

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CHAPPELL NEBRASKA**

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held February 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, Utilities Superintendent Todd Rust and Street Supervisor Jerrod Elms. Others present included Marge Freeman, Leslie Snell, Edward Dunn and Willy Franken.

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 Johnson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting January 20, 2026, dept head reports and sheriff's November & December reports. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Bomgaars - Supplies - \$274.46 * Century Link - Telephone/Communications - \$170.83 * Chappell Lumber - Chappell Lake Exp - \$152.80 - Community Improvement - \$10.98 - Mow, Trim & Spray - \$6.99 - Supplies - \$489.83 * Chappell Municipal Utilities - Utilities - \$7127.72 * Dearborn Life Insurance Company - Life Insurance - \$13.76 * Deuel County Clerk - Licenses, fees and permits - \$250.00 * Deuel County Treasurer - Law Enforcement - \$8166.66 * Dultmeier Sales - Repair - \$20.74 * Eakes Office Products Center - Supplies - \$80.45 * Highline Electric Association - Utilities - \$751.65 * Ingram Library Services - Books/Video - \$441.63 * L L Johnson Distributing CO - Repair - \$2646.16 * Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - Training - \$236.50 - WAPA & MEAN - \$52,112.02 * Nebraska Liquor Control Commission - Licenses, fees and permits - \$46.75 * Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab - Lab Testing - \$71.00 * NMC Exchange LLC - Repair - \$68.44 * Premier Power, LLC - Maintenance - \$20,250 * Pye-Barker Fire Safety - Subscriptions & Dues - \$310.00 * Rod Hanson - Chemicals & Fertilizer - \$119.40 - Repair - \$54.56 * Sedgwick County Sales - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$2694.60 * Union Pacific Railroad - Leases - \$100.00 * US Bank - Books/Video - \$241.72 - Licenses, fees and permits - \$380.00 - Subscriptions & Dues - \$105.49 * Vistabeam Internet - Telephone/Communications - \$260.96 * Vistabeam Phone Bill - Telephone/Communications - \$680.82 * WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. - Supplies - \$1200.64 - Tools - \$366.05 * Western Equipment Finance - Debt Service - \$1293.36 * Western Resources Group Inc. - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$602.00 * World Book, Inc - Books/Video - \$1976.55 * Total Payroll - \$42,664.72 *

Unfinished Business:

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to hire Mason Timm at \$15.00 per hour, part-time in the electric/water department. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Edward Dunn with WCNDD was present to discuss the process of the third-party nuisance abatement program and the fees associated with each zone. WCNDD handles all the processes from start to finish, the council and attorney would be the ones who handle the abatement at the end. The council will continue to work on Zone 1 with the city attorneys and at the next meeting they will determine which zone they will start with WCNDD.

New Business:

Todd Rust provided an update to the council in regard to the electric rates discussed at the last MEAN meeting. MEAN plans to increase the electric rates 3-5% each year and they recommend that each municipality update their electric rates annually between the 3-5%.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to approve the proposed golf course rates for 2026, effective February 3, 2026. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Johnson. Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried. The new rates are as follows: Family: \$720.00 Single: \$515.00 Senior: \$500.00 Senior Couple: \$620.00 Student: \$140.00 Cart Storage: \$300.00 Yearly Cart Rental: Single Seat: \$425.00 Couple: \$550.00 Building Rental: \$450.00. Green Fees: 9 Holes \$30.00, 18 Holes \$42.00. Cart Rental: 9 Holes \$14.00, 18 Holes \$20.00.

Communications:

Timm's Terracing plans to begin dredging at the lake February 16th.

CDD Mashek plans to reach out to the owner of the triangle property to get an update on the car wash. Council discussed what the costs would be associated with pursuing getting the property back or not and if it would be in the best interest of the city.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Dan Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator/Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES CHAPPELL NEBRASKA

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held February 17, 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 Shaunna Mashek, and Street Supervisor Jerrod Elms. Others present included Terry Livengood.

