

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-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 (via telephone), Vice-Mayor Jacob LaRue, and Commissioners Phillip Chaney, Tim Fairchild, and Eddie Rosenberger.

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Tim Fairchild.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved on motion by Commissioner Rosenberger, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild. 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 – September 9, 2019
- Warrant Register dated September 11, 2019
- Warrant Register dated September 18, 2019
- Uncollectible Accounts
- Request to Hold Annual Veterans Day Parade – November 11, 2019

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Baughn, 706 S Rutter distributed photos of dilapidated downtown buildings to the City Commission for review and requested code enforcement of the violations.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Attorney David Brake.

Titus Bond, Remington Research Group President, distributed a “Baseball to Chanute” handout to the City Commission for review. He provided an overview of the handout and the M.I.N.K

Baseball League. He requested that the City Commission consider a lease agreement to utilize Katy Stadium for a 2020 baseball team.

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

Commission consensus was for Mr. Titus to work with the City Manager to formalize a binding document with terms discussed at tonight's meeting for use of Katy Stadium.

Ruthann Boatwright, Main Street Chanute Executive Director commented on upcoming Artist Alley Festival events.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Jeff Cantrell gave his report on City activities and operations. Items reported on included an update on recent 4th & Plummer intersection discussion and that further review was needed, the Power Plant Turbine Project, a thank you e-mail from the Chanute Saddle Club for completion of the City's Capital Improvement Lighting Project, the second Animal Control Officer, the new Animal Shelter Project, continued exterior work of the Memorial Building, and Santa Fe Ballpark Project.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER INCENTIVES FOR ORIZON AEROSTRUCTURE

The original development agreement provided various incentives for recruitment and development of Orizon Aerostructures. The company's capacity to perform work has grown, necessitating facility expansion. The requested incentives would support growth of such facility.

An impact study has been provided by third party that was sourced and paid for by the CRDA. An updated impact study was provided to the City Commission prior to this evening's meeting.

As proposed, the City would need to program for \$1.25m payment for two separate employment thresholds per the requested amendment to the development agreement.

Orizon Aerostructure CEO Charlie Newell thanked the City Commission for support of their Chanute facility and provided an overview of their expansion plan and incentive package request.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Orizon CEO Charlie Newell, CRDA Executive Director Matt Godinez, and City Manager Jeff Cantrell.

Mayor Budreau suggested a \$1,000,000 incentive package and the following changes to the employment thresholds listed in the amendment to the development agreement:

- After 12 months of this amendment, subject to continuous job creation, \$500,000 for 50 jobs created and 372 jobs held for 12 continuous months.
- After achieving cumulative continuous job creation \$500,000 for 100 jobs created and 422 jobs held for another 12 continuous months.

Vice-Mayor LaRue and Commissioner Fairchild both expressed appreciation for Orizon's economic value for Chanute and community support but are not in support of a second incentive package.

Further discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Jeff Cantrell, City Attorney David Brake, and Orizon CEO Charlie Newell.

Motion made by Commissioner Chaney, seconded by Commissioner Rosenberger, to approve an amendment to the Orizon development agreement with a total \$1,000,000 cash incentive per the employment threshold terms listed below:

- After 12 months of this amendment, subject to continuous job creation, \$500,000 for 50 jobs created and 372 jobs held for 12 continuous months.
- After achieving cumulative continuous job creation \$500,000 for 100 jobs created and 422 jobs held for another 12 continuous months.

Voting Aye: Mayor Budreau and Commissioners Chaney and Rosenberger

Voting Nay: Vice-Mayor LaRue and Commissioner Fairchild

Motion carried.

Orizon Aerostructure CEO Charlie Newell thanked the City Commission for their support.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION APPLICATION – SWADER INVESTMENTS

Derek Swader, DBA Swader Investments, has submitted an application under the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. It has been verified that the property listed under the scope of the application, 32 West Main, Parcel Identification Number 067-044-20-0-10-43-015.00-0, is within the scope of the City limits of Chanute. The application has been approved by the Neosho County Appraisers office along with Neosho County Treasurer's office. The application is now being submitted to the City Commission for consideration and approval.

General discussion was made.

Motion made by Commissioner Chaney, seconded by Commissioner Rosenberger, to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Application from Swader Investments. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1514 SOUTH HIGHLAND

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 4002 ROSS LANE

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 507 NORTH EVERGREEN

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Rosenberger, 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. 2019-65, No. 2019-66, and No. 2019-67.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Fairchild commented on the City Fiber Installation letter dated 09/06/19 that was sent to Fiber Pon 3 and Pon 11 residents. He questioned the letter listing Kansas Communication as the contact listed for in house network setup.

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

City Manager Cantrell reported that the City does not have a 3rd Party exclusive with Kansas Communications or any other company for in house network setup.

Commissioner Chaney commented on the marquee sign located in front of the Memorial Building and suggested using tourism funds to upgrade the sign.

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

Commissioner Chaney requested an installation date for the in-street pedestrian street crossing signs at Royster Middle School.

City Manger Cantrell reported that the signs are on order.

Commissioner Chaney encouraged everyone to shop local and spend it in Chanute.

Commissioner Chaney commented on the Katy Stadium Baseball League proposal and expressed his excitement of using and preserving the stadium.

Commissioner Chaney commented on downtown code enforcement and funding.

General discussion was made.

Vice-Mayor LaRue thanked City crews for their work on the new Animal Shelter.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Smith, commented on two weed abatement invoices he received from the City of Chanute for his property located at 205 S Wilson and 1015 S Santa Fe. He requested that the City Commission waive the weed abatement fees for the two properties.

General discussion was made.

Commission consensus was that Mr. Smith needed to pay the weed abatement fees and to contact the Code Enforcement office with his concerns of other City properties in violation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Rosenberger, to adjourn. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk