

May 31st, 2022

A special council meeting of the Chapman City Council was held on Tuesday, May 31st, 2022, at City Hall at 5:30 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 and Attorney Brad Jantz.

#2 Discussion on new City Attorney

Brad Jantz stated that he lives and practices law primarily in Newton. His specialty is Municipal Law and Public Administration. He currently represents eight cities of the 2nd or 3rd class. Mr. Jantz normally charges cities on a flat rate and not by the hour and normally charges cities 50 percent of his normal rate. There are rare occasions where an hourly rate would be appropriate but those are infrequent. The proposal is \$30,000.00 for an annual contract. It includes all regular or special meetings and municipal court. Mr. Jantz is very familiar with blight notices and environmental control. There are alternatives to run the process through municipal court or the distressed property proceedings.

Motion by Bell to recess the council into executive session to discuss the City Attorney 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, 2nd by Johnson, vote: yes, unanimous (4-0). Motion carried. The open meeting will resume in the city council chambers at 5:45 p.m.

The open meeting resumed at 5:45 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 Bell to enter into a contract with Mr. Jantz as the City Attorney at \$30,000.00 annually, 2nd by Loy, vote: yes, unanimous (4-0). Motion carried.

#3 Adjournment

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

Howard Battishill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bill Flanery, City Clerk