

**April 13, 2022**

The scheduled monthly meeting of the Chapman City Council was held Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at City Hall at 7:00 pm. Mayor Howard Battishill was present. Councilmembers Christy Loy, Mary Monasmith, James Bell, Tim Jury, and Rick Johnson were present. Also in attendance were City Clerk Bill Flanery, Officer Nick Saunto, John Sheets, Greg Commons, Lance Tilton, Joanie Hayden, and Mark Campbell.

**Motion by Bell to change agenda item 5 (Discussion on City Treasurer Position) to agenda item 12a, 2nd by Jury, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.**

## **#2 Consent Agenda**

Motion by Jury to approve the consent agenda as presented, 2nd by Bell, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

## **#3 Public Comments**

None

## **#4 Discussion on Municipal Pool**

Lance Tilton stated that the municipal pool needs to be renovated. There are CDBG grants available for recreational facilities and Kansas Tourism offers an Attraction Development Grant Program as well. There is money available for pool renovations, but most grants will have a matching amount that would be paid by the city. Joanie Hayden stated that renovations need to be done for safety and ADA compliance issues. The pool is not currently set up for access for anyone in a wheelchair. The pool is also used for swimming lessons and water fitness classes and they are well attended. The bricks and guttering of the pool have been fixed several times. The ladders have also been an issue. The high-dive is probably not in compliance based on all the other pools in the area that no longer have high-dives. People were not allowed to dive headfirst from the high-dive last year. Abilene renovated their pool about 10 years ago and added handicap accessibility. Devin Neal assisted with the pool last year and did a very good job. He was available whenever we needed him. Councilman Johnson asked if Mr. Tilton had a list of the top items he would like to see repaired or added to the pool. Mr. Tilton stated the pool house should be renovated with easier entry access or zero entry. The pool also needs access for handicap individuals. St. Francis built a new pool a couple of years ago with assistance from CDBG, increases in revenue from utility rates, and donations from private individuals. CDBG has limited the total amount available for pool projects to \$350,000.00. The council agreed to have the city prepare a priority list for the pool and to revisit the issue.

## **#6 Appointment of Members to the Economic Development Committee (Jennifer Delaney, Tana Davis, Sheryl Coyner, Bill Flanery, and Ashley Prosser)**

Mayor Battishill appointed Jennifer Delaney, Tana Davis, Sheryl Coyner, Bill Flanery, and Ashley Prosser to the Economic Development Committee.

Motion by Johnson to approve the appointment of Jennifer Delaney, Tana Davis, Sheryl Coyner, Bill Flanery, and Ashley Prosser to the Economic Development Committee, 2nd by Bell, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

## **#7 Appointment of Jean Gobber to the Library Board**

Mayor Battishill appointed Jean Gobber to the Library Board.

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Motion by Bell to approve the appointment of Jean Gobber to the Library Board, 2nd by Monasmith, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

**#8 Grant for Asbestos Abatement of Old Grocery Store**

The abatement project for the grocery store was started by Mark Campbell. Mark worked with the state to have someone remove any lead paint and asbestos from the grocery store so it can be demolished. The State put the project out for bid and received one bid for the project. The bid for the project was for \$20,250.00. The State will pay half of the cost so the cost to the city will be \$10,125.00.

Motion by Johnson to accept the bid for abatement of the grocery store in the amount of \$10,125.00, 2nd by Bell, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

There has been discussion with the American Legion about purchasing the property after the abatement.

**#9 Contract with Salina Waste Systems**

The city is currently paying Waste Management \$536.65 monthly for two dumpsters. They are located at the Golf Course and at the Maintenance Shop. Salina Waste Systems will provide two dumpsters for only \$160.00. The city is in a contract with Waste Management until May. The city has another dumpster through Waste Management at the Ball Park. It is under contract until November of 2023. The city pays \$230.00 per month for that dumpster and, again, Salina Waste Systems will provide the same size dumpster to that location for only \$80.00 per month.

Motion by Loy to allow the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Salina Waste Systems for two 6-yard dumpsters, 2nd by Johnson, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

**#10 Cardboard Recycling Bin for Community Use**

Salina Waste Systems has agreed to provide an 8-yard dumpster for cardboard recycling to the city for \$70.00 per month.

Motion by Johnson to allow the City Administrator to enter into a contract with Salina Waste Systems for an 8-yard cardboard recycling dumpster, 2nd by Johnson, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

**#11 FEMA Request for Improvement Project (Old Sewer Plant)**

In 2019, the city requested assistance from FEMA to build a new sewer plant or lagoon. The request was based on the sewer plant being damaged by the flood in 2019. Mark Campbell was instrumental in reviving this request. FEMA did not consider the sewer plant to be damaged beyond repair and estimated the plant to be only 28% damaged. For FEMA to provide assistance for a new project to replace the sewer plant, it would have to be considered over 50% damaged. The application for assistance was submitted as a new project. FEMA has agreed to compromise and provide some assistance if the city will change the type of the project from a new project to an improvement project. If the city changes the type of project to an improvement project, FEMA may provide up to \$230,000 that can be used to pay on the USDA loan for the Lagoon project. The city could appeal this decision, but there is no guarantee an appeal would be successful. If an appeal is not successful, the result could be the city not receiving any assistance from FEMA.

Motion by Johnson to change the request for FEMA assistance from a new project to an improvement project, 2nd by Bell, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

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**#12 Roof Repairs for City Hall and Fire Department**

The roof repair is considered an emergency and does not need to be bid out as a project and can be funded by the Capital Improvement Fund. The city received two estimates for roof repair. Skyview roofing and Tailored Roofing submitted estimates. The Council tabled the issue and requested a few more estimates. No action taken.

**#12a Discussion on City Treasurer Position**

Motion by Bell to recess the council into executive session to discuss the city administrator position pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The executive session will include Council, Mayor, and the City Administrator, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Loy, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried. The open meeting will resume in the city council chambers at 8:00 p.m.

The open meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m. All personnel present prior to the executive session were once again present. No action was taken by the council during executive session.

Motion by Loy to appoint Jennifer Helmer as the City Treasurer effective immediately, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jury, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

**#13 Reports**

**City Administrator – Bill Flanery**

The sewer project will begin on 25 April. The intersection project at 5th and Marshall should begin at the end of May. The disc golf project at the City Park is becoming a reality. They will install the baskets around the 23rd or 24th of April. The city maintained a class 8 rating with the National Flood Insurance Program which allows residents of Chapman that live in the floodplain to receive a 10% discount on flood insurance premiums. Fire Chief Thrush will be purchasing a support vehicle for the Fire Department. The vehicle is \$4,000.00 and will come from the Fire Department budget.

**Council**

Councilmember Jury thanked everyone for the hard work with planning and conducting the St. Patrick's Day parade. There was quite a turn out and everything went well.

**#14 Adjournment**

Motion by Bell to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

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Howard Battishill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bill Flanery, City Clerk