

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

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

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Commissioner Kevin Berthot.

**AGENDA**

City Attorney David Brake requested the addition of Old Business Item – Lot Split Approval. The amended 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 – September 27, 2021
- Warrant Register dated September 29, 2021
- Warrant Register dated October 6, 2021
- Uncollectible Accounts
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports
- Request to Hold Annual Veterans Day Parade – November 11, 2021
- Request to Hold Annual Spook Parade – October 28, 2021

Main Street Chanute Executive Director Ruthann Boatwright provided a brief overview of the request for the Annual Spook Parade.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Main Street Chanute Executive Director Ruthann Boatwright thanked City staff for their help with Artist Alley.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Todd Newman gave his report on City activities and operations. Items reported on included an update on natural gas market prices and storage, the Pon2 Fiber Project, and the Santa Fe Ball Complex Project.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **LOT SPLIT APPROVAL**

The City Commission approved a Lot Split Certificate at their September 27, 2021 regular meeting for the property located at 1020 South Highland and 1000 South Highland.

City Attorney David Brake reported that at the direction of the Neosho County Register of Deed's office the legal requires amendment. City Attorney Brake requested that the City Commission approve the Amended Lot Split Certificate.

General discussion was made.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to approve the Amended Lot Split Certificate as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **WATER PLANT FINANCING**

At the September 13, 2021, Chanute City Commission meeting, Daniel Coltrane, an engineer with Midwest Engineering Group, presented a proposal for significant improvements at the Chanute Water Treatment Plant originally constructed in 1959. City staff has been working with the engineer and United Missouri Bank (UMB), the City's bond underwriter, to look at options to pay for the project.

UMB Senior Vice President Todd Holder presented finance options including capitalized interest and potential rates.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Chaney, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to adopt a Resolution of the City of Chanute, Kansas, Authorizing Improvements to the City Public Water Supply System: and Providing for the Payment of the Costs Thereof. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Resolution was assigned: No. 2021-98

Motion made by Commissioner Berthot, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Offering for Sale of One or More Series of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Chanute, Kansas. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Resolution was assigned: No. 2021-99

Commission consensus was for City staff to move forward with the no capitalized interest finance option.

Further discussion included UMB's Fee Structure.

**NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION APPLICATION – CHANUTE BUILDING MANAGEMENT, LLC**

Chanute Building Management, LLC has submitted an application under the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. It has been verified that the property listed under the scope of the application, 3 West Main - parcel identification number 067-044-20-0-40-01-002.00-0 is within the scope of the city limits of Chanute. The application has been reviewed by the Neosho County Appraisers office along with the Neosho County Treasurer's office.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by CRDA Executive Director Matt Godinez.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Chaney, to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Application – Chanute Building Management, LLC. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – RECOVERING PUBLICATION COSTS ON NUISANCE ABATEMENTS**

At the September 27, 2021, regular City Commission meeting there was a consensus from the Governing Body for the City Attorney to research amendment to section 8.20 of the Chanute Municipal Code Book to include recovery of the City's publication cost for nuisance abatements.

City Attorney researched this item and the State law would allow recovery of the cost of providing notice of the abatement order if the City does actually perform the abatement.

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

Commission consensus was for the City Attorney to draft an amended ordinance allowing recovery of publication cost on Nuisance Abatements and to place this item on the next Agenda for City Commission review and approval.

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 814-814 1/2 SOUTH WASHINGTON**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1102 WEST MAIN**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 924 WEST MAIN**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 525 WEST OLIVE**

General discussion was made. Comments were made by 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. 2021-100, No. 2021-101, No. 2021-102, and No. 2021-103.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Chaney stated that he is proud of the Downtown Revitalization Committee and their commitment to downtown.

Commissioner Fairchild commented on the City's August 31, 2021 Available Cash Report and GFOA's cash reserves recommendation. He requested that the City Commission consider a policy for adequate cash reserves.

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

Commissioner Budreau reported that he had received suggestions for Main Street signage that would direct the public to the new downtown restroom and also suggested restroom design.

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

Mayor LaRue thanked City staff for the work that they accomplish on behalf of the city.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Mayor LaRue, to adjourn. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC  
City Clerk