

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Sam Budreau and Commissioners Phillip Chaney, Tim Fairchild, Jacob LaRue, and Eddie Rosenberger.

Staff Present: Jeff Cantrell, City Manager; David Brake, City Attorney; Tina Bailey, City Clerk; Cory Kepley, Chief Finance Officer; and Ryan Follmer, Community Services Director.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Tim Fairchild.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved on motion by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Rosenberger. 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 – July 22, 2019
- Minutes – Parks Advisory Board – August 1, 2019
- Warrant Register dated July 24, 2019
- Warrant Register dated July 31, 2019
- Warrant Register dated August 7, 2019
- Request to Hold CHS Community Pep Rally & Parade – September 25, 2019
- Request to Hold “Run for Ollie” 5K Event at Santa Fe Park – October 5, 2019

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jane Brophy, Chamber of Commerce and Office of Tourism Executive Director thanked the City for their participation and help with the Chamber’s Blues Blast event.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Jeff Cantrell reported that he and CRDA Executive Director Matt Godinez attended a Stakeholder's meeting last week relating to various programs and rural housing incentives. He provided a brief overview of the meeting.

City Manager Cantrell provided a brief update on the new Animal Shelter.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Community Services Director Ryan Follmer.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed 2020 Municipal Budget and for that purpose, Acting Mayor LaRue opened a hearing at 6:37 p.m.

As there were no comments from the public the Public Hearing was closed at 6:38 p.m.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING FOR NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN RENEWAL

Conduct a Public Hearing on the Renewal of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and for that purpose, Acting Mayor LaRue opened a hearing at 6:38 p.m.

As there were no comments from the public the Public Hearing was closed at 6:39 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 BUDGET ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION

The County Clerk has submitted a preliminary assessed value for Chanute at \$63,057,775. Based on this assessment, the value of one mill should be approximately \$63,058, which is \$1,034 less per mill than the last year's mill value of \$64,092. The estimated tax rate for the 2020 budget is 40.981 mills which is .158 more than the 2019 assessed rate of 40.823.

The 2020 Budget Certification establishes a maximum spending limit of \$57,791,945. This limit is 13.13% higher than the 2019 limit of \$50,669,853. The Property tax levy is set at \$2,584,194, which is more than the 2019 proposed levy of \$2,525,004.

A Public Hearing for the 2020 Municipal Budget has been conducted.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Jeff Cantrell.

Items of discussion included the Sewer Utility Fund.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Rosenberger, to adopt the 2020 Budget as published and authorize the Governing Body to sign the Certificate. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Commission consensus was to place the Sewer Utility Fund on the Agenda at the next regular City Commission meeting for review and further discussion.

APPROVE ORDINANCE TO RENEW THE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN

The Neighborhood Revitalization Plan is intended to promote the revitalization of the area of the City of Chanute through the rehabilitation, conservation or redevelopment of the area in order to protect the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City.

A Public Hearing for the renewal of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan has been conducted.

General discussion was made.

Motion made by Commissioner Rosenberger, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to pass an Ordinance to Renew the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Ordinance was assigned: No. S-526

GRANT OFFER FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – CHANUTE MARTIN JOHNSON AIRPORT, RECONSTRUCT NORTH TAXIWAY A

Community Services Director Ryan Follmer provided a brief summary of the Grant Offer for the Airport Improvement Program to Reconstruct North Taxiway A. A copy of the Grant Offer was provided to the Commission for review.

The total Project amount is estimated at \$457,000. The FAA agrees to pay 90% of the allowable costs incurred accomplishing the Project, as the United States share of the Project. The maximum obligation of the United States payable under the Offer is \$411,300. The City's financial responsibility would be \$45,700.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Community Services Director Ryan Follmer.

Motion made by Commissioner Rosenberger, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to authorize the City Manager to sign the Grant Agreement Offer with the FAA for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) at the Chanute Martin Johnson Airport to Reconstruct North Taxiway A. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS AND G.O. UTILITY SYSTEM REFUNDING BONDS

The Chanute City Commission at its July 22 meeting passed a resolution to issue Utility System Revenue Bonds and G.O. Utility System Refunding Bonds to pay for the needed repairs to Power Plant 2 at an estimated cost of \$4,800,000.

Bond counsel has prepared the resolution which has been approved by the City Attorney.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Attorney David Brake and City Manager Jeff Cantrell.

Items of discussion included the Ash Grove Energy Purchase Agreement.

Motion made by Mayor Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to adopt a Resolution authorizing the offering for sale of general obligation electric light and gas utility systems refunding bonds, Series 2019-A, and taxable electric light and gas utility systems revenue bonds, Series 2019-A, of the City of Chanute, Kansas. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Resolution was assigned: No. 2019-48

City Manager Cantrell will provide internal follow-up to the City Commission relating to future contract negotiations with Ash Grove.

