

April 12, 2017

The regular scheduled monthly meeting of the Chapman City Council was held April 12, 2017 at the Chapman City Office. Mayor Jeff Blixt called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council members present were Howard Battishill, Lee Wolf, Tim Jury, and Jim Murrison. Luan Sparks was absent. Also in attendance was City Clerk Erin Tilton. Others in attendance were Bob Diehl, JoAnn Atkinson, Ty Lemon, Mike Stutz, Kevin Diercks, Bobby Kamm, Lance Tilton, Toni Geiger, Margaret Engle and Carol Lacer.

Mayor Blixt requested an amendment to the agenda. Blixt requested to add 8A for Lance Tilton to speak about Bike Across Kansas.

Motion by Wolf to 8A to the agenda, 2nd Jury, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #2 Consent Agenda

Motion by Wolf to approve the consent agenda, 2nd Battishill, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #3 City Announcements

No city announcements.

Agenda #4 Public Comments

No public comments.

Agenda #5 2017 Week of Emphasis Proclamation – The H.O.P.E. Center

Mayor Blixt proclaimed April 23 to 30, 2017 as H.O.P.E. Center Emphasis Week in the City of Chapman.

Agenda #6 Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Blixt proclaimed April 20, 2017 as Arbor Day in the City of Chapman.

Agenda #7 – Consider approval of City Administrator Contract

Motion by Wolf to approve the City Administrator Contract, 2nd Jury, Vote: yes unanimous.

Motion carried.

Agenda #8 Consider appointment of City Administrator

Motion by Jury to appoint John Dudte as the City Administrator to the City of Chapman, 2nd Wolf, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Council members spoke very highly of Dudte and are looking forward to him starting on May 1st. Tilton noted that she too had been in touch with Dudte and he was certainly doing his homework prior to arriving.

Agenda #8A Bike Across Kansas – Lance Tilton

Tilton, the town liaison for Chapman, spoke about the Bike Across Kansas that will be having an overnight stop in Chapman on June 14th. In looking at what other communities do when hosting bikers he noticed that other communities often times offer free swimming. He requested from the council that they approve free swimming on June 14th from 1:00pm to 8:00pm.

Motion by Jury to approve free swimming for 1:00pm to 8:00pm on June 14, 2017, 2nd Battishill, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #9 Appointment of KMEA Chapman board members

Tilton explained that appointments needed to be made for the KMEA Board of Directors two year board member terms. Tim Jury agreed to renew his appointment as an alternate member and Bobby Kamm would keep his as Director 1. Typically the city administrator is Director 2. Motion by Murrison to appoint Bobby Kamm as Director 1, John Dudte as Director 2 and Tim Jury as an Alternate Member to the KMEA Board of Directors, 2nd Wolf, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #10 Well #2 Repair Estimate – Alexander Pump & Services Inc.

Kamm and Lemon explained that they had pulled well #2 for maintenance and came across additional issues that they weren't anticipating. They asked Dallas with Alexander Pump & Services come and explain what they had found when they pulled the well. With the corrosion that has happened over the last several years the original pump needs to be rebuilt and an epoxy coat needs to be added. He went through the repair estimate in the amount of \$8,263.00, plus \$500 for shipping.

Motion by Jury to approve the repairs in the amount of \$8,763.00, 2nd Wolf, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #11 2014 Wastewater treatment plan updated

Mayor Blixt updated the council. Blixt requested that Thaniel wait to come and have discussion about the updated wastewater treatment plan at the May meeting once we have the new city administrator on board. Tilton explained that Newton would be meeting with a land owner on a potential intent to purchase and may have more information by the next council meeting as well.

Agenda #12 Reports

Tilton went through the loss of phone line plan that she put together with Eagle Communications and also updated the council on an insurance meeting that her and Kamm went to in Holton earlier in the day. Tilton will present the information to Dudte when he arrives to start looking to see if there are options to save the city money, while getting better coverage throughout the city.

Chief Diercks updated the council on the Emergency Management meeting he had been to earlier in the week. He also noted that it was brought to his attention that the siren behind the old city building was not working and found out that the siren is not on the current maintenance plan. Some council members were not sure that it went off automatically. Diercks will look into it.

Bobby reported that they had started working on the pool. Sam Switzer will be painting the inside of the pool house for his Eagle Scout project. There are also brick issues that need to be addressed. Several of the bricks are breaking apart and causing a hazard for swimmers. After counting there are 36 that are broken and they only have 25 on hand. When ordering you have to order them in a bundle of 100. The cost is roughly \$250 for a bundle of 100. The council suggested ordering them and having someone come in and do the repair work prior to the season starting. The sidewalk project is also under way and they began at 1st and Anderson and are working their way to Noble.

Ty reported that the City of Chapman is now a Level 8 in the CRS Program. This will allow residents to apply for a 10% discount on flood insurance. Lemon has been working on flushing fire hydrants and working on a structured maintenance routine for flushing hydrants. He also hopes to get a valve program set up in the near future as there are regulations coming down that might force the issue further.

Tim Jury wanted to thank all of the employees for their patience in hiring a city administrator.

Agenda #13 Adjournment

Motion by Wolf to adjourn, 2nd Jury, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.