

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CHAPPELL NEBRASKA**

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held March 2, 2026 at the Chappell City Hall at 5:00 P.M. The following members were present; Riley, Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney Kendra Strommen, Deputy City Attorney Jonathon Stellar, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, CDD Shauna Mashek, and Street Supervisor Jerrod Elms. Others present included Terry Livengood, Dave Post, Marge Freeman and Scott DeCoste.

Notice of the meeting was posted as required by law. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Mayor Riley informed the public of the location of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act on the back wall of the council room.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments.

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting February 17, 2026 and dept head reports. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

AP Diesel Services - Repair - \$157.50 \* AP Diesel Services - Supplies - \$72.50 \* Black Hills Energy - Utilities - \$749.88 \* Century Link - Telephone/Communications - \$170.82 \* Chappell Lumber-Library Acct - Supplies - \$12.99 \* Chappell Municipal Utilities - Utilities - \$5432.11 \* Dearborn Life Insurance Company - Life Insurance - \$13.76 \* Demco Inc - Supplies - \$199.05 \* Deuel County Treasurer - Law Enforcement - \$8166.66 \* Dutton-Lainson Company - Supplies - \$225.75 \* Eakes Office Products Center - Supplies - \$345.61 \* Highline Electric Association - Utilities - \$797.64 \* Ingram Library Services - Books/Video - \$46.60 \* Mattoon, Martens & Strommen LLC - Legal Fees - \$3599.25 \* Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - WAPA & MEAN - \$50,454.6 \* Municipal Supply Inc of Nebraska - Supplies - \$7871.61 \* Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab - Lab Testing - \$38.00 \* Petty Cash - Misc Expense - \$158.25 - Postage - \$141.80 - Supplies - \$31.00 \* R Lawn - Subscriptions & Dues - \$655.50 \* Reichman Construction - Repair - \$180.00 - Supplies - \$53.00 \* Ron's Chappell Auto Repair - Repair - \$4718.08 \* Sedgwick County Sales - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$2999.70 \* Terex USA, LLC - Repair - \$2184.67 - Supplies - \$2868.56 \* US Bank - Books/Video - \$256.64 - Licenses, fees and permits - \$5.36 - Subscriptions & Dues - \$85.48 - Supplies - \$47.49 \* Valley Tire & Service LLC - Maintenance - \$1639.56 \* Vistabeam Internet - Telephone/Communications - \$260.96 \* Vistabeam Phone Bill - Telephone/Communications - \$680.82 \* Western Equipment Finance - Debt Service - \$1293.36 \* Total Payroll – \$44,883.39 \*

**Unfinished Business:**

No unfinished business.

**New Business:**

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to approve the building permit to demolish a couple of sheds at 501 Ochs Ave. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the safety measures for the city office. The office will get information from the sheriff's department on getting a panic button and then find out the costs associated with it.

Mayor Riley opened the public hearing for the One & Six Year Plan at 5:12 p.m. Dave Post with Olsson & Associates was present to discuss the plan. Dave and Jerrod found a few changes that need to be revised on the map and he will provide an updated plan to the office.

Mayor Riley closed the public hearing at 5:21 p.m.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to approve Resolution 2026-02 to approve the One & Six Year Street plan. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2026-02**

Whereas, In accordance with the statutes of the State of Nebraska and as prescribed by the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, Notice of Hearing has been given publication in the legal newspaper of Chappell, Nebraska, and by posting in three public places within the City, of a Hearing on the One and Six Year Plans of Street Improvements of Chappell, to be held at the City Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. M.T. for the purpose of hearing comments and objections to said plans.

Whereas, upon said Hearing, the City Council finds that the plans submitted are adequate for the purpose prescribed by law and that the same should be approved.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Chappell, Nebraska that the One and Six Year Plan for specific improvements during the current year are hereby approved and adopted.

It had been requested to put discussion on the triangle property on the agenda.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to go into executive session for the purpose of discussion on a contract at 5:22 p.m. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Council chamber doors were re-opened to the public.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Hahn to come out of executive session at 5:34 p.m. No further discussion. No action taken.

**Communications:**

Council members Ortgies and Johnson wanted to say thank you to the utilities department for hanging the high school senior banners up throughout main street, they look great.

Kendra attended the Perkins County Canal Project meeting and it was very informative.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

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Dan Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ashlea Bauer  
City Administrator/Clerk

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A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held March 16, 2026 at the Chappell City Hall at 5:00 P.M. The following members were present; Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney Kendra Strommen, Deputy City Attorney Jonathon Stellar, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, and CDD Shaunna Mashek. Others present included Bob Meyer, Jim Rice, Marge Freeman and Scott DeCoste.

Notice of the meeting was posted as required by law. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Mayor Riley informed the public of the location of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act on the back wall of the council room.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to excuse Council member Ortgies. "Yes" Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "Absent" Ortgies. "No" None. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments.

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting March 2, 2026, treasurer's report and sheriff's February report. "Yes" Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "Absent" Ortgies. "No" None. Motion carried.

Black Hills Energy - Utilities - \$997.17 \* Bomgaars - Repair - \$48.77 - Supplies - \$49.96 \* Boondock Designs LLC - Baseball Expense - \$331.73 \* Central Nebraska Bobcat - Equipment - \$9135.00 \* Chappell Lumber - Chappell Lake Exp - \$26.07 - Repair - \$24.57 - Supplies - \$540.02 \* Chappell Register - Ads, Forms & Printing - \$286.28 \* Chappell Super Foods - Liquor Expense - \$4.59 \* Contractors Materials - Community Improvement - \$358.50- Supplies - \$63.00 \* Culligan - Supplies - \$49.85 \* Eakes Office Products Center - Supplies - \$164.86 \* Frenchman Valley Co-op - Fuel - \$40.00 \* Hansen's Petroleum - Fuel - \$884.82 \* Ideal Linen Supply - Supplies - \$864.88 \* Ingram Library Services - Books/Video - \$25.52 \* Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - Licenses, fees and permits - \$1250.00 \* One Billing Solutions, LLC - Collections Expense - \$555.02 \* Petty Cash - Misc Expense - \$75.00 - Supplies - \$10.00 \* Pitney Bowes, Inc - Licenses, fees and permits - \$176.19 \* Premier Auto Parts & Service, LLC - Maintenance - \$134.55 - Fuel - \$69.42 - Supplies - \$1275.96 - Tools - \$112.48 \* Pye-Barker Fire Safety - Subscriptions & Dues - \$273.00 \* RJ Meyer & Associates - Budget & Audit - \$9975.00 \* Spic and Span Cleaners - Swimming Pool Exp - \$5796.00 \* Todd's Custom Welding - Repair -

\$552.50 \* Western Resources Group Inc. - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$602.00 \* WEX BANK - Fuel - \$851.07 \* Wheat Belt Public Power District - Utilities - \$53.97 \* Total Payroll – \$40,330.09 \*

**Unfinished Business:**

No unfinished business.

**New Business:**

Bob Meyer with RJ Meyer and Associates presented the City with a copy of the audit for fiscal year 2024 – 2025. Meyer reviewed the audit with the Council. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to accept the 2024-2025 audit as presented by RJ Meyer and Associates. “Yes” Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. “Absent” Ortgies. “No” None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to approve the 3 building permits that were submitted for approval, the permits are as follows: carport/storage at 1718 1<sup>st</sup> St, fence at 1002 1<sup>st</sup> St and a shop/storage at 16720 Hwy 30. “Yes” Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. “Absent” Ortgies. “No” None. Motion carried.

Mayor Riley discussed the trees in the pool park. He would like to see more trees planted and would like more established trees be put in. Council was in agreeance. Shaunna will work with Jerrod to find trees that are native to our area.

**Communications:**

The annual spring clean-up will be held April 17-27, the roll-off will be located on the East side of the street shop building.

Clerk Bauer received a quote from Protex Monitoring out of Hastings to install panic buttons and monitor them.

Shaunna updated the council on the grants she’s working on for some city departments and some businesses in town. She also asked about concessions at the baseball games during the summer.

Council member Johnson has received concerns about the amount of trucks that are driving on Vincent Ave near Burgies and the Post Office. She will contact the sheriff.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. “Yes” Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. “Absent” Ortgies. “No” None. Motion carried.

Dan Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ashlea Bauer  
City Administrator/Clerk