

May 13, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Chapman City Council was held May 13, 2015 at the Chapman City Office. Mayor Phil Weishaar called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Council members present were Luan Sparks, Jeff Blixt, Tim Jury, Jim Murrison, and Dean Hansen. Also in attendance were City Administrator Austin St.John, City Attorney John Purvis, and Assistant City Clerk Rich Hite. Others in attendance were: Lee Wolf, Carol Lacer, Lisa Seiser, Bob Diehl, Joan Atkinson, Cody Sparks, Bobby Kamm, Ty Lemon, Millie Fink, Erin Tilton, Bob Roskins, Jamie Reynolds, and Emil Halfhill.

Agenda #3 Consent Agenda

Motion Hansen 2nd Murrison to approve consent agenda as presented. Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #4 Consider Certificate of Election Results

Action-Motion to accept the certificate of election results Luan Sparks-Council Member, Tim Jury-Council Member, and Lee Wolf-Council Member.

Motion Blixt 2nd Hansen to accept the certificate of election results Luan Sparks-Council Member, Tim Jury-Council Member, and Lee Wolf-Council Member. Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #5 Adjourn to Sine Die

Dean was thanked by the mayor and the council for his hard work and the time he put in as a council member.

Motion Hansen 2nd Blixt to adjourn sine die. Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Administration of Oath of Office to Luan Sparks, Tim Jury, and Lee Wolf as Council Members was performed by City Attorney John Purvis.

Agenda #6 Mayor call the meeting to order with new Council

Mayor Phil Weishaar called the meeting to order with the new Council at 7:10 pm.

Agenda #7 City Announcements

St.John introduced the new City Clerk, Erin Tilton. Tilton briefly spoke giving a little background on herself.

Agenda #8 Public Comments

None

Agenda #9 Election of Council President

Motion Wolf 2nd Jury to elect Jiff Blixt as Council President. Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #10 Reappointments of City Positions

Approve reappointments of City Attorney John Purvis, Judge John Barker, Municipal Court Attorney Joycelyn Lucas Randall, Chief of Police Emil Halfhill, Fire Chief Mike Simmons, and Treasurer Rich Hite.

Motion Sparks 2nd Blixt to approve reappointments of City Attorney John Purvis, Judge John Barker, Municipal Court Attorney Joycelyn Lucas Randall, Chief of Police Emil Halfhill, Fire Chief Mike Simmons, and Treasurer Rich Hite. Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #11 Consider Appointments and Reappointments to Committees

Mayor Weishaar told the Council of the following appointments and reappointments. Public Housing, reappoint Swede Bauman and appoint Lyle Barker. Library Board, reappoint Patti Stout, appoint Shannon Lucas, and appoint Craig Janke to an unfinished term. Recreation reappoint Clint Merritt. Zoning Planning reappoint John Sheets, Henry Brackney, and Joan Taylor. Zoning Appeals, reappoint Marc Riegel and Russ Gunderson. EDC, reappoint Shane Fisher, Joni Phillips, Jim McGuire, Bob Diehl, and Rodger Jacquet. Tree Committee, reappoint Sarah Will. Business Incentive Committee, reappoint Bob Roskens.

Motion Blixt 2nd Jury to accept appointments and reappointments as presented. Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #12 Proclamation of Arm Forces Day

Mayor Weishaar read the Arm Forces Day Proclamation.

Agenda Addition Halfhill

Chief Halfhill asked for an increase of \$250 added to the \$5000 that had previously been approved so the City can match the County's release of diversion money of \$5250. The money will go toward in car cameras for all three police vehicles.

Motion Jury 2nd Wolf to spend up to \$5250 in matching funds for police cameras. Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #13 CDBG Short Round Grant

St. John explained CDBG has some excess money that they are offering a short round grant for \$350,000 with 10% matching by the City. The money can be used for sidewalks, storm shelters, or playground equipment. Due to the limited survey done earlier the City is limited to sidewalks. A proposal has been worked up and is due by June 1st. St. John said we need to set a priority of where to put the sidewalks and the amount to budget toward the project. He suggested the City put in \$15,000 to \$20,000 toward the project. If the City put in \$15,000.00 the project total value would be \$150,000.00.

Weishaar said there are three things that need to be thought about. First is the pre-agreement. Austin said BG would do all the preliminary work getting the project ready for submitting of the application. The cost is \$2,000.00 and the pre-agreement is due by Friday. There is also a \$2,000.00 cost for the grant writing.

Motion Jury 2nd Sparks to accept agreement with City Engineer BG to put cost estimates together and the preliminary engineering for the Short Round Grant. Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Weishaar said next they needed to come up with a prioritized list of streets. The list would be:

1. 2nd Street
2. Anderson South to North

3. 1st Street
4. 5th Street
5. 4th Street Noble to Anderson
6. South side of 6th Street
7. East side of Marshall 2nd Street to 3rd Street

The final item is a public hearing needs to be set. The Public Hearing was set for May 28 at 5:30 pm at the City Office.

Agenda #14 Butterfield Trial-Nomination by Kansas Historical Society

Mayor Weishaar explained that through Millie Finks effort of filling out a 23 page application, the Butterfield Trial Site was placed on the Kansas Register of Historical Sites. The site has a good chance of also being named on the National Register of Historical Sites. Millie talked about her efforts to fill out the application.

Bob Roskins was also a major part of getting the site placed on the Register by clearing the site of the trees and brush. Bob also talked about his efforts and the history of the trial.

Agenda #15 Update from 5/12 Work Study

Austin talked about the work study in which the future of the sewer plant was discussed. Because of changing regulations the plant needs to be either revamped or replaced.

Agenda #16 Reports

Austin played a video on the importance of elected city officials and city administrators. Austin also introduced the new Police Officer Jamie Reynolds. Jamie briefly introduced himself. Austin also talked about the upcoming street project. Not sure yet when that will take place. The City is waiting on quotes for the cleaning out of the waste water treatment plant. The digger truck is back. The engine had to be rebuilt. Total cost of the repairs was \$27,000.00. Once a timeline is known for the street project there will be a meeting scheduled for the residents affected by the project. Some of the signs are up for the designated smoking areas in the parks. The new deck at the pool has been poured. The pool has been painted and the new shamrock painted on the bottom of the pool has been redesigned thanks to the art department at the high school. The new filters have been installed and the pool is being filled with water. The manager and guards have been hired. The pool should be able to open Memorial weekend as long as the weather holds out. A mower broke down at the golf course but that is being taken care of. The tee-signs have been ordered. All of them have been spoken for with five of them paid for. Work has started on the City budget.

Mayor Weishaar talked about the need for an assistant electric lineman. The City Council came to a general agreement that a lineman should be hired if the budget allows it and it can be worked out.

City Attorney Purvis discussed an insurance claim that has been filed against the City. He said the City could pay the claim, deny the claim, or not do anything and after 120 days it would be considered rejected.

Motion Jury 2nd Blixt to deny the claim by Woodworth. Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Luan Sparks gave a report on the Kansas Sampler. She said there was an excellent turnout and it was a great opportunity to showcase great things going on in Chapman. She appreciated the opportunity to go and representing the community.

Chief Halfhill reviewed the month for the police department. The new truck is on its way.

Agenda #17 Adjournment

Motion July 2nd Blixt to adjourn the meeting. Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.