

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; 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 Berthot. 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 – February 14, 2022
- Warrant Register dated February 16, 2022
- Warrant Register dated February 23, 2022
- 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 an update on the Santa Fe Ball Field Complex Project and the BASE Grant.

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

City Manager Newman provided the Commission with a list of tentative dates for upcoming 2023 Budget Work Sessions.

City Manager Newman reported that the Parks Advisory Board and Golf Course Advisory Committee would be meeting soon and that the Aquatic Center Fees and Golf Course Fees will be placed on a March Agenda for City Commission review and consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY BLOCK STREET – COMMUNITY CHURCH DAY OUT EVENT

Pastor of Administration Chelsy Bearden, for the First Baptist Church, has requested permission to temporarily block Highland Avenue from Main Street going north to approximately 11 N Highland, between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 24, 2022, in order to hold a Community Church Day Out Event. This will allow time for set up and tear down.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Pastor of Administration Chelsy Bearden.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to approve the request from First Baptist Church to temporarily block street as presented.

REQUEST TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2471 – PARKING AND TRAFFIC FLOW RESTRICTIONS ON PINE STREET BETWEEN GRANT AND FOREST

Wickham Family Funeral Home has requested the City Commission to restore two-way traffic on Pine Street between Grant and Forest Avenues. In 2001 the City Commission made that portion of Pine Street one-way because of the elementary school.

Without children being dropped off for school, the property owner's request to restore Pine Street to two-way traffic to allow parking on same seems appropriate.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to pass Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2471 eliminating parking restrictions on Pine Street between Grant and Forest Avenues.

The Ordinance was assigned: No. 2644

REVIEW CITY OF CHANUTE LAND BANK

During their February 14, 2022 regular meeting, City Commission consensus was to place the City Land Bank Program on a future Agenda for review.

The Commission reviewed Ordinance No. 2635 and the Land Bank Bylaws.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by CRDA Executive Director Matt Godinez and City Attorney David Brake.

Commission consensus was to amend Ordinance No. 2635 to include a five (5) member board with two (2) members appointed by the Chanute Regional Development Authority (CRDA) and three (3) members appointed by the Chanute City Commission. This item will be placed on the Agenda at the next meeting for review and consideration.

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 401 NORTH HIGHLAND

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 725 SOUTH GRANT

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 210 WEST MAIN

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 608 NORTH FOREST

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 811 NORTH GARFIELD

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1111 SOUTH FOREST

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 112 SOUTH WESTERN

PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 623 SOUTH MALCOLM

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. 2022-124, No. 2022-125, No. 2022-126, No. 2022-127, No. 2022-128, No. 2022-129, No. 2022-130, and No. 2022-131.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Chaney commented on tourism and requested future discussion for this item.

City Manager Todd Newman reported that tourism will be discussed at the first 2023 Budget Work Session, set for May 16, 2022.

Commissioner Berthot requested future review and discussion of Cyber Security and the City's Infrastructure.

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

City Manager Newman advised that this item would be discussed during upcoming budget work sessions.

Commissioner Fairchild commented on the Depot Management Committee and the City's Red Book.

Commissioner Fairchild read an Invocation that was given at the May 2, 1979 City Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Budreau commented on the Main Street Railroad Crossing, Animal Control staffing, ball field marketing, and a Sports Authority Director.

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

Commissioner Budreau commented on the events happening in Ukraine and that we need to remember our blessings and freedom.

Mayor LaRue requested that the community watch out for children playing as the weather warms up and more outdoor activities.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to adjourn.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk