

October 12, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Chapman City Council was held October 12, 2016 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 and Jim Murrison. Tim Jury was absent. Also in attendance were City Clerk Erin Tilton and City Attorney John Purvis. Also in attendance were Carol Lacer, Bob Diehl, Joan Atkinson, Ty Lemon, Ryan Hall, Kevin Diercks, Judd Liebau, Amy Liebau, Merv Wiese, Mary Stopper, Lisa Modrow, Polly Irwin, Dale Nelson, Rhonda Nelson, Austin Masters, Rachael Falls, Kim Welsh, Clint Meritt, James Bell, Brian Sweet, Cole Krinhop, Mindy Krinhop, Trevor Mosher, Molly Mosher, Thelma Lexo, Daryl Beemer, Kim Welsh, Jeremy Ross, CJ Jones, Shelly Picking.

Agenda #2 Consent Agenda

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

Agenda #3 City Announcements

Bob Diehl reminded the council that the auction of the old Dara's out by interstate is Saturday, October 15th.

Agenda #4 Public Comments

Lisa Modrow – 521 N Broadway – Modrow's understanding is that Judd Liebau will be making the same presentation that he made to the school board on Monday night. She wanted to bring up the lack of housing and lack of affordable housing within Chapman. If the city wants to continue to bring more things into Chapman, there are other things as mentioned, that need to be taken care of first.

Agenda #5 Chapman Recreation – Judd Liebau

Mayor Blixt announced that this would be discussion only between the council and Chapman Recreation. It is for informational purposes only at this time and no public comments will be accepted. If the council decides they want to look into this further, they will consider a public forum at that time. Judd Liebau was asked to come up and address the council.

Judd Liebau presented a proposal to the council about the possibility of creating and hiring a recreation commission director. Four out of the five board members were present at the meeting and although he is not an actual member, due to the fact that he doesn't live within city limits, he has volunteered a great deal of time and attends all of the meetings. Liebau stated that summer programs have grown tremendously and is now to the point in which it is pushing volunteer and human resources to the max. He is proposing a couple of different options that he would like the city council to look into. One, turn the recreation department over to the school district and have them tag it onto the school's budget instead of the city's, how it currently is, or two, which he recommends, create a joint council where the city council and school district each appointment two representatives to the recreation board and help support it financially. Liebau went on to briefly explain the financial impact that this would have if approved by the school district and the city council. He would recommend an approximate one mill increase, which would have to go to a vote of the people, and an estimated \$30,000 per year over the next two budget cycles from the city. Arrangements and facility use would also be discussed prior to any final decision being made. Liebau understands that this is a process that is going to take time to go through and look at all areas. Liebau feels there are tremendous benefits for adding this position to the recreation board. Some of these benefits include enhanced quality of life, more social involvement among families across all communities in the area, more local employment opportunities for high school students, more people coming into town a different times of the year and many more benefits that haven't been stated. The recreation would look to add to the programs it currently has available during the summer. Additional spring and fall sports would also be added. Luan Sparks stated a couple concerns on use and wear/tear on equipment and facilities and Jim Murrison noted that we are a long ways from making a decision in which all council members were in agreeance. Lee Wolf spoke briefly of the recreation department in Ellis,

Kansas and how much it had grown and is now financially supporting itself. Mayor Blixt ended the discussion with asking the council to think about it. He encouraged the public to reach out to council members on their thoughts and or concerns. Murrison asked Liebau the thoughts of the school board and he stated that they are also thinking about it and throwing around ideas, as it was just presented to them on the Monday before the council meeting. One final note that Liebau made was that he does have a vested interest and if this is something the school district and city council decide to move forward with he would be applying for the position.

Agenda #6 Flint Hills Regional Council – Austin Masters, Community Development Manager
Austin Masters had requested to attend the meeting to introduce himself to the council. Masters has been the Community Development Manager since June of 2016. The Flint Hills Regional Council gets a collection of cities and counties together to discuss different projects and let others know what is going on in their area. Lee Wolf is currently the council representative on the Flint Hills Regional Council. The Regional Council will be holding a meeting at the USD 473 district office on October 21st that everyone is welcome to attend. Mayor Blixt went through some of the upcoming projects the city is looking at and Sparks reiterated the importance of communication between the Regional Council and City Council. Masters is available to be contacted at any time and provided everyone with that contact information.

Mayor Blixt requested an additional agenda item that he forgot to add at the beginning of the council meeting. He requested the additional of 6A as Bayer Payment Request.
Motion by Wolf to add agenda item 6A as Bayer Payment Request, 2nd Battishill, Vote: yes, unanimous.
Motion carried.

Agenda 6A – Bayer Payment Request

Mayor Blixt reminded the council that they had approved final payment to Bayer Construction for the CDBG and Street Maintenance projects after the city had received in writing that they would be fixing a couple of issues found at Shamrock Estates and on 6th Street. Although the council has never received anything in writing, the 6th Street issue seems to be remedied. Blixt will meet with city engineer, Thaniel Monico, on Friday to go over the issue at Shamrock Estates. It is Blixt's recommendation that Tilton void the check that was written together and split the payments out and at this time only pay out the final payment on the street maintenance project for \$21,812.94.

Motion by Sparks to void check #11446 in the amount of \$52,098.15 to Bayer Construction, 2nd Wolf, Vote: yes, unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Sparks to issue a check in the amount of \$21,812.94 for the final payment for the street maintenance project to Bayer Construction, 2nd Wolf, Vote: yes, unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #7 – Travel Reimbursement Policy

Tilton presented the travel reimbursement policy to the council that she and Purvis put together. Interim City Administrator, Jay Newton, had reviewed it and thought it was fine. Newton suggested adding a travel request and expense report. He provided Tilton with an example he had done for another city and Tilton adapted it to the needs of Chapman. The policy, if adopted, will go into effect immediately and be added to the personnel handbook.

Motion by Wolf to accept the Travel Reimbursement Policy as presented, 2nd Sparks, Vote: yes, unanimous. Motion passed.

Agenda #8 – Health Insurance – ECCHIC Group Plan Discussion & Vote

At the last special meeting it was decided that the City would move away from the state health plan. At this time, after previous discussion, it's time to decide which direction the city would like to go. Included in the council packet is an email from Interim City Administrator Newton stating that he has gone over and agrees with the council if they feel the best way to move forward is to go with the ECCHIC Group. Tilton noted that plan number two that the council had been looking at was HealthyValue 10,000.

Murrison wanted to make sure that the employees were happy with this. Tilton explained that she believed everyone was and that they were under the understanding that the new plan would be mirrored off of the benefits they currently have on the state plan.

Motion by Wolf to accept the HealthyValue 10,000 plan through the ECCHIC group for the 2017 health insurance plan, 2nd Murrison, Vote: yes, unanimous. Motion carried.

Agenda #9 Dropbox and Electronic Packets Discussion

This was the first full month of using Dropbox for electronic council packets. Mayor Blixt wanted to know what everyone thought. Sparks likes it but prefers paper copies; Battishill is still getting used to it and Murrison is still playing with it to get used to it as well. At their desk, they were given some preliminary information on the potential of looking into tablets for access to the council packets at home, as well as at the meeting. Blixt encouraged everyone to use Dropbox a little more and at the next council meeting additional discussion could be done on how they wished to proceed forward.

Agenda #10 Reports

Ty Lemon reported that he is still waiting to hear on the mitigation grant he applied for. He also worked with the county to apply to host training in DKCO that would look specifically at the concerns within the county. New flood maps for the county likely will not be available until 2019.

Ryan Hall reported as interim fire chief. Weis had been out and pump tested the trucks. There were a few things noted that need to be fixed but nothing major like last year. As many have already saw, former fire chief Reynolds accepted a \$1000 check from a conference he had been in in the spring. Hall plans to talk to Newton about the potential of additional equipment on the EMS side. They will be attending the after school program later in the week and are looking forward to the interaction with the students.

Mary reported that the golf course fundraising tournament that they had was very successful. They ended up with nine teams of four. The clubhouse hours are slowly cutting back with the time change and cooler weather.

City Attorney John Purvis has been working with Ty on building issues. They believe they have found a solution to the old grocery store building and will be moving forward on that.

Mayor Blixt let the council know that he had received a phone call from city engineer, Thaniel Monaco, and not all of the contractor bid information got sent out from BG's office. He made the recommendation to leave it open until November 2nd. This won't affect anything else, the council will still reward a bid after review at the November council meeting.

Agenda #11 Adjournment

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