kansas Coffee and Ice Cream on Labor Day (4-5 September 2022)

Motion by Bell to approve resolution 08102022B authorizing Kansas Coffee and Ice Cream to join the city's common consumption area on 4 September 2022 and 5 September 2022, 2nd by Johnson, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#11 Renewal of Cereal Malt Beverage (CMB) License for Aid Station Pizza

Motion by Jury to approve the CMB license for Aid Station Pizza, 2nd by Bell, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#12 Ordinance 1053 – Standard Traffic Ordinance

Motion by Johnson to approve Ordinance 1053 – Standard Traffic Ordinance, 2nd by Monasmith, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

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#13 Ordinance 1054 – Uniform Public Offense Code

Motion by Bell to approve Ordinance 1054 – Uniform Public Offense Code, 2nd by Johnson, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#14 Sewer Rates

City Administrator, Bill Flanery, stated several residents have complained about the current sewer rates. Residents with irrigation or gardens are paying high sewer rates based on water that is being used for their yards and gardens rather than water that is going down the sewer. Sewer revenue has increased by \$8,000.00 since the rate change in April. The bond payment for the lagoon is \$112,000.00 annually. There is currently a \$5.00 sewer charge on every resident's bill and that generates approximately \$35,500.00 annually. Raising that sewer surcharge to \$10.00 or \$15.00 would generate the revenue needed to cover the sewer bond payment. No action was taken, and the issue will be placed on the agenda in September 2022.

#15 KMEA Lineman Services Proposal

KMEA has proposed a lineman service consisting of one lineman that would be shared between Enterprise and Chapman. The cost of the lineman would be split between Enterprise and Chapman and would cost Chapman approximately \$86,000.00 per year. The cost would be split 65/35 with Enterprise and Chapman. Wesley Phillips would still serve as the lineman for the city and is currently in the KMU Apprenticeship Program. The lineman's schedule would have to be coordinated with Enterprise. The KMEA lineman would be a KMEA employee and they would provide benefits. He would be a certified lineman. If there is no work for the lineman in Enterprise or Chapman, the lineman could assist other cities during that time and the cost to Enterprise and Chapman would go down. No action was taken.

#16 Recreation Advisory Board Membership – Residency Requirement

The current ordinance that provides for the Recreation Advisory Board allows two members to live up to three miles outside of city limits. The Recreation Advisory Board has recommended the radius be expanded to the entire school district.

Motion by Johnson to change the membership requirements for the Recreation Advisory Board to allow members from anywhere in the school district, 2nd by Bell, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#17 Adoption of Kansas Homeland Security Region (F) Hazard Mitigation Plan

The City of Chapman has been a member of the Kansas Homeland Security Region (F) Hazard Mitigation Plan since 2020. The City needs to renew membership in the plan to remain eligible for future FEMA funds.

Motion by Johnson to approve Resolution 08102022C – Adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region (F) Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2nd by Bell, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#18 Reports

City Administrator – Bill Flanery

The intersection project with T&M Construction will be completed before Labor Day.

The sewer project with Mayer Construction is going well and they are about 95% complete with the project.

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The abatement project at the old grocery store is on hold pending funding from the EPA.

Planning for Labor Day is going well. There will be at least five bouncy houses and a dunk tank.

Council

Councilmember Bell – There have been complaints about children and individuals without a license driving golf carts in town. The Police Department is addressing the issue.

Councilmember Johnson – There are sprinklers in Sheeran Park and the corner of Marshall and 4th Street that are not currently working, and they need to be repaired. The Council needs to work on getting the City of Chapman to be debt free. The City of Milford is debt free, and they have a new sewer system. The city could invite the Mayor of Milford, Dan Roether, to attend a meeting and provide guidance on how they accomplished getting debt free.

Mayor Battishill – Thanked everyone for what they do.

#19 Adjournment

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

Howard Battishill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bill Flanery, City Clerk