

**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 Sam Budreau, Phillip Chaney, and Tim Fairchild.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Kevin Berthot.

Staff Present: Todd Newman, City Manager; Ryan Follmer, Assistant City Manager; David Brake, City Attorney (via Zoom); Tina Bailey, City Clerk; Cory Kepley, Chief Finance Officer; and Susan Galemore, Director of Planning & Development

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Mayor Jacob LaRue.

**PROCLAMATION**

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH – APRIL 2021**

Mayor LaRue proclaimed April 2021 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Chanute. CASA and Hope Unlimited representatives accepted the proclamation.

**AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved on motion by Commissioner Budreau, 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 – March 8, 2021
- Warrant Register dated March 10, 2021
- Warrant Register dated March 17, 2021
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports
- Appoint Two Members to the Chanute Public Library Board of Trustees
- Request to Use Santa Fe Park to Hold Annual Chanute Mexican Fiesta

General discussion was made. Items of discussion included the Chanute Mexican Fiesta, Library and Housing Authority Board Appointments, Depot Management Committee, and Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports.

Comments were made by Chanute Mexican Fiesta Representative John Alonzo, City Manager Todd Newman, Assistant City Manager Ryan Follmer, and City Attorney David Brake.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to approve the 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 the US-169 Project, City's Annual Spring Cleanup Week, the State's gas and electric low interest loans, and an upcoming Main Street Chanute 2025 meeting.

City Manager Todd Newman provided possible dates to schedule a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new Santa Fe Ball Complex.

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

Commission consensus was for the City Manager to schedule the Ceremony on April 20, 2021 or April 22, 2021 and to provide further details to the governing body at a later date.

City Manager Todd Newman reported that the project cost for a 35<sup>th</sup> & Santa Fe Traffic Signal will be placed on the next Agenda for review and discussion.

City Manager Todd Newman provided possible dates to schedule a Joint Work Session between the City Commission and Chanute Recreation Commission in order to review the building agreement.

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

Commission consensus was for the City Manager to schedule a Joint Work Session on April 21, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. and to provide further details to the governing body at a later date.

City Manager Todd Newman provided a brief overview of the construction cost and funding for new Animal Shelter.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NEOSHO COUNTY ASSISTED LIVING, LLC, INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS**

On February 24, 2014, the Chanute City Commission authorized the issuance of industrial revenue bonds for Neosho County Assisted Living, LLC. The proceeds from the bonds were used to construct an assisted living facility and a memory care unit. Neosho County Assisted Living, LLC, is assigning the facility to SLCG Chanute, LLC and a new bank is purchasing the bonds.

Bond counsel Gilmore & Bell has prepared the necessary legal documents to accomplish both proposed changes. The Resolution also authorizes the City to consent to the assignment to the new financing entity, STRIDE Bank. The City of Chanute is not liable for the repayment of industrial revenue bonds.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to adopt a Resolution of the Governing Body of Chanute, Kansas Authorizing the Redemption and Payment of its Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 2014-A (Neosho County Assisted Living Project); and Authorizing the City to Consent to the Assignment of Certain Documents in Connection with its Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 2014-B (Neosho County Assisted Living Project).  
Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Resolution was assigned: No. 2021-23

### **CALENDAR FOR 2022 BUDGET WORK SESSIONS**

City staff provided possible dates for the governing body to consider for 2022 Budget Work Sessions.

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

Commission Consensus was for City Staff to schedule Budget Work Sessions as presented.

### **21<sup>ST</sup> & PLUMMER AVENUE INTERSECTION – COST SHARE PROJECT**

Throughout the year, 21st and Plummer has been a hot topic with major concerns for safety due to its desperate need for repair. Although this intersection isn't in city limits there have been several discussions in regards to a joint project with the County in making these needed repairs.

A concept drawing and a cost estimate submitted by TranSystems for the 21st and Plummer intersection was provided for review. The presented project cost would not exceed \$545,000.00 with the City's share not to exceed \$151,700.00. KDOT is requesting that the County be a co-sponsor of the project regardless if any County funding is presented towards the project costs. The Cost Share application is due April 9, 2021.

TranSystems Engineer Shawn Turner and City Director of Planning and Development Susan Galemore provided an overview of the project and the potential Cost Share Program.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman, Chief Finance Officer Cory Kepley, City Attorney David Brake, Director of Planning and Development Susan Galemore, and TranSystems Engineer Shawn Turner.

The Commission tabled this item to allow TranSystems time to provide a cost alternative for an additional turn lane and a traffic signal. The Commission will hold a Special Call Meeting on April 5, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. to consider this item and authorize City staff to move forward with the Cost Share application.

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1215 SOUTH CENTRAL**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 418 EAST CHESTNUT**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 720 SOUTH MALCOLM**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 310 SOUTH WESTERN**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1102 NORTH STEUBEN**

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, 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. 2021-24, No. 2021-25, No. 2021-26, No. 2021-27, and No. 2021-28.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Chaney commented on Property Resolutions and the lack of respect within the Community to keep their properties clean.

Commissioner Chaney requested that funding for repair of the Depot guttering and foundation is placed on a future Agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Chaney requested an update on the Airport Expansion Project.

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

Commissioner Chaney requested follow-up for previous discussion related to e-mail utility billing statements.

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

The Commission would like City staff to provide the governing body with a cost share analysis for this item.

Commissioner Chaney reported that he had been contacted by residents in the area of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> & Highland/Evergreen requesting connection to the City's fiber utility.

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

Future development of the City's Fiber Utility will be discussed during upcoming Budget Work Sessions.

Commissioner Budreau requested future discussion with the County related to additional allocation of Federal funds to the County and the City's rights to the some of the funds.

Commissioner Budreau commented on the bridge located on South Plummer and future damage related to unauthorized US-169 Project traffic.

Mayor LaRue thanked City staff for their vision and completion of a new Animal Shelter and two fields at the Santa Fe Ball Complex.

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

Mayor LaRue commented on the recent winter event and that potential increases in customer utility billing is related to usage and not rate increases.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to adjourn.  
Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC  
City Clerk