

February 8, 2017

The regular scheduled monthly meeting of the Chapman City Council was held February 8, 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, Luan Sparks, Tim Jury, and Jim Murrison. Also in attendance were Interim City Administrator Jay Newton, City Clerk Erin Tilton and City Attorney John Purvis. Others in attendance were Bob Diehl, JoAnn Atkinson, Jan McCormick, Ray Arveson, Austin Murphy, Ryan Hall, Kevin Diercks, Ty Lemon, Bobby Kamm, Lance Tilton, Phil Weishaar, Carol Lacer and Daryl Beemer.

Mayor Blixt asked for a couple agenda amendments. He asked for the addition of 6A, Dickinson County EDC/Dickinson County Justice Center Discussion, Lance Tilton and 6B, American Legion Liquor License.

Motion by Battishill to add 6A for Dickinson County EDC/Dickinson County Justice Center Discussion and 6B for American Legion Liquor License, 2nd Jury, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #2 Consent Agenda

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

Agenda #3 City Announcements

Bob Diehl announced that the St. Patrick's Day parade would be Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 1:00pm. Diehl also let the council know that Bike Across Kansas would be coming through Chapman in June and wanted to know if the council wanted them to help coordinate different ideas for entertainment while the cyclists were in town. Council agreed that would be beneficial and that it is great that Chapman was designated as an official stop.

Agenda #4 Public Comments

No public comments.

Agenda #5 March for Meals Month Proclamation – Chapman Senior Center, Jan McCormick
Jan McCormick thanked the council for all of their support and Mayor Blixt read the proclamation and declared March *March for Meals Month* in the City of Chapman.

Agenda #6 GAAP Resolution No. 02082017

Tilton explained that the GAAP Resolution is one that has to be passed each year per our auditor. This allows the City of Chapman to report on a cash basis.

Motion by Sparks to pass GAAP Resolution No. 02082017, 2nd Wolf, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #6A – Dickinson County EDC/Dickinson County Justice Center Updated – Lance Tilton
Lance Tilton, Dickinson County EDC board member, spoke to the council regarding the current board, some of the restructuring that is being done and how they plan to move forward. Tilton has hopes that the county is moving forward and believes the council will also see them working more with all the cities within Dickinson County in the future. Tilton also spoke about the

advisory committee he sat on for the newly proposed Dickinson County Justice Center. On the advisory committee they evaluated the pros and cons of what Dickinson County currently has. The committee made a recommendation to the commissions in full support of a new justice center and all commissioners were in support to move forward. The county plans to issue bonds to support the project. The current estimated completion date would be in 2019. The county is also hopeful that there will be little to no tax obligation to citizens once the project is completed.

Agenda #6B – American Legion Liquor License

Tilton explained that paperwork had slipped through the cracks and that the American Legion was working with the state to get their liquor license renewed. The current license is set to expire on February 19, 2017. Once the state license is issued the city can issue theirs after appropriate paperwork is completed and the two-year fee is paid. Tilton asked the council to consider approval of the city liquor license, contingent on completion of paperwork and fee. Motion by Wolf to approve the city liquor license for the American Legion contingent on the completion of paperwork and the two-year fee being paid, 2nd Murrison, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #7 Consider approval of sale of the north 75 feet of Lot 16, Block 11, City of Chapman to TCT

Newton had been back in contact with TCT about the purchase of the north 75 feet of Lot 16, Block 11, City of Chapman. TCT agreed to purchase the land for \$2000 if the council was willing to accept the offer. Newton said the land is appraised at roughly \$0.19/sqft and the transaction would also put the land back onto the tax roll which he views as a benefit to the city. Motion by Jury to sell the north 75 feet of Lot 16, Block 11, City of Chapman to TCT for \$2000, 2nd Battishill, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #8 Consider a request from the Recreation Commission for a modest increase in the CHAP program fee to support youth soccer program

Daryl Beemer with the Chapman City Recreation spoke regarding the new soccer program that they have created that will begin this spring. Beemer requested direction from the council as to if this program could be included in the CHAP program or if it should be a standalone program. Newton did point out that in looking at the current CHAP contract, any changes to the contract would have needed to be made by February 1 and all CHAP members would have needed to be notified. City attorney John Purvis suggested that because we did not make that deadline of February 1, we take the year to discuss various options, pros and cons of adding it to the membership, cost estimates and a potential survey to current CHAP members. Mayor Blixt suggested a “pay and play” option be looked at as an idea for something in the future. Beemer reiterated that he was only here for direction and asked that if the council decided not to have it as a program within the CHAP membership that they help in spreading the word. Tilton agreed to put a notification on Facebook, as well as get information to the paper. Beemer also noted that they would likely be taking over the Enterprise league. He believes they are looking at roughly \$5300 in startup costs and will be charging \$30/kid for the spring soccer program. The council was in agreeance to review the current CHAP program and look at the possibility of including it in the program in 2018. Additional discussion will be had.

Agenda #9 Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel

Motion by Wolf to go into executive session for non-elected personnel until 8:13pm, to include City Attorney John Purvis and Interim City Administrator Jay Newton.

No action taken.

Mayor Blixt asked for a motion to appoint Ryan Hall as fire Chief.

Motion by Jury to appoint Ryan Hall as fire Chief, 2nd Battishill, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #10 Establish a date and time for a work study session to discuss wastewater treatment facilities

Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 5:30pm

Agenda #11 Reports

Bobby Kamm announced that they have been working on trimming trees and that there are some alleys that they can't get their big trucks down. Kamm will also be working on creating an alley maintenance program, as there are some that are in rough shape. The VFD is now installed at well number six and hopefully in the future they can look to get VFD put in the other wells.

Austin Murphy introduced the new golf course clubhouse manager, Ray Arveson. Arveson spoke briefly and said he was glad to be back. Ray worked as clubhouse manager several years ago.

Murphy noted that mowing greens will start back up for the season this coming Friday and that they have their fundraiser tournament scheduled for April 8th.

Kevin Diercks reported that they have the police officer job open until March 1. Body cameras have arrived and have already proven to come in very useful for the department.

Ryan Hall, newly appointed fire chief, thanked the council for the appointment. He took time to recognize the three EMTs at the department, they do a lot for the department and he believes they deserve recognition. He is hoping to work to grow the department and is looking forward to getting things going.

Ty Lemon reported that they have been working on well number two. They have a sensor that is hung up. Next month he is hoping to have information to that council regarding contractor licenses. Lemon also reported that CRS has moved us up to classification eight, which gives those living within the flood zone a 10% discount on their flood insurance premiums.

Jay Newton spoke to the council about bond issuance and refinancing. Newton and Bob Perry believe they have a good opportunity to refinance some of the city's debt to produce a savings to the city that hasn't been there in the last couple of months. They will also be financing the temporary note on the street project into a bond, as the note was to come due April 1, 2017.

Luan Sparks thanked Jay for working with everyone and getting things moving.

Agenda #12 Adjournment

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