

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; Tina Bailey, City Clerk; and Cory Kepley, Chief Finance Officer.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mayor Jacob LaRue.

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 – May 24, 2021
- Warrant Register dated May 26, 2021
- Warrant Register dated June 2, 2021
- Warrant Register dated June 9, 2021
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports
- Request to Shoot Fireworks – Heritage Health Care
- Request to Shoot Fireworks – Guest Home Estates 2
- Request to Hold Artist Alley Festival – September 25, 2021
- Request to Temporarily Close the Parking Lot North of the Main Street Pavilion – Classic Car Cruise Night – June 22, 2021

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ruthann Boatwright, Chanute Main Street Executive Director reported on upcoming Main Street Events.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Todd Newman gave his report on City activities and operations. Items reported on included an update on the Museum and Library agreements and also an update on upcoming budget work session dates and times.

City Manager Newman provided an update on fireworks display and reported that Chanute will not have a 2021 Fireworks Display. He reported that the Elk's Lodge will have a display at the Elk's Lake.

General discussion was made.

Commission consensus was for the City Attorney to send a letter to the fireworks contractor and request an update on the purchase of fireworks for the Chanute 2020 Fireworks Display that was cancelled as a result of the COVID Pandemic.

City Manager Todd Newman reported that Chanute did not receive the Cost Share Program Grant for the intersection located at 21st & Plummer and that the project will be put back on the City's CIP list to discuss during the budget process.

OLD BUSINESS

WEED/GRASS VARIANCE REQUEST – REVIEW CHANUTE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.18 WEEDS

At their May 10, 2021 regular meeting the City Commission considered a request from Mr. Randy Haines for a weed/grass variance for his property located at 2110 West 7th. No action was taken by the Commission and consensus was to review Chanute Municipal Code 8.18-Weeds, at their June 14, 2021 meeting.

The Commission also agreed to allow Mr. Haines to temporarily leave his field idle until review of the City's Weed Ordinance at their regular June 14, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Randy 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.

City staff does not support this request at this time due to violation of Chanute Municipal Codes and numerous complaints of the surrounding neighborhood.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Assistant City Manager Ryan Follmer, City Manager Todd Newman, Mr. Randy Haines, and Mr. John Almond.

No action taken.

Commission consensus was for Mr. Haines to have the property hayed by July 1, 2021 and abide by City codes thereafter.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST TO USE AND BLOCK CITY PARKING LOT, BLOCK CITY STREET, AND APPROVAL TO SELL/SERVE ALCOHOL DURING THE ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST EVENT

Taylor Hogue, President, Chanute Rotary Club, is requesting permission to temporarily close the City Memorial Building Parking Lot, Friday, October 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. through Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in order to host an Annual Oktoberfest Event. The request also includes a request to temporarily block South Santa Fe from the Main Street entrance going south to the north side of the Second Street entrance the day of the event to ensure safety for attendees. Lastly, she is requesting approval to sell/serve alcohol during the event.

Proper licensing and insurance will be obtained for the event and procedures will be set to ensure only those of legal age may enter the beer garden area.

If approved, City staff is recommending that vendors arrange for gas generators due to limited availability of electric in this area. Access will still be allowed for Emergency Services that utilize the Police Station and the storage units to the south of the Memorial Building Parking Lot.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Chanute Rotary President Taylor Hogue and City Attorney David Brake.

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to approve Chanute Rotary Club's request to temporarily close the City Memorial Building Parking Lot, block South Santa Fe as presented, and to allow sell/serve alcohol, in order to host an Annual Oktoberfest event. Access will still be allowed for Emergency Services that utilize the Police Station and the storage units to the South of the Memorial Building Lot. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO HOLD "RUN FOR OLLIE" 5K EVENT – SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

Chanute Main Street Executive Director Ruthann Boatwright, on behalf of Ryan and Kaila Ortiz, organizers of "Run for Ollie", is requesting permission to hold a 5K run on September 25, 2021, from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. in conjunction with Artist Alley. The event will use sidewalks, the hike and bike trail, along with City streets at Katy Park.

The request is for temporary closure at the north entrances to Katy Park and continuing south to 4th Street, then west on 4th Street to Ashby, and north on Ashby to Main Street.

There will be volunteers on site to assist participants as they cross City streets throughout the event and to move barricades as needed. A route map was provided for review.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Chanute Main Street Executive Director Ruthann Boatwright.

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild to approve the request to hold "Run for Ollie" 5K Event on Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 502 SOUTH SANTA FE

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to adopt resolution declaring that the above property is in violation of Chanute Municipal Codes and authorizing abatement of certain nuisances as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Resolution was assigned: No. 2021-50

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION OF NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

Motion made by Commissioner Chaney, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, 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 7:10 p.m. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Commission returned to open session at 7:10 p.m.

No action taken.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Budreau commented on summer activities and to use caution when out in the heat.

Commissioner Chaney inquired about limb and brush pick-up from the weekend storm.

City Manager Todd Newman reported that City crews would not be picking up limbs or brush at this time and that residents can take their debris to the City Landfill.

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

Commission consensus was for City staff to post this information on the City's website and Facebook page.

Commissioner Chaney thanked City crews for their work during the weekend storm event.

Mayor LaRue also thanked City crews for their work during the weekend storm event.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to adjourn. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk