

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CHAPPELL NEBRASKA**

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held March 6, 2023, at the Chappell City Hall at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present; Smith, Riley, Carlson, and Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney J Leef, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, CDD Shaunna Mashek, Utilities Superintendent Todd Rust, and Street Overseer Jerrod Elms. Others present included Jim and Tracy McCormick.

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

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

**Public Comments:**

No public comments

**Consent Agenda:**

Council member Johnson asked about the claim payable to Creek Valley Schools. The city sends the liquor and tobacco license to the school that were collected the year prior. The city is required to do this per a state statute. A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting February 21, 2023, claims list, dept head reports, animal control report and the sheriff's January report. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried.

Cash-Wa Distributing - Perishables \$ 149.64 \* Cash-Wa Distributing - Supplies \$ 174.95 \* Century Link - Telephone/Communications \$ 484.24 \* Chappell Municipal Utilities - Utilities \$ 5313.84 \* Chappell Register - Ads, Forms & Printing \$ 268.17 \* Cranmore Pest Control LLC - Chemicals & Fertilizer \$ 60.00 \* Creek Valley Schools - 2022 Liquor/Tobacco Licenses \$ 1430.00 \* Culligan - Supplies \$ 39.00 \* Deuel County Treasurer - Law Enforcement \$ 7333.34 \* Dutton-Lainson Company - Supplies \$ 2053.29 \* Dutton-Lainson Company - Tools \$ 249.84 \* Fidele Home Improvements - Repair \$ 3400.00 \* Hansen's Petroleum - Fuel \$ 1165.90 \* Highline Electric Association - Utilities \$ 605.36 \* Ingram Book Company - Books/Video \$ 14.50 \* Matheson Tri-Gas Inc - Oxygen \$ 104.72 \* NE Safety & Fire Equipment - Repair \$ 135.00 \* Petty Cash - Postage \$ 100.10 \* Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services, - Licenses, fees and permits \$ 176.19 \* Polly Olson - Travel Expense & Per Diem \$ 298.30 \* Premier Auto Parts & Service, LLC - Fuel \$ 143.88 \* Premier Auto Parts & Service, LLC - Repair \$ 325.96 \* Premier Auto Parts & Service, LLC - Supplies \$ 1084.63 \* R Lawn - Subscriptions & Dues \$ 590.31 \* Reichman Construction - Supplies \$ 116.00 \* Ron's Chappell Auto Repair - Repair \$ 634.24 \* Sedgwick County Sales - Trash Hauling/Recycling \$ 1689.52 \* USA Blue Book - Supplies \$ 71.48 \* Vicki Stegeman - Travel Expense & Per Diem \$ 273.30 \* Vistabeam - Telephone/Communications \$ 73.95 \* WEX BANK - Fuel \$ 3353.20 \* Wheat Belt Public Power District - Utilities \$ 50.22\* Total Payroll-\$38,920.36 \*

**Unfinished Business:**

The lake board discussed doing more dredging at the lake this year and they will meet again the end of the month to discuss the dredging options and they will plan another lake clean-up day. More information on dredging will be at a future meeting.

**New Business:**

A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Johnson to open the public hearing for the One & Six Year Plan. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried. Mayor Smith opened the public hearing for the One & Six Year Plan at 7:07 p.m. Dave Post with Olsson & Associates called in to the meeting to discuss the plan with Street Supervisor Elms and the Council. There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Johnson to close the public hearing. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried. Mayor Smith closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Carlson to approve Resolution 2023-02 to approve the One & Six Year Street plan. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2023-02**

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023, at 7:15 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.

A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Carlson to approve using the ARPA Covid Funds to purchase a new water meter for Well #5. The approximate cost is \$5,900.00. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried. Utilities Superintendent Rust is working with Sargent Drilling to get the meter replaced.

Utilities Superintendent Rust spoke with council about the damage to the switch gear that occurred in February. He received a quote to repair it temporarily. Repairing it would allow for the city to be able to generate again when needed by NMPP. A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Carlson to approve Todd to proceed forward with getting the switch gear repaired. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried. The approximate costs will be between \$25,000 to \$30,000.00. Todd also presented council with some estimates he has received for replacing the generator with new versus used models. He has been in contact with the city engineers and another engineering firm to start the process of getting quotes to perform a study of updating the current generator/switch gear equipment.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to approve the chicken permit located at 649 6<sup>th</sup> St. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried.

CDD Mashek informed the council that the 1990 Ford LT8000 was sold on the public surplus auction site. The final amount for the truck was \$6,250.00.

CDD Mashek let council know that the auction for the dredge has been extended on the public surplus auction site. The high bid is at \$8,000.00. The council would like to give the auction more time, they asked Shaunna to keep extending the length of the auction.

Three sealed bids were received for the street shop roof repairs. Mayor Smith opened the bids. 1<sup>st</sup> bid was from Weathercraft Roofing in the amount of \$73,570.00. The 2<sup>nd</sup> bid was from Sidney Roofing in the amount of \$80,968.20. The 3<sup>rd</sup> bid was from Strong 1, LLC in the amount of \$69,000.00. A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to accept the bid by Strong 1, LLC in the amount of \$69,000 and approving payment of 50 percent down in the amount of \$34,500.00. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried.

**Communications:**

Mike Ward's official last day with the city is March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The council and city staff is invited to the street shop to celebrate Mike on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

CDD Mashek informed the Council that the city has received grants from the Buckley Trust in the amounts of \$15,000.00 for equipment at the Chappell Golf Course and \$3000.00 to go towards the ground cover project at the center park. The Deuel County Tourism Board also awarded the golf course \$1800.00 for advertising.

Utilities Superintendent Rust said that at a future meeting he would like to discuss the option of contracting out some of the upcoming bigger electrical projects.

Mayor Smith asked about a speed study on the East edge of town. Clerk Bauer submitted a request to have the state do one. Kent also asked Deputy McCormick about speed control through town.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Riley to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried.

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Kent Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ashlea Bauer  
City Administrator/Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CHAPPELL NEBRASKA**

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on March 20, 2023. The following members were present; Smith, Riley, Hahn, and Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney J Leef, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, Utilities Superintendent Todd Rust and Street Supervisor Jerrod Elms. Others present were Christy Warner and Jim McCormick.

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

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

**Public Comments:**

No public comments.

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Hahn to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting March 6, 2023, claims list and treasurer's report. "Yes" Riley, Hahn, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried.

AmericInn - Hotel Expense \$451.52 \* Arrowhead Country Club - Repair \$2334.17 \* Black Hills Energy - Utilities \$807.32 \* BOKF, NA - St Bond Interest Exp \$37640.17 \* Century Link--Long Distance - Telephone/Communications \$75.95 \* Chappell Lumber - Supplies \$108.99 \* Chappell Lumber - Tools \$418.96 \* Chappell Super Foods - Supplies \$90.51 \* Chappell Super Foods - Perishables \$45.40 \* Cranmore Pest Control LLC - Chemicals & Fertilizer \$60.00 \* Deuel County Treasurer - Golf Liquor License \$250.00 \* Dutton-Lainson Company - Supplies \$788.91 \* EMC Insurance Companies - Insurance & Bonds \$8081.55 \* Enviro Service Inc - Lab Testing \$25.00 \* Fairfield by Marriott - Hotel Expense \$359.85 \* Frenchman Valley Co-op - Fuel \$753.03 \* Grainger - Swimming Pool Exp \$408.67 \* Hometown Leasing - Leases \$222.77 \* Ideal Linen Supply - Supplies \$640.28 \* Ingram Book Company - Books/Video \$221.80 \* Kurtzer's - Supplies \$69.32 \* Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - WAPA & MEAN \$44,198.38 \* Municipal Supply Inc of Nebraska - Supplies \$292.25 \* NMVCA - Licenses, fees and permits \$65.00 \* One Billing Solutions, LLC - Collections Expense \$782.47 \* Pepsi-Cola of Alliance - Candy/Pop \$70.71 \* Quick Med Claims - Collections Expense \$228.32 \* Rick's Auto & Tires - Supplies \$670.24 \* RST Enterprises Inc - Chemicals & Fertilizer \$1023.20 \* Terex Utilities - Repair \$2808.26 \* Titan Machinery - Equipment \$416.67 \* Tom's Delivery Service, Inc - Liquor Expense \$81.50 \* Valley Tire & Service LLC - Repair \$167.50 \* Verizon Wireless - Telephone/Communications \$101.64 \* Vistabeam - Telephone/Communications \$321.80 \* Waste Connections, Inc - Trash Hauling/Recycling \$1187.50 \* Total Payroll - \$50,964.59 \*

**Unfinished Business:**

No unfinished business.

**New Business:**

Christy Warner with Kimball County Transit Services (KCTS) spoke with the Council about the public transit and their services and upcoming growth. She has asked the council if they would be able to contribute \$1500.00 each year for the next two years to the KCTS. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to approve \$1500.00 to the program the next two years. "Yes" Riley, Hahn, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Jerrod spoke with council about a sewer connection application that he received last week. There were various questions about the application. Attorney Leef is going to research the questions and this item will be placed on the next agenda.

Jerrod presented Council with some pictures of an old 1962 International Truck that is owned by the city. It hasn't been used in the last 20 years. He would like to put it out for bid on the Public Surplus website to get rid of it. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Riley to put the truck up for auction on the Public Surplus website. "Yes" Riley, Hahn, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Todd discussed the possibility of contracting out some electrical work for future projects. There are a few projects the electric department wants to do but they will need help doing them. Todd will be meeting with a contractor from Great Plains to get prices for contract work. He will also be meeting with the State of Nebraska at the end of the month to get a timeline of when their project is scheduled to begin. This item will be put on the next agenda.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to hire lifeguard summer help as presented. "Yes" Riley, Hahn, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried.

One bid was received for the hay harvesting by the airport and lake. A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Hahn to approve Chris Ray's bid for the hay at \$55.00 per ton. Lease to run from May 1, 2023 to January 2024. "Yes" Riley, Hahn, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Riley to approve using the ARPA Covid Funds to assist with the costs to repair the street shop roof in the amount of \$20,000.00. "Yes" Riley, Hahn, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to approve using the ARPA Covid Funds to dredge at the Chappell Lake in the amount of \$25,000.00. "Yes" Riley, Hahn, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried.

**Communications:**

Clerk Bauer read a thank you card received from Mike Ward.

Jerrod let council know he is working on getting a quote for a generator for out at the sewer plant.

Todd would like to discuss the city paying for the electric license continuing education for Lineman Stegeman at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. "Yes" Riley, Hahn, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried.

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Kent Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ashlea Bauer  
City Administrator/Clerk