

July 12, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Chapman City Council was held July 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 were City Clerk Erin Tilton, City Administrator John Dudte and City Attorney John Purvis. Others in attendance were Bobby Kamm, Carol Lacer, Alex Wright, Kevin Diercks, Lance Tilton, Dale Nelson and Laveta Horner.

Mayor Blixt requested to add 6A - Ordinance 992 for Standard Traffic Ordinance and 6B – Ordinance 993 for Uniform Public Offence Code Ordinance to the agenda.

Motion by Jury to add 6A and 6B to the agenda, 2nd Battishill, Vote: yes, unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #2 Consent Agenda

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

Agenda #3 City Announcements

Mayor Blixt proposed a change in the agenda set up to the council. Going forward he would like to remove the city announcements portion of the agenda and add committees to the reports section of the agenda. Council was OK with the proposal.

Agenda #4 Public Comments

Lance Tilton, Chapman EDC, thanked the council in their efforts to have a successful beer garden for the Bike Across Kansas event. BAK was very successful and in the future Tilton hopes to see more community members get involved. Council members in return thanked Tilton for all of his efforts and time he put into making the event successful as well.

Laveta Horner spoke on behalf of her and some other citizens who had complaints with dogs at 303 W. 8th. Horner claimed her attempts to contact the police department both on the phone and in writing were unsuccessful.

Dale Nelson spoke about needing arrangements made for approval to get an organizational sign up next to the curve coming into Chapman. The sign would have four different organizations within Chapman advertised on it. Nelson had spoken previously with city staff and was requesting an update on how to move it forward.

Agenda #5 Ordinance No. 990 – Yard Wastes in City Streets and Gutters

Dudte explained that he had received several in-person and phone call complains regarding the issue of yard waste in city streets and gutters. Not only is it unsightly but it also has the potential for getting in our infrastructure and causing long-term issues. Councilman Murrison understood but also recognized that there would be additional complaints if the ordinance was enforced without warning. Warning has been given in the past and additional warning will be given but this will allow the city to enforce on repeat occurrences. It was also noted that when the city had a street sweeper it wasn't as big of issue, as it helped in getting the majority of it picked up. The street sweeper cannot perform this role. City Attorney Purvis pointed out that the fine, although could be much larger, was set at \$25 so to recognize that it was more of a blite issue and not a criminal act.

Motion by Wolf to accept approve Ordinance 990, 2nd Jury, Vote: yes, unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #6 Ordinance No. 991 – Fire Department Supervision

When going through code city staff realized that code still had the fire chief reporting to the mayor. The ordinance is intended to clarify the current practice in which the chief has been and does report to the city administrator.

Motion by wolf to approve Ordinance 991, 2nd Jury, Vote: yes, unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #6A Ordinance No. 992 – Standard Traffic Ordinance

Annual update of Standard Traffic Ordinance so police officers and court officials are able to address issues with the most updated material. New ordinance will also address seatbelt changes the state recently made. Motion by Jury to approve Ordinance No. 992, 2nd Battishill, Vote: yes, unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #6B Ordinance No. 993 – Uniform Public Offence Code

Annual update of Uniform Public Offense Code so police officers and court officials are able to address issues with the most updated material.

Motion by Murrison to approve Ordinance No. 993, 2nd Jury, Vote: yes, unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #7 – Conflict of Interest Discussion

City staff and counselor provided information to council on conflict of interest in lieu of the waste water lagoon options to purchase. This is relevant to any elected officials or appointed positions and in talking to both city legal counsel and the League of Kansas Municipalities in can get fuzzy. Although not the responsibility of the city, but rather the responsibility of each individual, city staff and counsel made the following recommendations:

- step back as far as you can if you determine there could be a conflict of interest or substantial interest
- there is no requirement that you have to resign your position, that becomes a personal decision
- refer to the code of ethics in the City of Chapman code book
- conversations should not be had with other council members or city staff
- direct all questions to city attorney

City Attorney Purvis brought up that the definition of business is very broad so make sure you know the definition, do research. City staff also pointed out that it may be wise for everyone to review and update disclosures with the county clerk if necessary. Council member Wolf brought up that as city staff continue to work on policies, this is a policy that needs to be looked at and reviewed. Wolf is happy to provide a copy of policy from Konza Prairie.

Agenda #8 Reports

City Administrator Dudte reported the following:

- Mastic project is complete except for one street and they will come back to finish it
- Application to the Department of Justice for grant proceeds has been submitted by the police department to help fund new vests
- DKCO Justice Center informational meeting will be held at City Hall on July 27th, 7:00pm
- Tables and umbrellas were purchased for the pool with the Bike Across Kansas beer garden proceeds
- A memorandum of understanding is being drafted for the organization sign Mr. Nelson spoke of and once completed and drafted will go in front of the council
- Dudte attended the library board meeting where they had some training done by the state library board on budgets and funding

A work session to continue working on the 2018 budget was set for Tuesday, July 18th at 6:00pm.

Agenda #12 Adjournment

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