

**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; Cory Kepley, Chief Finance Officer; and Jeff Mitchell, Fire Chief.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Mayor Jacob LaRue.

**AGENDA**

Mayor LaRue requested the removal of Agenda Item 10E-Resolution Declaring Property at 705 W. Oak in Violation of Chanute Municipal Codes. The amended 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 – August 8, 2022
- Warrant Register dated August 10, 2022
- Warrant Register dated August 17, 2022
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports
- First United Methodist Church – Request for Street Closure
- Request to Hold Artist Alley Festival – September 24, 2022

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

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, 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 Osa Martin Lot Cornerstone Survey, the RHID Project, and IBEW working hours.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TOURISM SERVICES AGREEMENT – ANNUAL REVIEW**

During the June 27, 2022 regular meeting the Chanute City Commission approved that the City Manager send notice by July 1, 2022 to the Chanute Chamber and Office of Tourism to amend or terminate the Tourism Services Agreement commencing at the end of the year. Notice was sent on June 28, 2022.

During the August 1, 2022 Budget Work Session general discussion was made relating to the TSA. Commission consensus was to place this item on the agenda at the August 8, 2022 regular meeting for further discussion.

During the August 8, 2022 regular meeting there was a consensus by the Chanute City Commission for the City Manager to amend section 6 B; Administration, Chamber Obligations. Commission added funding up to \$25,000.00 for projects, programs, and events per commission approval. This would be in addition to the allocation of the requested yearly tourism funds of \$50,000 for TSA duties.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Chanute Chamber and Office of Tourism Executive Director Jane Brophy.

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to approve the Tourism Service Agreement as amended and presented.

Voting Aye: Mayor LaRue and Commissioners Berthot, Budreau, and Fairchild

Voting Nay: Commissioner Chaney

Motion carried.

Other discussion included the topic of an “150<sup>th</sup> Chanute Celebration”. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman and Chanute Chamber and Office of Tourism Executive Director Jane Brophy.

Commission consensus was to place this item on the next Agenda for further discussion.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE**

Conduct a Public Hearing for the proposed 2023 Municipal Budget & Tax Rate and for that purpose, Mayor LaRue opened a hearing at 6:49 p.m.

As there were no comments from the public the Public Hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2023 BUDGET ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION**

The County Clerk has submitted a preliminary assessed value for Chanute at \$60,545,844.00. Based on this assessment, the value of one mill should be approximately \$60,546.00 which is \$1,170.00 more per mill than the last year's mill value of \$59,376.00. The estimated Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) for the 2023 budget is 42.526 mills which is .003 less than the Neosho County provided rate of 42.529.

The 2023 Budget Certification establishes a maximum spending limit of \$61,966,250.00. This limit is \$2,525,782.00 higher than the 2022 limit of \$59,440,468.00. The property tax levy is set at 42.526, which is less than the 2022 proposed levy of 43.360.

A Public Hearing for the 2023 Municipal Budget has been conducted.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by City Manager Todd Newman and Chief Finance Officer Cory Kepley.

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to Adopt the 2023 Budget as published and authorize the Governing Body to sign the Certificate.

Voting Aye: Mayor Jacob LaRue and Commissioners Berthot, Budreau, and Fairchild

Voting Nay: Commissioner Chaney

Motion passed.

### **WELCOME MURAL – GRANT REQUEST**

The Chamber of Commerce received a \$9,000.00 matching grant for a welcome mural to be located at 3 W. Main. The Chamber is requesting up to \$5,000.00 from the Transient Guest Tax fund to ensure the completion of the mural. The Transient Guest Tax money will be used after all fundraising has been exhausted.

Chanute Chamber and Office of Tourism Executive Director Jane Brophy provided a brief overview of the grant and mural.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Chanute Chamber and Office of Tourism Executive Director Jane Brophy.

Motion made by Commissioner Chaney, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, for approval of up to \$9,000.00 from the Transient Guest Tax fund. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

### **FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

Due to supply shortages and transportation back log, the City of Chanute's fourth of July celebration was suspended until a later date. City staff received confirmation last week that Allen Miller has received shipment of fireworks. The fireworks will remain in St. Joseph, MO until the day of the celebration.

Commissioners had previously discussed shooting the fireworks off over Labor Day weekend or the night of Artist Alley.

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

Commission consensus was to shoot off fireworks at Santa Fe Park the evening of Artist Alley.

**NEW PUMPER FIRE TRUCK**

The Fire Department is looking to replace a 2001 E-1 Pumper Fire Truck. The engine is over 20 years old and is due to be replaced by NFPA standards which states fire engines be placed out of service after 20 years. We have maintained this engine very well over the years and are still using it as one of our front-line pumpers. Parts are getting harder to find on some of these older pumpers so maintenance can become an issue. City staff is asking for a budget of \$775,000.00 to seek bids to replace this engine.

Funds would be dispersed out of the American Rescue Plan, which currently has a balance of \$1,375,811.55.

Fire Chief Jeff Mitchell provided a brief overview of the request.

General discussion was made. Comments were made by Fire Chief Jeff Mitchell, City Manager Todd Newman, and Assistant City Manager Ryan Follmer.

Motion made by Commissioner Budreau, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to approve that the Chanute Fire Department moves forward with the bid process as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 112 SOUTH DENMAN**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1016 SOUTH SANTA FE**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1501 SOUTH MALCOLM**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 620 SOUTH CENTRAL**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 714 NORTH GRANT**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1008 SOUTH SANTA FE**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1519 SOUTH HIGHLAND**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 924 WEST MAIN**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 215 SOUTH GRETCHEN**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 120 NORTH STEUBEN**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 212 NORTH EVERGREEN**

**PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 315 WEST 5TH**

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. 2022-196, No. 2022-197, No. 2022-198, No. 2022-199, No. 2022-200, No. 2022-201, No. 2022-202, No. 2022-203, No. 2022-204, No. 2022-205, No. 2022-206, and No. 2022-207.

### **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Fairchild commented on property resolutions.

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

Commissioner Chaney commented on the budget process and natural gas prices.

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

Commissioner Chaney commented on the Slurry Seal Project.

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

Commissioner Budreau complimented City staff for their work during the recent black out.

Mayor LaRue commented on recent community chatter of high utility bills.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Budreau, to adjourn.  
Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC  
City Clerk