

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 LaRue and Commissioners Kevin Berthot, Sam Budreau, 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; Chris Stogsdill, IT Director; Brandon Westerman, Director of Electric Operations; and Joe Cody, Electric Distribution Superintendent.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Phillip Chaney.

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 – January 24, 2022
- Warrant Register dated January 26, 2022
- Warrant Register dated February 2, 2022
- Warrant Register dated February 9, 2022
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports

Motion made by Commissioner Berthot, 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 KDOT Airport Grant, the Golf Course Cart Path Project, and the Santa Fe Ball Field Complex Project.

NEW BUSINESS

NRP ADDRESS AMENDMENT – GREEN LIVING FOUNDATION

During their regular meeting on April 12, 2021, the Chanute City Commission approved a Neighborhood Revitalization Application from Green Living Foundation for a property located at 1201 Osa Martin Blvd. It was recently discovered by the Neosho County Appraiser's Office that the original application listed the incorrect address and the actual address that the application was meant for is 1117 Osa Martin Blvd.

Green Living Foundation is asking that an amendment is made to correct the address listed on the application from 1201 Osa Martin Blvd. to 1117 Osa Martin Blvd. This project build is complete and awaiting final review from the Neosho County Appraiser's Office.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Foundation of NMRMC Director Anna Methvin and City Attorney David Brake.

Motion made by Commissioner Chaney, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to amend the April 12, 2021 Green Living Foundation Neighborhood Revitalization Application address approval from 1201 Osa Martin Blvd to 1117 Osa Martin Blvd. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

2022 FIREWORKS SHOW

City Staff is recommending hiring Mr. Alan Miller for this year's Fourth of July Celebration at Santa Fe Park. City staff will follow the same procedures as last year with City staff picking up and delivering the fireworks on the day of the show, which is set for Saturday, July 2, 2022. Parks and Street Departments will help out with road closures.

Any extracurricular or fundraising activities in addition to the display will be associated with an outside agency and would require approval from the governing body for use of the park at a future meeting.

Mr. Miller provided a brief overview of current logistics with rising cost, shipping, and material availability.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Chaney, to approve a 2022 Fireworks Show at Santa Fe Park on Saturday, July 2, 2022 and authorization for City staff to finalize a contract with Mr. Miller for his services and purchase of product not to exceed \$12,000 out of the Tourism Fund. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

FIBER EXPANSION DISCUSSION

During Monday night’s January 24, 2022 City Commission Meeting there was a consensus from the governing body for discussion related to expanding Fiber. City staff has updated construction costs for the remaining Pons.

During the 2021 Budget Work Sessions City staff laid out a 5-year plan for expansion using Fiber’s available cash. City staff is recommending expanding Fiber to Pons 5, 6, and 7 (7th to 21st Street from Santa Fe to Katy). The expansion would provide City Fiber an additional 840 customers for approximately \$600,000.00.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman, IT Director Chris Stogsdill, City Attorney David Brake, and Electric Distribution Superintendent Joe Cody.

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to approve the project as presented with Budget authority up to \$600,000. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 102 EAST PINE**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 512 SOUTH SANTA FE**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1018 SOUTH WASHINGTON**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 921 NORTH STEUBEN**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 119 NORTH CENTRAL**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1810 SOUTH ASHBY**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 617 NORTH GRANT**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1302 SOUTH EDITH**

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

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, 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. 2022-116, No. 2022-117, No. 2022-118, No. 2022-119, No. 2022-120, No. 2022-121, No. 2022-122, and No. 2022-123.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Fairchild commented on the City Land Bank and expressed concerns of transparency.

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

Commission consensus was to place this item on a future Agenda for City Commission review and further discussion.

Commissioner Fairchild commented on the Orizon Development Agreement and the City's \$1,000,000.00 obligation. He would like for future development agreements to define obligation sunset dates.

Commissioner Fairchild commented on future economic development plans, strategies, and tactics.

Commissioner Budreau reported that he has received concerns of buffering issues from current City Fiber customers.

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

City Manager Newman encouraged customers with fiber issues to call the City IT Department.

Commissioner Chaney commented on economic development, downtown banners and Christmas decorations, Chanute housing, the miniature golf course grant, the landfill baler, and utility email billing.

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

Commissioner Chaney commented on tourism and the need for a single person to focus on tourism and for this person to be staffed by the City of Chanute. He requested review of this item at a future meeting.

Commissioner Chaney commented on the City Sidewalk Replacement Program.

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

Commissioner Chaney commented on City Sidewalks, specifically 7th to 11th Street on Plummer and Kansas to Plummer on 7th Street.

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

Commission consensus was to place City Sidewalks on a future Agenda for review and discussion.

Commissioner Chaney commented on the property located at Evergreen & Main.

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

Commissioner Berthot commented on the City Shooting Range and that he has received requests for better accessibility and expansion.

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

City Manager Newman reported that this item will be placed on the Parks Advisory Board's March Agenda for review and discussion and recommendations will be brought to the City Commission for review and discussion.

Mayor LaRue expressed that with current events taking place that he is thankful for City staff and their conservative financial planning.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to adjourn.
Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk