

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, Phillip Chaney, and Tim Fairchild.

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Phillip Chaney.

NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN’S WEEK OCTOBER 15-21, 2023

Jacob LaRue, Mayor of the City of Chanute, proclaimed October 15-21, 2023, as Chanute’s National Business Women’s Week and urged all citizens in Chanute, all civic and fraternal groups, all educational associations, all news media and other community organizations to join in this salute to women by encouraging and promoting the celebration of the achievements of all women as they contribute daily to our economic, civic and cultural purposes.

Chanute’s BPW representative Sharon Carpenter and Kathy Williams accepted the Proclamation.

AGENDA

Mayor LaRue requested the removal of Agenda Item 10K – Resolution Declaring Property at 106 South Forest in Violation of Chanute Municipal Code. The amended 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 – September 25, 2023
- Warrant Register dated September 27, 2023
- Warrant Register dated October 4, 2023
- Review Various Board and Committee Minutes and Reports

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elenor Whaley of 1113 S Tennessee provided a brief summary of the “Heroes Way” project that was founded by her late husband, Jim Whaley. She reported that the final rock will be set, Saturday, October 21, 2023, in honor of Chanute Historian Jim Whaley.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Todd Newman gave his report on City activities and operations. Items reported on included an update on the arrival of the new trash trucks and also the expansion of Fiber Pons 8 & 9.

City Manager Newman reported that the regular November and December 2023 City Commission meetings will be held in the Alliance Room. This will allow for remodel of the City Commission Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE PROTECTION ORDINANCES FOR TIOGA, BIG CREEK, AND CANVILLE TOWNSHIPS

At the September 25, 2023, Chanute City Commission meeting the Commissioners voted to increase the fire protection contract costs to Big Creek Township, Canville Township, and Tioga Township by 2.5%.

Based on the action by the Commission, the required Ordinances are back before the Commission for approval. A copy of the Ordinances was provided to the City Commission for review.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Commissioner Berthot, to pass the Ordinances establishing 2024 Fire Protection Contract Price reflecting a 2.5% increase for Big Creek, Canville, and Tioga Townships. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Ordinances were assigned: No. S-558, No. S-559, and No. S-560

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO THE CHANUTE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Deborah Thuston has resigned from her position on the Chanute Housing Authority Board, leaving one unexpired board term vacant.

The Chanute Housing Authority Board is requesting that the Commission appoint one member to their board and Chanute Housing Authority Resolution 23-9-5 recommends the Commission appoint Anna Methvin, filling the remainder of the unexpired term of Deborah Thuston, 05/11/26.

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

Commission consensus was made. Mayor LaRue appointed Anna Methvin to the Chanute Housing Authority Board as presented.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM APPLICATION – ASH REAL ESTATE, LLC

ASH Real Estate, LLC has submitted an application under the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. It has been verified that the property listed under the scope of the application, 1209 South Denman, parcel identification number 067-049-30-0-10-14-020.00-0 is within the scope of the city limits of Chanute. The application has been submitted and reviewed by the Chanute Community Services Department, Chanute Regional Development Authority, the Neosho County Appraisers office, and the Neosho County Treasurer’s office.

The application is now being submitted to the City Commission for consideration and approval. The application will be void one year from the date of the application being approved unless the construction is finished before then. The applicant is to notify the County Appraiser of the commencement of construction within ten (10) days after starting the project.

General discussion was made.

Motion made by Commissioner Berthot, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Application – ASH Real Estate, LLC – 1209 South Denman. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Chaney requested an update on the recent Executive Session for Discussion of Acquisition of Real Property.

City Attorney David Brake will provide follow-up to the City Commission.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT – 1815 SOUTH SANTA FE

At the September 21, 2023 Planning Commission meeting, a Special Use Permit for an advertising sign at 1815 South Santa Fe was unanimously approved.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Mayor LaRue, to accept the Planning Commission vote and approve the Ordinance for a Special Use Permit at 1815 South Santa Fe. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The Ordinance was assigned: No. S-561

- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 224 SOUTH FOREST**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 509 WEST 1ST**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 720 SOUTH MALCOLM**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1112 NORTH FOREST**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1101 NORTH FOREST**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 1118 NORTH FOREST**
- PROPERTY RESOLUTION – 321 WEST 4TH**

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

Motion made by Commissioner Berthot, seconded by Commissioner Fairchild, 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. 2023-113, No. 2023-114, No. 2023-115, No. 2023-116, No. 2023-117, No. 2023-118, and No. 2023-119.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioners Berthot, Chaney, Fairchild, and Mayor LaRue commented on this year's Artist Alley event and weekend activities. They thanked everyone for their participation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Fairchild, seconded by Mayor LaRue, to adjourn. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Tina L Bailey, CMC
City Clerk