

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 Commissioner Tim Fairchild.

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 – June 28, 2021
- Warrant Register dated June 30, 2021
- Warrant Register dated July 7, 2021
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports

General discussion was made.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chester Williams, 1207 South Santa Fe commented on the City's Fiber Expansion Project.

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Todd Newman gave his report on City activities and operations. Items reported on included an update on the 2021 Mill and Overlay Project, the Hike and Bike Trail Overlay Project, the July 17th Fireworks Display, the closing of Green Environmental Inc. C&D Landfill located at 11th & Katy, the July 20, 2021 Budget Work Session, the sinkhole and sidewalk repair on South Santa Fe located north of 21st Street , and an update on Stonecreek Golf Course Bridge #9 replacement.

General discussion was made.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – HOWARD'S HOT ROD CAR CLUB

Howard Alger, Howard's Hot Rod Car Club is requesting permission to temporarily block Evergreen Avenue from Main to Hwy 39 on Saturday, September 25, 2021 in order to hold his annual car show. The event will be held 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to approve the Request for Howard's Hot Rod Car Club to temporarily block Evergreen Avenue from Main to Hwy 39, on Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

VOLUNTARY DEMOLITION PROGRAM

At the regular meeting on June 28, 2021, the City Commission discussed bringing back the voluntary demolition program for residential noncommercial single-family structures. During discussion, the Commission talked about allowing a five (5) structure test period during 2021.

With Commission direction, staff has developed a Demolition Permit Acknowledgement Agreement for consideration. Residents are limited to one demolition agreement per calendar year.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Chaney, to Approve the Demolition Permit Acknowledgement Agreement for five (5) residential owners as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1212 SOUTH GARFIELD

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1320 SOUTH PLUMMER

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 221 WEST HICKORY

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 222 SOUTH KANSAS

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 218 EAST 12TH

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

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. 2021-53, No. 2021-54, No. 2021-55, No. 2021-56, and No. 2021-57.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Chaney commented on the Revolving Loan Fund Program.

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

Commissioner Chaney commented on the recent County valuation change and the lack of notification from Neosho County to the taxing entities and no communication.

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

Commissioner Fairchild commented on his tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and funding options for rates versus cost.

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

Commissioner Fairchild commented on overview of City debt during the budget work sessions and requested that the Commission consider setting a target for measurable cash reserves.

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

Commissioner Budreau thanked the Elk's Lodge for their Fourth of July Fireworks Display.

Commissioner Budreau commented on the County's recent valuation change and also the City Budget.

Mayor LaRue commented on the reported increase in COVID-19 cases that are moving back into the area and advised everyone to take precautions that they feel are necessary to keep themselves and neighbors safe.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to adjourn. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk