

December 12, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Chapman City Council was held December 12, 2018 Chapman City Office. Mayor Jeff Blixt called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council members present were Howard Battishill, Tim Jury and Clint Thornton. Council member 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 Joshua Smith, Kevin Diercks, Ty Prosser, Lance Tilton, Lee Wolf Diane Lister, Eilene Woodworth, Christine Collins and Debby Pelfrey.

Agenda #2 Consent Agenda

Motion by Jury to accept the consent agenda as presented, 2nd Battishill, Vote: yes, unanimous (3-0). Motion carried.

Agenda #3 Public Comments

Diane Lister – Raised concern about the water leak that had not been completed at 5th and Marshall. Hazard to people trying to maneuver around it.

Christine Collins – Follow-up on issues raised at November council meeting regarding a former police officer. Requests that the community receives an explanation.

Eilene Woodworth – Wanted to know if generators have an automatic turn-on feature, believes this could be a big draw to people moving into Chapman. Asked if the city had a standard operating procedure for vehicles and has concerns as to why a former police officer is no longer employed with the city. Thankful for the officers that we do have.

Debbie Pelfrey – Would like to see the reinstatement of a former police officer. Former police officer was good with the kids in town, always willing to help and gave several examples of his great work while being an officer for the city.

Ty Prosser – Stated that since the November council meeting, had productive conversations with the Mayor and city administrator. Wants and is willing to move forward in a positive direction. Did not make the 1st Impressions presentation but read through the report and wants to see a joint effort for additional signage coming into Chapman. There are a lot of good things happening in Chapman and enjoyed his visit with the Dickinson County Economic Director when he was in Chapman. Requested to be considered for the vacant council position.

Agenda #4 Council member recognition – Lee Wolf

Mayor Blixt recognized Lee Wolf for his service on the city council the last couple of years. Wolf brought business sense to the council and was instrumental in getting additional policies and procedures passed.

Agenda #5 Mini excavator lease purchase agreement

Purchase of 2018 John Deere mini excavator reviewed briefly at the November council meeting. Current financing is going away. Financing options have been reviewed. Astra Bank has agreed to do a 10-year lease purchase agreement at 4.85% interest rate with a purchase price of \$51,420, making the annual payment \$5,142. Other banks wanted a considerable amount of payment up

front and were not willing to financing for 10 years. Machine comes with two-year warranty. Public works is working on options to sell the backhoe which will come to council for approval once all options are sought out. City has currently had quotes for \$14,000 and \$24,000. Motion by Jury to approve the lease purchase of the 2018 John Deere mini excavator with financing through Astra Bank for 10 years, 4.85% financing and annual payments of \$5,142, 2nd Battishill, Vote: yes, unanimous (3-0). Motion carried.

Agenda #6 Sewer lagoon work session – Confirm date: January 9, 2018, 6:00pm
Work session will occur at 6:00pm before the regularly scheduled council meeting on January 9th. Kaw Valley and MAP consultant will plan to attend to speak with the council.

Agenda #7 Reports

City Administrator

- Leaf pickup has been started and will be completed by the end of the week
- Community garden grant funds should be received in the next week
- BOD marker west of Casey's was hit by a delivery truck, public works will be working to get it back up
- BCBS wellness plan is underway, training for city staff will begin in 2019
- January 23rd is Local Government Day in Topeka and all council members are welcome to attend, the city will provide transportation
- Water leak under the railroad tracks is slowly being dealt with, currently waiting to hear back from Union Pacific
- Hydrant testing in preparation for railroad leak repair led to a broken valve and hydrant issue at 5th & Marshall, Kansas Rural Water has been in on helping to get the repair taken care of
- Received additional sewer service contract, will bring to city council for review in January
- Anita Duncan has begun as part-time treasurer in preparation of Rich's retirement, will come to January council meeting
- Nathan is working on several grant applications that will also be brought to the council for approval in January
- Price structure for pool, golf and recreation is being reviewed and changed, will have updated information to council for review and approval in January
- Working to tune up budget documents for the upcoming year

Tim Jury

- Thanks to all the city working for doing a great job on the city Christmas lights and new star
- Golf course facility is great, wonderful Christmas party

Mayor Blixt

- Met with a council candidate and has two more to meet with, plans to bring a consideration to the council in January

Agenda #8 Adjournment

Motion by Jury to adjourn, 2nd Thornton, Vote: yes, unanimous. Motion carried (3-0).