ADDENDUM – SEKRPC AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES

SEKRPC is currently contracted with the City of Chanute to Administer the KDHE Loan for both the Water Treatment Plant SCADA Upgrade Project and the Chanute Sewer Project/Phase 3.

KDHE is requesting additional verbiage to both SEKRPC agreements in order to qualify for reimbursement through the City’s KDHE loan/funds. Addendums were provided to the City Commission for review.

General discussion was made.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Rosenberger, to approve both the 1st Addendum to the SEKRPC Agreement for Administrative Consulting Services – Water Treatment Plant SCADA Upgrade and the 2nd Addendum to the SEKRPC Agreement for Administrative Consulting Services – Chanute Sewer Project – Phase 3. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO THE CHAMBER OF TOURISM COMMITTEE

One board term is open for the Chamber Tourism Committee – Citizen At Large representative.

On behalf of the Tourism Committee, Jane Brophy recommends the Commission appoint Bill Wixon to fill the vacant position created with Larry Pierce’s resignation from the committee. The appointment will be effective immediately upon approval through December 31, 2020.

General discussion was made.

Mayor Budreau with consent of the City Commission appointed Bill Wixon to fill the vacant Citizen At Large representative to the Chamber Tourism Committee through December 31, 2020.

REQUEST FOR USE OF TRANSIENT GUEST TAX FUNDS – CHAMBER OFFICE OF TOURISM

On behalf of the Chanute Area Chamber of Commerce and Office of Tourism, Jane Brophy has requested use of transient guest tax (TGT) funding for various Projects.

The request involves multiple projects warranting case by case consideration.

- 1) \$10,000 – Welcome Sign at 35th & Plummer
- 2) \$3,500 – Replacement of Billboard Signage at Hwy 75 & K-39
- 3) \$2,500 – Welcome Video

4) \$2,500 – Downtown Google Earth Mural

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Chanute Chamber of Commerce and Office of Tourism Executive Director Jane Brophy.

Motion made by Commissioner Chaney, seconded by Mayor Budreau, to approve 1) Welcome Sign at 35th & Plummer in the amount of \$10,000 and 2) Billboard Replacement at Hwy 75 & K-39 in the amount of \$3,500, funding will be paid with Transient Guest Tax funds. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Commission consensus was to place the funding request for 3) Welcome Video and 4) Downtown Google Earth Mural on a future Agenda for consideration.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING TGT FUNDS FOR THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC ART IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

Consider authorizing Transient Guest Tax (TGT) funds for the commission of public art in the downtown district.

City staff recommends approval of a one-time TGT expenditure of \$2,250. The City's contribution will provide funding for half of the \$5,000 project under a partnered approach.

The City's funding of wall art should in no way be misconstrued to mean that the city has obligation to rebuild the wall nor other implied ownership. The building owner has given permission to Main Street to utilize the wall.

Main Street Chanute Executive Ruthann Boatwright provided a brief overview of their funding request and also a request to temporarily close Highland from Main Street north to the alley on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. through Friday, August 16, 2019.

General discussion was made.

Motion made by Mayor Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Chaney, to approve the request to temporarily close Highland as presented and funding in the amount of \$2,250 from the City Commission budget. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 714 N GRANT

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 811 N WASHINGTON

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 909 W WALNUT

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 601 N GARFIELD

Motion made by Commissioner Rosenberger, 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. 2019-49, No. 2019-50, No. 2019-51, and No. 2019-52.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Chaney requested copies of the June City Commission Budget reports.

General discussion was made. City Manager Cantrell will provide follow-up to the City Commission.

Commissioner Chaney commented that he is excited about things/projects going on in the community and hopes that the Commission will continue to work together for Chanute to succeed and continue growing.

Commissioner Rosenberger agreed with Commissioner Chaney.

Mayor Budreau reported that he has received several good comments about City crews and their performance. He was asked to thank the City crew and Aquatic Center staff for their preparation of the Swim Team Event.

Commissioner Fairchild commented on code enforcement actions and property owners/addresses.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Community Services Director Ryan Follmer.

Commissioner Fairchild requested a future work session or agenda item to review current agreements between the City of Chanute and several outside agencies.

Commissioner Fairchild encouraged everyone to be mindful of school starting this week and to be aware of children and mind your driving.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Jeff Cantrell.

City Manager Cantrell will provide the City Commission with previous research and follow-up relating to visible school crossing signs.

Commissioner LaRue encouraged everyone to slow down and to be aware of children and your surroundings.

Commissioner LaRue thanked Todd Newman for addressing a reported concern of steps that were not labeled at the City Pool.

Commissioner LaRue reported that he received a thank you to pass on to the Power Plant for their kind and friendly voice during the recent power outage.

Commissioner LaRue requested that City staff check on the grass growing in the sidewalk cracks along Heroes Way and to possibly place a trash can in this area.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner LaRue, to adjourn. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk