

June 8, 2022

The scheduled monthly meeting of the Chapman City Council was held Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at City Hall at 7:00 pm. Mayor Howard Battishill was present. Councilmembers Christy Loy, James Bell, Tim Jury, and Rick Johnson were present. Also in attendance were City Administrator Bill Flanery, Sergeant James Reynolds, and Joyce Jackson.

#2 Consent Agenda

Motion by Jury to approve the consent agenda as presented, 2nd by Bell, vote: yes, unanimous (4-0). Motion carried.

#3 Public Comments

Joyce Jackson stated that his sewer bill had increased by 90% for the month of May and 87% for the month of June. Mr. Jackson asked why the sewer rates were changed from the previous method of averaging the first three months of the year. The previous method seemed like a fair way of determining the sewer rates. Mr. Jackson asked why citizens were not notified that the sewer rate was going to change. A notice of the change in sewer rates could have been included in the monthly bills that are sent to residents. There are a lot of people that are not on Facebook. The old system seemed fair for residents that liked to garden and take care of their yard. Mr. Jackson recently installed a sprinkler system and feels that he is being penalized for it. Mr. Jackson estimated that his sewer rate would increase by approximately \$300.00 per year. Mr. Jackson stated he would like feedback from someone with the city about why the rates were changed and how the residents were notified.

Mr. Jackson was asked to contact the City Administrator, Bill Flanery, to discuss the reasons for the change and the notification procedures used.

#4 Discussion on sewer back-up on 1139 Manor Drive

Dan Wasyk has filed a claim against the city in the amount of \$24,600.00 for damages to his home after a sewer back-up. The back-up was caused by a diaper or something similar that someone had flushed down the toilet. The claim was submitted to the City's insurance, EMC, and was subsequently denied by EMC.

The City Administrator recommended no action be taken until the claim could be reviewed by the City Attorney, Brad Jantz.

No action taken.

#5 Approval of CMB License for Kansas Coffee and Ice Cream

Motion by Bell to approve the CMB License for Kansas Coffee and Ice Cream, 2nd by Loy, vote: yes, unanimous (4-0). Motion carried.

#6 Reports

City Administrator – Bill Flanery

Everygy will be replacing 18 utility poles in Chapman. They are working on replacing poles on Old 40 from Abilene to Chapman. The city uses Everygy's poles to distribute electricity throughout Chapman. Once a pole is replaced, the city will be responsible for framing the crossbars and re-lining the pole to continue providing service to residents. The sub-contractor for the project, Capital Electric Line Builders, has offered to complete the City's portion of the project for \$95,235.00. The city has requested additional information on the exact timeframe for the project and what equipment will be needed.

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The sewer project is going well. Precision Plumbing is the sub-contractor and has been moving forward with the project. There have been a couple of complaints from residents about the project requiring a portion of their yard being dug up, but Precision is supposed to put the yard and streets back to the way they were before digging.

The Father's Day 5K was canceled due to lack of interest. Only five people signed up for the run.

The estimate for the food truck court is approximately \$6,000.00. That does not include the cost of bringing in any rock.

The Lazy Wayne Band will perform during the Labor Day celebration. The city will not purchase fireworks this year due to the increase in cost.

The sewer increase brought in an additional \$180.00 for the month of April. For the month of May, the sewer increase brought in an additional \$2,325.00. The amounts will likely increase over the next few months as people use more water.

Council

Councilman Jury - Improvements for the pool need to be added to the budget next year. The Pool Managers and the Director of Parks and Recreation will get a list of priorities together for pool improvements. They will also provide the regulation or standards on the diving board.

Councilman Johnson - Thanked Sergeant Reynolds for taking time to go to the daycare and talk to the children.

#7 Adjournment

Motion by Johnson to adjourn, 2nd by Loy, vote: yes, unanimous (4-0). Motion carried.

Howard Battishill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bill Flanery, City Clerk