

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, Phillip Chaney and Tim Fairchild. Commissioner Budreau (via phone)

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Phillip Chaney.

AGENDA

The Mayor requested the addition of Consent Agenda Item 5C-Appoint One Member to the Downtown Revitalization Committee. The amended Agenda was approved on motion by Commissioner Berthot, seconded by Commissioner Chaney. 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 – December 14, 2020
- Warrant Register dated December 16, 2020
- Warrant Register dated December 23, 2020
- Uncollectible Accounts
- Board and Committee Minutes and Reports

Commissioner Budreau requested the separation of Consent Agenda Item 5B & Item 5C and to consider these items later in the Agenda as Item 8F – Appoint Two Members to the Downtown Revitalization Committee.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Todd Newman gave his report on City activities and operations. Items reported on included an update on City holiday hours and activities.

City Manager Todd Newman requested that the City Commission consider scheduling a Work Session to review the Main Street Agreement and define the City's goals and objectives for Main Street Chanute.

General discussion was made.

Commission Consensus was to hold a Work Session, Monday, January 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Alliance Room located on the 3rd Floor of the Memorial Building, to Review and Define the City's goals and objectives for Main Street Chanute.

City Manager Todd Newman and Assistant City Manager Ryan Follmer provided an update on 2020 and 2021 City Projects. Items reported on included an update on the Sidewalk Repair Program, CERG Fiber Grant Project, Ball Complex Project, Animal Shelter Project, Municipal Building Sales Tax Fund Repair Project, the North Border Station Project, and 2021 Project Goals.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman, Assistant City Manager Ryan Follmer, and IT Director Chris Stogsdill.

City Manager Newman will provide the City Commission with a copy of the 2020 and 2021 Project List for further review.

Commissioner Chaney requested that 2021 Work Sessions include review and discussion of intersection lights at 35th & Santa Fe, 21st & Plummer, and 14th & Plummer.

Commissioner Chaney commented on the City's street light change out schedule.

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

Commissioner Budreau requested an update on the repair of the railroad tracks located on Main Street.

General discussion was made.

City Manager Newman will contact the Railroad and provide follow-up to the City Commission.

City Manager Newman will research quiet railroad crossing options and cost and will provide follow-up to the City Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER REQUEST TO BLOCK MAIN STREET PARKING SPACES – MONTHLY MO GEDI’S DRIVE-THROUGH PICK-UP EVENT

The City received a letter from Kelly Colter on behalf of Mo Gedi’s Restaurant, requesting permission to temporarily block Main Street parking spaces in front of the business at 5 East Main, in order to hold a monthly drive-through pick-up event one evening each month from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. The event start time would be 5:00 PM. The request also includes use of City cones.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman.

Motion made by Commissioner Berthot, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to approve the request to temporarily block Main Street parking spaces in front of 5 East Main for a monthly Mo Gedi’s Drive-Through Pick-Up Event, one night each month, January through June 2021, and Mo Gedi’s providing their own safety cones. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1220 NORTH GARFIELD

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 115 NORTH FOREST

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 106 SOUTH WILSON

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1216 NORTH GARFIELD

Motion made by Commissioner Berthot, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, 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. 2020-97, No. 2020-98, No. 2020-99, and No. 2020-100

APPOINT TWO MEMBERS TO THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

At their July 13, 2020 meeting the City Commission agreed to accept applications for a Downtown Revitalization Committee consisting of seven (7) at-large voting members. Five appointments by the governing body have been made to date.

Two at-large voting member vacancies remain open. The City Manager’s office has received two (2) additional board applications to date.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman.

Motion made by Commissioner Berthot, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to appoint Dan Mildfelt and Kelly Colter to the Downtown Revitalization Committee.

Further discussion was made. Commissioner Chaney requested a separate vote for each appointment.

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

Voting Aye: Mayor LaRue and Commissioners Berthot, Budreau, and Fairchild.

Voting Nay: Commissioner Chaney

Motion passed.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Budreau thanked City crews for their work on the City CERG Fiber Project.

Commissioner Chaney stated that his vote against the Downtown Revitalization Committee Appointments was not against the appointment of Ms. Colter.

Commissioner Chaney commented on the recent information that was distributed to the City Commission relating to commercial and industrial rates.

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

Commission consensus was to review and discuss this item during the 2021 Budget Work Sessions.

Commissioner Chaney commented on the City's Fiber Rates.

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

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Commissioner Berthot wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor LaRue commented on 2020 and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to adjourn. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk