A special meeting of the Chappell City Council was held on March 2, 2020, at the Chappell City Hall at 6:30 P.M. The following members were present; Brott, Riley, Carlson, Reichman, and Johnson. Staff members present were City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, Utilities Foreman Mike Criss, and Utilities Lineman Todd Rust. Others present included Rich Eymann with Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP) and Brent Jeppson.

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

The purpose of the meeting was to interview an applicant for the City Utilities Worker opening. Brent Jeppson was interviewed by the mayor, council members, City utilities department, and Rich Eymann.

Discussion was held on the candidate for the position.

A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Johnson to hire Brent Jeppson as a Utility worker at $15.00 per hour. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Steve Brott, Mayor
City Administrator/Clerk

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held March 2, 2020, at the Chappell City Hall at 7:06 P.M. The following members were present; Brott, Riley, Carlson, Reichman and Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney J. Leef, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, CDD Britt Miller, Utilities Superintendent Mike Criss and Utilities Worker Todd Rust. Others present included Rich Eymann.

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

Public Comments:
No public comments.

Consent Agenda:
A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Carlson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting February 18, 2020, claims list and dept head reports. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Ancillary Billing Department - $10.32 * Border States Industries, Inc - $122.68 * Cash-Wa Distributing - $512.89 * Century Link - $613.05 * Chappell Golf Course - $540.00 * Chappell Municipal Utilities - $5262.89 * Chappell Register - $488.94 * Cranmore Pest Control LLC - $45.00 * Dawel County Treasurer - $7333.34 * DHHS Drinking Water - $40.00 * Eakes Office Products Center - $42.37 * EMC Insurance Companies - $32259.20 * Floyd's Truck Center - $2008.49 * Holiday Inn - Kearney - $209.90 * Hornung's - $229.38 * Michael Todd & Company Inc - $3086.17 * NMC Exchange LLC - $4431.00 * NVMCA - $65.00 * Olsson Associates - $1433.66 * Panhandle Regional Development, Inc - $25.00 * Polly Olson - $421.72 * Reserve Account - $2400.00 * Sargent Drilling - $450.00 * Sedgwick County Sales - $1832.40 * USA Blue Book - $5283.59 * Vistabeam - $63.95 * Vital Link Training Center - $37.00 * WESCO Distribution Inc - $106.26 * Total Payroll - $33,923.63

Unfinished Business:
Mr. Dallegge gave the city office changes he has proposed to the easement that Attorney Leef mailed to him. Council reviewed his requests. The utilities department has some different options they’re going to explore in providing the power to Frenchman Valley without needing on the Dallegge property.

The community gathering space specs are ready to be put out for bid. A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Riley to advertise for bids for the community gathering space until April 3rd, 2020, open bids April 6th, 2020 and set a project completion date of September 15, 2020. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried. The bid notice will be advertised in Chappell, Sidney, Oshkosh, Ogallala, North Platte and Julesburg newspapers.

Olsson and Associates provided the City with a letter agreement for professional services. The City will pay the fees for Olssons’ to update the 2009 Street Study. CDD Miller will apply for grants to go towards the actual street repairs. A motion was made by Council member Reichman, second of Council member Johnson to approve the signing of the letter agreement for professional services with Olsson & Associates pending the review by the City's legal counsel. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

New Business:
Rich Eymann with Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP) discussed with the council a new program that is being started in the region to help small municipalities with utility projects that need done.

CDD Miller stated that the Lake/Park Board received an approval letter back from Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) that they can continue to move forward with the dredging project of Chappell Lake.
The Lake/Park Board approved the proposal that was drafted last year and recommend submitting the paperwork to the Army Corp of Engineers. A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Reichman to give approval to CDD Miller to send in the proposal and letters approving the proposal to the Army Corp of Engineers. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

The City is looking into changing the amounts charged for building permits. Currently the fee is $20.00 for approved permits and $40.00 for no permits or if the work begins before approval. Council looked over an example of fees that a nearby community charges for permits. The office will research what other communities are charging for the permits. More discussion will be on the next agenda.

Communications:
CDD Miller attending a meeting in Scottsbluff in regards to landfills in our region and they discussed the future of landfills.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

ATTEST:
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Steve Brott, Mayor
Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator/Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CHAPPELL NEBRASKA

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held on March 16, 2020, at the Chappell City Hall at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present; Riley, Carlson, Reichman and Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney J. Leef, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff and Utilities Worker Todd Rust. Others present included Cody Swanson.

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

Public Comments:
Cody Swanson addressed the council in regards to a written warning for a barking dog he received from the City’s Animal Control. He explained the situation in his neighborhood and also voiced his concerns for the number of stray cats in the area that cause the dogs to bark along with other dogs causing his dogs to bark. The council thanked Cody for coming to the meeting.

Consent Agenda:
No sheriff’s report was available. A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Riley to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the special meeting March 2, and regular meeting March 2, 2020 claims list, and treasurer’s report. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Johnson. “Abstain” Reichman. “No” None. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:
Discussion was held on updating the current building permit fees. A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Riley to proceed forward with updating the fees. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried. A resolution will be presented to council at the next meeting to change the fees.

New Business:
A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Carlson to approve a building permit for a fence at 351 Washington. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Communications:
There have been some complaints come into the office in regards to nuisances on properties in town. The council was in agreeance to compile a list of said nuisance properties and have Clerk Bauer work with Attorney Leef to get notices out this spring.

A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

ATTEST:
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Jim Reichman, Council President
Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator/Clerk