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 Johnson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting February 2, 2026, treasurer's report and sheriff's January report. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Chappell Register - Ads, Forms & Printing - \$261.62 * Chappell Super Foods - Perishables - \$432.67 - Supplies - \$12.79 * Comfort Inn-Kearney - Travel Expense & Per Diem - \$273.95 * Contractors Materials - Supplies - \$624.00 * Culligan - Supplies - \$129.55 * Devan Schultz - Travel Expense & Per Diem - \$156.75 * Dultmeier Sales - Maintenance - \$148.27 * Dutton-Lainson Company - Supplies - \$11.22 * DWEE-Swimming Pools - Swimming Pool Exp - \$40.00 * Eakes Office Products Center - Supplies - \$581.62 * Enviro Service Inc - Lab Testing - \$30.00 * Hansen's Petroleum - Fuel - \$857.40 - Supplies - \$462.20 * Henry Schein, Inc - Supplies - \$16.16 * Hometown Leasing - Leases - \$108.67 * Ingram Library Services - Books/Video - \$104.34 * Kurtzer's - Repair - \$200.64 * Matheson Tri-Gas Inc - Oxygen - \$147.92 * Municipal Supply Inc of Nebraska - Supplies - \$4933.92 * One Billing Solutions, LLC - Collections Expense - \$184.29 * Premier Auto Parts & Service, LLC - Fuel - \$119.99 - Repair - \$175.83 - Supplies - \$618.63 * Pye-Barker Fire Safety - Subscriptions & Dues - \$135.00 * Rod Hanson - Repair - \$32.82 * Verizon Wireless - Telephone/Communications - \$327.52 * WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP - Supplies - \$219.78 - Tools - \$654.68 * Western Resources Group Inc. - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$301.00 * WEX BANK - Fuel - \$910.97 * Wheat Belt Public Power District - Utilities - \$54.93 * Total Payroll - \$45,411.32 *

Unfinished Business:

Discussion was held on working with Edward Dunn and WCNDD for the remaining zones of the nuisance abatement program. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to appoint West Central Nebraska Development District (WCNDD) as the Nuisance Officer and proceed forward with hiring them for the remaining zones for the nuisance abatement project and begin their work with Zone #2. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried. Clerk Bauer will get a copy of the agreement for the attorney to review.

New Business:

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to block off the streets from 2nd-4th St on Vincent Ave and 3rd St between Vincent and Babcock Aves for the Chappell USA Day on June 13, 2026. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to approve free admission to the city swimming pool on June 13, 2026 for Chappell USA Day. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Hahn to approve the six building permit applications that were submitted. The permits are as follows: A driveway at 501 Court Ave, demolish the house at 582 6th St, carport at 936 2nd St, fence at 1282 2nd St, greenhouse at 1066 5th St and a wood shed at 1066 5th St. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Street Supervisor Elms discussed the current rate for employee new license certifications, which is at \$.25/hr per new license, per year in the employee handbook. He would like to see it increased a bit. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to increase the rate to \$.50/hr per new license/per year. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to approve the revised interlocal agreement with the city and community development agency. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to approve Resolution 2026-01 LB840 Renewal and Plan. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried. A copy of the full resolution, exhibits and economic plan are available at the city office.

Resolution 2026-01

WHEREAS, the City of Chappell, Nebraska currently imposes a municipal sales and use tax, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-2701 *et. seq.*, of two percent (2%) as provided for by Nebraska law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chappell, Nebraska currently has in place an Economic Development Plan, approved by the voters, that will expire March 31, 2028;

WHEREAS, one-half percent (1/2%) of the current sales tax, authorized by LB840, and approved by the voters, will expire March 31, 2028;

WHEREAS, LB840 provides that continuation of its municipal sales and use tax and Economic Development Plan pursuant to the law shall submit the question at an election to the voters; and

WHEREAS, the question of the continuation of such sales and tax use tax shall be submitted upon the affirmative vote by at least seventy percent of all members of the governing body of the governing body of the incorporated municipality; and

WHEREAS, any proceeds from an approved sales and use tax shall be used for economic development pursuant to the approved Economic Development Plan of the City of Chappell.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHAPPELL, NEBRASKA, that:

The City of Chappell shall submit to the registered voters of the City of Chappell, Nebraska the question to of continuation of the current one-half (½%) and continuation of the current Economic Development Plan on the ballot at the November 3, 2026 general election in substantially the same form as the Sample Ballot marked as "Exhibit A" attached hereto and by this reference is hereby made a part of this Resolution.

Any Resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to approve the annual liquor license renewals for Hansen's Petroleum, LLC and Pump & Pantry #28. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Communications:

Ashlea reported that the city has received \$4,778 for the 2025 ACE membership distribution. Shaunna has submitted an application to have the splash pad project be considered project of the year by ACE.

Shaunna said the shade structures are in for the splash pad, the parks department will be working to get them installed. The splash pad grand opening date is May 21st from 4-5 p.m. Shaunna updated council on the various grants and projects she is currently working on.

Council member Hahn said there will be 1200 rainbow trout released in the Chappell Lake in the near future and Game & Parks will be spraying the vegetation at the lake.

Sheriff DeCoste would like to know if the city would want to look into getting a hotspot at the pool park for the security cameras. Council said they would be interested in some quotes on the costs.

Mayor Riley would like to discuss the triangle property at the next meeting. He also asked if there were any plans to have Keno at the new bar.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Dan Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator/Clerk