

February 23, 2017

The special meeting of the Chapman City Council was held February 23, 2017 at the Chapman City Office. Mayor Jeff Blixt called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Council members present were Howard Battishill, Lee Wolf, Tim Jury, and Jim Murrison. Council member Luan Sparks was absent. Also in attendance were Interim City Administrator Jay Newton and City Clerk Erin Tilton. Others in attendance were Phil Weishaar, Bobby Kamm, Linda Jark-Stoffer and Thaniel Monaco.

Agenda #2 Ordinance 985- Ordinance authorizing the City of Chapman, KS to sell, issue and deliver its general obligation refunding and improvement bonds, series 2017A

Newton explained that the bonds had gone to market and were sold, as discussed at the council meeting on February 8, 2017. The approval will save the city around \$95,000 over the life of the bonds.

Motion by Jury to approve Ordinance 985, 2nd Murrison, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #3 Resolution 02232017- Resolution authorizing the City of Chapman, KS to sell, issue and deliver its general obligation refunding and improvement bonds, series 2017A

Motion by Jury to approve Resolution 02232017, 2nd Wolf, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Blixt asked Newton is there were any additional updates prior to adjourning the meeting. Newton noted that him and Kamm had hired someone to replace the position of Ryan Hall. Mike Stutz will begin on March 1 and has a lot of experience, as well as being water/wastewater certified.

Phil Weishaar asked Mayor Blixt if he could make a comment. Weishaar noted that the action to refinance the debt was near and dear to him. This action goes back as far as 2008 and he is glad to see it finally got accomplished and thanked the council for pushing it through.

Tim Jury brought up the discussion of landlord responsibility on unpaid utility bills by tenants that is the responsibility of the landlord if it doesn't get paid. He has had discussions with other landlords, Newton and Mayor Blixt. Other towns have gotten away from pushing the responsibility onto the landlord and instead have a policy where a utility deposit is required when signing up for utilities. In discussion with Mayor Blixt, Blixt made the suggestion of prorating the deposit out, as this will be additional fee to the connect fee that is already collected. This proposed ordinance change will be on the March agenda and Jury feels as though it will improve the ordinance and come up to speed with what other surrounding cities are doing to handle the issue.

Lee Wolf attending the Flint Hills Regional Council meeting in Manhattan on Friday, February 17th. Wolf noted that Kansas State University is looking to grow their internship program for City Administrators. He believes that this could be a great benefit to the city and is excited about seeing where it goes. Internships are usually paid and would be roughly be \$10-\$12/hour, no benefits and would be a summer internship.

No additional updates were given and the council was ready to adjourn and move into a work session for the wastewater treatment facility.

Agenda #4 Adjournment

Motion by Wolf to adjourn the meeting, 2nd Battishill. Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.