

May 10, 2023

The scheduled monthly meeting of the Chapman City Council was held Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at City Hall at 7:00 pm. Mayor Howard Battishill was present. Councilmembers Jim Bell, Sheryl Coyner, Tim Jury, Mary Monasmith, and Dale Nelson were present. Also in attendance were City Attorney Brad Jantz, City Administrator Bill Flanery, Director of Public Works Edward Wehrmeister, Golf Superintendent Austin Murphy, Director of Parks and Recreation Victoria Heller, Christy Loy, Tracy Lucas, Mallory Sullivan, and Collin Sullivan.

#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 2000 Block, 2650 Avenue (Tracy Lucas)

Tracy Lucas is the Director of Irish Den. Irish Den is a non-profit youth center and coffee shop. The Irish Den does not have enough space for all the children at youth activities. They are looking for more space to accommodate all the children and to hold more activities. Tracy Lucas presented the council with a plan for a new youth center with a proposed location south of DK Fitness. The new center would include a coffee shop, playgrounds, basketball court, gymnastic play area, skate park, garage area, and more. The facility is geared toward youth and young adults. It would offer after school programs and internships that cannot currently be offered at Irish Den. The Irish Den would like to purchase some land adjacent to DK Fitness to build the new youth center. There are no youth centers comparable to this plan anywhere in Kansas. It should bring children from Topeka, Salina, and Junction City. It will be designed to accommodate more than just children from Chapman. It will provide jobs for residents of Chapman and should produce additional revenue for local businesses. The proposed dimensions of the building are 150ft by 250ft with an option to build a turf field for soccer and/or football. In order to secure possible funding for the project, the Irish Den would like to first secure the land on which the project would be built. The youth center would tie in to the disc golf course and DK Fitness. The goal is to complete the project in 2025. There would be a counselor on staff and there would be a full-service kitchen to feed 200 people. There would also be tutoring available with a few class rooms and a conference room. The project will be placed on the agenda for June 14th.

#5 Proclamation in Honor and Recognition of National Skilled Nursing Home Week

City Administrator, Bill Flanery, read the Proclamation in Honor and Recognition of National Skilled Nursing Home Week.

#6 Resolution 05102023B – Road Closure for School's Out for Summer Bash on May 20th, 2023 (Kimberly Lane from Marshall Avenue to Manor Drive from 0900 until 1600)

The nursing home is sponsoring the School's Out for Summer Bash. They hold the event every year. They will have food vendors and some games for children.

Motion by Bell to approve Resolution 05102023B – Road Closure for School's Out for Summer Bash on May 20th (Kimberly Lane from Marshall Avenue to Manor Drive from 0900 until 1600) , 2nd by Jury. Vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

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#7 Renewal of Liquor License for 1855 Liquor

Motion by Jury to renew the liquor license for 1855 Liquor, 2nd by Bell. Vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#8 Approval of Fireworks Application – Celebrating Freedom LLC

Motion by Jury to approve the fireworks application for Celebrating Freedom LLC., 2nd by Bell. Vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#9 Approval of Fireworks Application – Block Buster Fireworks

Motion by Bell to approve the fireworks application for Block Buster Fireworks, 2nd by Monasmith. Vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#10 Copier Lease for City Hall

The copier in City Hall has been leased for almost seven years. It is starting to not work very well. The current lease is from Century Business Technologies. The city received bids from Century Business Technologies and 360 Solutions for a lease on a new copier. The lease from Century Business Technologies is less than what the city is currently paying and is significantly lower than the lease from 360 Solutions. The lease from Century Business Technologies is for six years and includes maintenance.

Motion by Bell to enter a lease with Century Business Technologies for a new copier, 2nd by Jury, Vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

#11 Committee Assignments

Mrs. Blixt has decided not to participate in the EDC. There are currently a couple of vacancies on the EDC and on the Zoning and Planning Committee. The agenda item will remain on the agenda until vacancies are filled. No action taken.

#12 Reports

Director of Public Works Ed Wehrmeister

The pool has been cleaned and is being filled. The pool has been painted and several bricks have been replaced. The cedar trees at the cemetery have been burned. There have been numerous water leaks this month. The concrete in front of the Senior Center has been cut and is ready to be taken out. Will replace the concrete when there is no rain in the forecast.

Golf Superintendent Austin Murphy

The concrete has been poured for the new maintenance shop and the framing should start any day. Men's league has started, and women's league will start on May 18th. Couple's league will start on May 21st.

Director of Parks and Recreation Victoria Heller

Spring and summer ball is under way. There are over 300 children signed up to play ball. The recreation department purchased some new equipment for baseball and softball. The price for holding a tournament has increased from \$250.00 to \$300.00 this year. The pool opens on May 27th. Lifeguards have been hired and the city has enough lifeguards.

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City Administrator Bill Flanery

There is no official policy for members of public works to be on-call after normal business hours. The city does not have a policy that limits the distance members of the public works team can go on the weekend or prevents them from consuming alcohol. The public works team is not compensated unless they are called out after business hours and then they receive a minimum of two hours compensation at their overtime rate. There is an expectation that members of the public works team will come in if they are in the area and are needed for a water leak or electric outage. The city should look for a fair and reasonable compensation plan to ensure employees are compensated for being considered on call.

Globe Life Insurance would like to offer insurance to the city's full-time employees. It would not cost the city any money.

Kaw Valley inspected the old grocery store. In their opinion, the building is not structurally sound. The written report will be presented at the next council meeting.

Blight notices are being issued. Seventeen notices were sent out in one week.

Councilmember Sheryl Coyner

The tree committee has another meeting next week. They are working on scheduling a tree inventory for mid-June.

Councilmember Mary Monasmith

The housing authority has installed a new security system. The residents now have fobs to enter the building.

Councilmember Tim Jury

Thanked all the department heads for being present at the meeting and for all their continued hard work.

Mayor Howard Battishill

Thanked everyone for their support and hard work.

#13 Adjournment

Motion by Bell to adjourn, 2nd by Jury, vote: yes, unanimous (5-0). Motion carried.

Howard Battishill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bill Flanery, City Clerk