

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jacob LaRue presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Jacob LaRue and Commissioners Kevin Berthot, Sam Budreau, Phillip Chaney, and Tim Fairchild.

Staff Present: Todd Newman, Interim City Manager; Brian Duncan, Assistant City Attorney; Tina Bailey, City Clerk; Ryan Follmer, Assistant City Manager; and Cory Kepley, Chief Finance Officer.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Phillip Chaney.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved on motion by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Berthot. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is used to approve non-controversial or routine matters by a single motion and vote. The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- Minutes – City Commission – June 22, 2020
- Minutes – City Commission – June 29, 2020 - Special Call
- Minutes – City Commission – July 2, 2020 - Special Call
- Warrant Register dated June 24, 2020
- Warrant Register dated July 1, 2020
- Warrant Register dated July 8, 2020

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Todd Newman gave his report on City activities and operations. Items reported on included an update on the CARES Act application process, Aquatic Center operations, and Chanute 911 Dispatch Center.

General discussion was made.

Commissioner Budreau commented on an accident that occurred at the golf course.

Mayor LaRue commented on section 3.2 of the CARES Act.

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECT COST FOR FIBER DEPLOYMENT OF PON 3 AND PON 11

The project cost for Fiber Deployment of Pon 3 and Pon 11 will exceed \$651,000 upon payment of an invoice received from Universal Communications, LLC and requires City Commission payment approval. The unexpected expenditure at this time is related to an engineering cost of \$75,000 that wasn't included in the original project.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Interim City Manager Todd Newman and Chief Finance Officer Cory Kepley.

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to approve the payment of \$14,598.00 to Universal Communications, LLC.

Further discussion was made.

Mayor LaRue called for a vote for the motion on the floor.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

DEFINE PRIORITY LIST & OBJECTIVES FOR USE OF FUND 120-SPECIAL SALES TAX RELATING TO MAINTENANCE NEEDS OF CITY OWNED BUILDINGS

At their June 8, 2020 meeting the governing body requested that City staff present a municipal building and priority improvement list at a future meeting for review and consideration for use of City Fund 120-Special Sales tax funds. This list was provided to the City Commission for review.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Interim City Manager Todd Newman, Assistant City Manager Ryan Follmer, and Chief Finance Officer Cory Kepley.

Commission consensus was to table this item and schedule a future work session for further review and discussion.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

The governing body discussed and tabled this item at their June 8, 2020 meeting. The City Commission may wish to further discuss appointing a Downtown Revitalization Committee.

General discussion was made.

Commission consensus was to appoint a Downtown Revitalization Committee and for the members to develop a mission statement, the committee structure, and policy.

Motion made by Commissioner Berthot, to accept applications for a Downtown Revitalization Committee for 30 days and to place Downtown Revitalization Committee Appointments on the August 24, 2020 Agenda which will include appointment of seven (7) at-large voting members and non-voting members to include one (1) City Commissioner, one (1) City staff – appointed by City Manager, and the City Manager.

Further discussion was made.

Commissioner Berthot amended his motion to add three additional non-voting members - Chanute Main Street Executive Director, Chanute Regional Developmental Authority Executive Director, and Chamber of Commerce & Office of Tourism Executive Director.

Commissioner Budreau seconded the amended motion. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

DEFINE PRIORITY LIST & OBJECTIVES FOR USE OF FUND 120-SPECIAL SALES TAX RELATING TO MAINTENANCE NEEDS OF CITY OWNED BUILDINGS

The City Commission tabled this item during their July 13, 2020 meeting and Mayor LaRue requested that they revisit this item.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Assistant City Manager Ryan Follmer, Interim City Manager Todd Newman, and Chief Finance Officer Cory Kepley.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to authorize payment not to exceed \$180,000 from fund 120-Special Sales Tax which will include Municipal Building tuckpointing (\$134,000), Memorial Building window replacement-west side (\$26,000), and Elmwood Cemetery Abbey repairs (\$20,000). Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Commission consensus was to cancel a future work session to further discuss this item.

NEW BUSINESS

APPLICATION FOR 2020 LICENSE TO SELL CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE

It is the City's policy to inspect the premises of any business applying for a Cereal Malt Beverage License. The business at 1702 South Santa Fe – L.P.T. Retail Management Services, LLC #4101, has applied for a Cereal Malt Beverage License.

Prior to licensing clearance by the Police Department will be made and an inspection of the premises will be made and approved by the City Building Inspector and Fire Department.

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Mayor LaRue, to approve the application from L.P.T. Retail Management Services, LLC, for a 2020 Cereal Malt Beverage License upon clearance by the Police Department and inspection approval by the City Building Inspector and Fire Department. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1 WEST WALNUT

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1202 SOUTH FOREST

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 329 WEST 3RD

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Assistant City Manager Ryan Follmer.

Motion made by Commissioner Chaney, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to adopt resolution declaring that the above properties are in violation of Chanute Municipal Codes and authorizing abatement of certain nuisances as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Resolutions were assigned: No. 2020-31, No. 2020-32, and No. 2020-33

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Budreau commented on the 21st and Plummer Rd Intersection Project.

General discussion was made.

Interim City Manager Todd Newman reported that the Neosho County Commission plans to discuss scheduling a future Joint Work Session with the City Commission to discuss this item. Mr. Newman will provide dates for consideration when available.

Commissioner Chaney commented on a Chanute Tribune article relating to the last City Budget Work Session.

Commissioner Chaney commented on the municipal code relating to grass height within City limits and the municipal code relating to parking violations.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Assistant City Manager Ryan Follmer.

Commissioner Berthot commented on the City's practice of a complaint driven system for code enforcement and not taking a proactive approach.

Mayor LaRue congratulated the 2020 Graduates, requested thoughts and prayers for the Chanute military individuals that were recently deployed and thanked them for their service, and he also thanked Orizon for their donation of the new scoreboard located at Katy Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to adjourn. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk