

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 (via phone), Kevin Berthot, Phillip Chaney, and Tim Fairchild.

Staff Present: Todd Newman, City Manager; Ryan Follmer, Assistant City Manager; David Brake, City Attorney; Tina Bailey, City Clerk; Cory Kepley, Chief Finance Officer; Susan Galemore, Director of Planning & Development; and IT Director Chris Stogsdill.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Tim Fairchild.

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved on motion by Commissioner Berthot, 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 – April 26, 2021
- Warrant Register dated April 28, 2021
- Warrant Register dated May 5, 2021
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports

Motion made by Commissioner Berthot, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, 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 a reminder of the Tuesday, May 18th 2022 Budget Work Session and a recap of City Spring Clean Up and Free Landfill Week.

City Manager Todd Newman requested that IT Director Chris Stogsdill provide a brief overview of a fiber survey mail-out that is going out in City utility bills.

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

City Manager Todd Newman requested that Director of Planning and Development Susan Galemore provide a brief overview of the American Rescue Plan Act & Kansas Cities.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman and Director of Planning and Development Susan Galemore.

Commissioner Budreau requested an update on the City's annual mosquito control calendar.

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

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR USE OF KATY PARK & TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES – CHANUTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

5TH GRADE

Chanute Elementary School (CES) 5th Grade Teacher Bridget Fairchild, is requesting permission for Use of Katy Park, Friday, May 14, 2021, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and temporarily closure of all entrances to the park in order to hold an end of school year celebration for CES 5th Graders.

Mrs. Fairchild provided a brief overview of her request that included use of Katy Park baseball field, both play areas, pickleball courts, shelters, and use of City barricades for street closures.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Chaney, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to approve the request from CES 5th Grade Teacher Bridget Fairchild for use of Katy Park and temporary closure of all entrances to the park on Friday, May 14, 2021 as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

WEEDS/GRASS VARIANCE REQUEST

Mr. Haines is the owner of a vacant field known as 2110 West 7th. The owner of this property has been found in violation of City ordinances in the past due to surrounding neighbor's complaints. He is requesting a variance from the ordinances that prohibit him from allowing the grass to get to a height that allows this property to be hayed.

Mr. Haines provided a brief overview of his request.

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

No action taken by the City Commission.

Commission consensus was to place review of Chanute Municipal Code 8.18-Weeds on the Agenda at their regular June 14, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Haines will be allowed to temporarily leave his field idle until review of the City's Weed Ordinance at their regular June 14, 2021 meeting.

CONSIDER RECREATION FACILITY LEASE AGREEMENT

In 2010 the City Commission approved a 10-year Facility Lease Agreement with the Chanute Recreation Commission (CRC) for usage of the Old Chanute HS Campus Gymnasium Facility-The Center (buildings located at 400 S. Highland), Santa Fe Ballfields, Katy Park Ballfields, Otterbein Park, and Aquatic Center. At their January 27, 2020 meeting the City Commission extended the then current agreement for one year, expiring May 31, 2021.

Chanute City Commission and the Chanute Recreation Commission held a Joint Work Session April 21, 2021 in regards to the building at 400 S. Highland. City Manager has met with CRC Director Monica Colborn on items related to buildings, ball fields, etc. With continued talks between the two agencies and commissioner comments related to the work session, City Manager has provided a new facility lease agreement benefiting both agencies.

City Manager proposes a 10-year Facility Lease Agreement between the City of Chanute and the Chanute Recreation Commission covering the Maring Aquatic Center, buildings located at 400 S. Highland, Katy Ballfields, and Santa Fe Sports Complex. Financial Consideration is for a usage fee of \$4,750 per month with \$1,250 being disbursed towards rent for the Sports Complex, \$2,500 for Utilities, and \$1,000 for rent that will continue to be placed in the Joint Building Fund for maintenance.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman, City Attorney David Brake, and CRC Director Monica Colborn.

Commission consensus was to make the suggested changes to Article 1 Section 1.1 - length of term and Article 1 Section 1.6 & 1.7 - City control of general maintenance and repairs and for the City Manager to present the new Facility Lease Agreement to the Chanute Recreation Commission at their May 12, 2021 regular meeting.

Commission consensus was to place the new Facility Lease Agreement on the Agenda at their regular May 24, 2021 meeting for further review and consideration.

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 320 WEST 6TH

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1215 SOUTH WASHINGTON

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 106 SOUTH WILSON

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 120 NORTH STEUBEN

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 521 NORTH CENTRAL

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1323 WEST MULBERRY

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, 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. 2021-40, No. 2021-41, No. 2021-42, No. 2021-43, No. 2021-44, and No. 2021-45.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION OF NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

Motion made by Commissioner Chaney, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, that the City Commission recess into executive session to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume in the City Commission Chambers at 8:15 p.m. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Commission returned to open session at 8:15 p.m.

No action taken.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Budreau thanked Commissioner Fairchild for his thoughts and prayers during his recent absence.

Mayor LaRue commented on City Fiber rates for downtown businesses.

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

Commission consensus was to review fiber rates during the upcoming 2022 Budget Work Sessions.

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