

March 9, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Chapman City Council was held March 9, 2016 at the Chapman City Office. Mayor Phil Weishaar called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council members present were Lee Wolf, Luan Sparks, Jeff Blixt, Tim Jury and Jim Murrison. Also in attendance were City Administrator Austin St. John, City Clerk Erin Tilton and fill in attorney Doug Thompson. Also in attendance were Emil Halfhill, Howard Battishill, Joann Atkinson, Bruce West, Ryan Hall, Eric Adams, Ty Lemon, Bob Diel, Mary Stopper, Bobby Kamm, Carol Lacer, Ed Wehrmeister, Jan McCormick and Naomi Larouche.

Adjustment to Agenda

Add additional agenda item, #7A Resolution 03092016 to extend the street project temp note
Move agenda item #10 Executive Session – Personnel Discussion to agenda item #11 and move agenda item #11 Reports to agenda item #10

Motion by Blixt to amend agenda as stated, 2nd Jury, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #3 Consent Agenda

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

Agenda #4 City Announcements

St. John stated that the city is continuing to monitor survey results. Additional discussion on progress will be stated later in the meeting. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is on Friday, March 11th at 1:00pm. Jury, Sparks and Mayor Weishaar will ride in the back of Mayor Weishaar's pickup. Tilton has ordered the candy.

Agenda #5 Public Comments

No public comments.

Agenda #6 Introduction of new employee: Bruce West

Bruce West started with the City of Chapman on March 1st. He is the new utility worker II in the public works department. Bruce spent some time introducing himself to the council and is looking forward to working at the city.

Agenda #7 Proclamation to make March "March for Meals Month"

Mayor Weishaar read the "March for Meals Month" proclamation and declared March "March for Meals Month". Director of the Senior Center, Jan McCormick, came to thank all the city employees who have volunteered to deliver or serve meals.

Agenda #7A Extension of Street Project Temp Note: Resolution 03092016

Mayor Weishaar explained that the temporary note needs to be extended since the street project is not yet complete. The current bond comes due April 29th and will now be extended another year in the amount of \$825,000.00. The interest owed, of roughly \$10,000.00, will be paid before the bond is rolled over.

Motion by Jury to accept Resolution 03092016, 2nd Murrison, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #8 Survey Update

St. John updated the council to let them know that there has been a turn in the tides. North Central Regional Planning Commission went to double check the inputted numbers from the surveys that had been submitted because they believed we were close to the 51% LMI. When they went to double check it they realized there was an error in the spreadsheet and the city is only at 21% with roughly 1/3 of the surveys turned in. St. John said that there are some areas that have not had a good return rate that would help with the progress of the percentage rate. Those areas will be looked at and a plan to get those turned in will be drafted. Mayor Weishaar said that he had been looking at the spreadsheet and roughly, 400

people are going to have to qualify yet to get to the 51% LMI. Beginning a door-to-door campaign to get surveys completed and returned is going to take time to do and knowing that people are going to have to do it at times when people are most likely to be home, weekends and evenings. There is a possibility that this will not happen, however, the city has yet to be told from the Department of Commerce what will happen, what will have to be paid back if the 51% LMI is not met. St. John will be coming up with a plan to move forward based on recommendations that the council had given, such as preaddressed, stamped and coded envelopes and a frequently asked Q&A sheet to hand out.

Agenda #09 Submit questions for city engineers/additional discussion as needed

Sparks and Jury submitted questions for the three city engineers. St. John will be sending them to the three firms and once responses are received he will forward them on to the council. There will be discussion at the April meeting on the responses received.

Agenda #10 Reports

Mary Stopper, golf course clubhouse manager, reported that the new score cards were complete and are ready to go for spring. The golf course has been receiving several new members from Abilene.

Emil Halfhill, chief of police, told the council that the crown vic transmission had gone and out that they had begun stripping the car. They have received the 2013 Torus that they purchased on Purple Wave and his hope is to have it on the street by month end. The police radios have not been working well so they will also be having them looked at so they can get better reception with 911 communications/dispatch. Halfhill also thanks Bobby Kamm for attending the fire meeting the week before and giving the fire fighters a presentation on powerline safety.

Ty Lemon, code enforcer/building inspector, reported that there are a few new houses going up. He continues to work with the county on mitigation grants and also on remapping of the flood plain. Lemon has been replacing the lights out at the sewer plant.

Ed Wehrmeister, street department, reported they have been working on the ball complex, getting it ready for spring sports and summer league baseball and softball. A water leak needs to be addressed at the complex before the season starts. There is also a sunken drain at 7th and Sheeran that needs to be dealt with that they will be working on as well.

Bobby Kamm, public works director, reported that they have been working on the complex and getting the parks ready. They will be working on changing and relocating a water service at 504 W 4th. It is taking them longer than they would like, as working with the railroad has not been easy. He is also working on getting bids on the project. Water has been shut off until it can be fixed; luckily, it is not a residential property. Spring work will continue as it continues to get nicer outside.

St. John reported that he has ordered new park equipment for the city park. The current equipment will be replacing the wooden equipment that is at the ball complex. St. John also just finished doing an "Our Town" with Eagle Communications that will be on the TV and internet in the next week or so. The next KMEA meeting will be held in Chapman at city hall on the 17th. KMEA will begin negotiations midsummer on our KP&L contract.

Mayor Weishaar announced that the next Flint Hills Regional Council meeting is next Friday, the 18th and invited other council members to attending. Blixt will attend with Mayor Weishaar.

Chief Halfhill reminded the council and all in attendance that assuming weather is permeable, there will be a statewide tornado drill on the 15th. Chapman will be participating and sirens will go off at 1:30pm and 6:30pm.

Tim Jury brought up senior parking in front of the senior center and wondered if there was any way to reserve that parking for those in need of close proximity parking. Discussion was had when Flo's restaurant opened and because of the general lack of parking spots available, this was not doable. The handicap entrance to the senior center is in the back.

Agenda #11 Executive Session- Personnel Discussion

Motion by Jury to go into executive session until 8:20pm, including Doug Thompson to discuss nonelected personnel, 2nd Blixt, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

No action taken.

Motion by Blixt to go into executive session until 8:40pm, including Doug Thompson to discuss nonelected personnel, 2nd Murrison, Vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.

No action taken.

Agenda #12 Adjournment

Motion by Wolf, 2nd Jury, vote: yes unanimous. Motion carried.