

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CHAPPELL NEBRASKA**

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held January 7, 2019, at the Chappell City Hall at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present; Brott, Riley, Carlson, Reichman, and Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney Joel Jay, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, CDD Britt Miller, Utilities Worker Todd Rust and Street Overseer Jerrod Elms. Others present included Cindy Williams.

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 December 17, 2018, claims list, dept head reports and sheriff's report. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried

Bytes Computer & Network Solutions - \$90.00 * Cash-Wa Distributing - \$2884.03 * Century Link - \$602.30 * Chappell Municipal Utilities - \$4721.76 * Chappell Register - \$186.28 * Chappell Super Foods - \$157.93 * City of Sidney - \$149.05 * CLIA Laboratory Program - \$150.00 * Cranmore Pest Control LLC - \$45.00 * Deuel County Treasurer - \$7333.34 * Dutton-Lainson Company - \$237.07 * Eakes Office Products Center - \$261.29 * Floyd's Truck Center - \$450.27 * Frenchman Valley Co-op - \$30.00 * Hansen's Petroleum - \$548.49 * Highline Electric Association - \$532.18 * Kurtzer's - \$42.79 * Matheson Tri-Gas Inc - \$99.04 * McKesson Medical Surgical - \$186.13 * Michael Todd & Company Inc - \$813.50 * Municipal Supply Inc of Nebraska - \$136.87 * Nebraska Environmental Products - \$627.16 * Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab - \$88.00 * Pitney Bowes - \$56.45 * Premier Auto Parts & Service, LLC - \$708.24 * Rudy's GTO Big Springs - \$2809.58 * Sedgwick County Hospital - \$148.20 * Valley Tire 2011 - \$50.00 * Vistabeam - \$63.95 * WEX BANK - \$739.40 * Wilson & Company, Inc. - \$9410.40 * Total Payroll - \$32,378.08 *

Unfinished Business:

Plans were presented to the council for the community gathering space. Kim Wilson, a UNL architect professor and one of her students showed the board potential plans for the space via a web conference meeting. The council was very interested in one of the drawings and asked for a few different options to be created to review at the next council meeting. Updated plans will be available at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the sidewalk design concepts for the DTR Project. Wilson & Co provided the council with 4 different options to move forward with. The council was in agreeance that there should be no trees in the plans and that gray concrete should be used for the sidewalks. They would like minimal maintenance on the sidewalks. Final plans should be ready soon. The bid letting process should take place the end of January.

CDD Miller received two quotes to do appraisals on the city land development project south of the interstate. They ranged from \$2400 to \$6000. There hasn't been any money budgeted for this. The council would like to have an idea of what amount to sell the land for per acre. Some acreages in the region have been looked at to get a comparison of what the price per acre was sold for. The council is also looking into what the property across the road was purchased for. More information on that property will be at the next meeting to determine if it's something the city would like to make an offer on.

New Business:

Mayor Brott nominated the following 2019 Board and City Appointments.

2019 APPOINTMENTS

Board Appointments:

Library Board	Janice Dunn
Zoning/Planning Commission	George Schneider, Brian Smith
Lake & Park Board	Steve Fischer, Ron Jacobs
Cemetery Board	Candice Hodges, Floyd Stegeman
Housing Authority Board	Geralyn Konruff
Ambulance Board	Ed Lutkehus

City Appointments:

Administrator/Clerk	Ashlea Bauer
Treasurer	Geralyn Konruff
Attorney	Joel B Jay
Physician	Dr. Michael Matthews
Police Chief	Scott DeCoste
Water Commissioner	Mike Criss
Street Overseer	Jerrod Elms
City Engineer	Olsson Associates

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Reichman to approve the appointments for 2019. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

The city's health insurance deductibles have gone up beginning January 1, 2019. The city contributes money towards the employees' health savings accounts(HSA) each year to assist with the high deductibles. The city paid in the past \$1500 towards an individual's deductible and \$3000 towards a family deductible when the deductibles were \$2000 individual and \$4000 family. The new deductibles are \$2700 individual and \$5400 family. A motion was made by Council member Reichman, second of Council member Johnson to increase the amounts the City contributes to the employees' HSA accounts. The new amounts per year will be \$2200 for individual plans and \$4400 for family plans, to be paid yearly. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Riley to approve the building permit at 145 Court St for an addition onto the existing building. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Johnson. "Abstain" Reichman. "No" None. Motion carried.

Communications:

Another nuisance property has been reported to the council. A letter will be mailed out.

The fair board would like the city to give a gift certificate for a round of golf at an upcoming silent auction. Clerk Bauer will prepare a certificate.

A motion was made by Council member Reichman, second of Council member Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Steve Brott, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator/Clerk

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A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held on January 22, 2019, at the Chappell City Hall at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present; Brott, Riley, Carlson, Reichman and Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney Joel Jay, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, Utilities Worker Todd Rust and Street Overseer Jerrod Elms. Others present were Cristy Warner.

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 January 7, 2019 claims list and treasurer's report. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

All Star Auto Glass - \$27.15 * American Red Cross - \$200.00 * Arbor Day Foundation - \$20.00 * Black Hills Energy - \$699.88 * Century Link--Long Distance - \$72.67 * Crescent Electric Supply Company - \$236.73 * Eakes Office Products Center - \$183.05 * Enviro Service Inc - \$20.00 * Envrio-Care Company - \$634.38 * HireRight, LLC - \$71.40 * Hometown Leasing - \$116.00 * Ideal Linen Supply - \$529.19 * Jay Law Office, LLC - \$534.99 * Kya Lutkehus - \$245.40 * Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - \$41814.15 * NE Safety & Fire Equipment - \$165.00 * Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab - \$19.00 * NGCSA - \$125.00 * NMC Exchange LLC - \$829.73 * Panhandle Partnership - \$100.00 * Sargent Drilling - \$16124.63 * Union Pacific Railroad - \$100.00 * Valley Repair - \$117.65 * Verizon Wireless - \$53.98 * Vistabeam - \$583.70 * Wilson & Company, Inc. - \$37641.60 * Total Payroll - \$69,001.87 *

Unfinished Business:

Wilson and Company provided final plans to the council to review for the downtown revitalization project along with the landscaping plans. The council was pleased with the final plans that were presented. A motion was made by Council member Reichman, second of Council member Riley to approve the final plans as presented. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried. The plans will go out for bid on January 28th. The final bids will be due February 28th and will be placed on the March 4th council meeting.

Kim Wilson with the UNL Architecture Department provided the updated plans to the council for the Community Gathering Space. A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Riley to approve the final design plans for the gathering space. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the old Texaco station south of the interstate. The council would like to expedite the process of getting it cleaned up. Attorney Jay will file a court order to declare it a nuisance.

There are a few more properties that need to have nuisance letters sent to. Attorney Jay will be in contact with one of the owners.

Discussion was held on the amount of unlicensed vehicles on the city streets and residents' yards. Attorney Jay will talk to the sheriff's department. Item will be on the next agenda.

New Business:

Christy Warner with Kimball County Transit spoke before the council in regards to the Deuel County Mini Bus. Kimball County has taken over the operation of the Deuel County Mini Bus. Kimball Transit now owns the vehicles and the bus drivers will be employed by Kimball County. The Deuel County Mini Bus is a public transit service that anyone may use as needed, with a fee charged for usage. The council, like most residents were unaware that the mini bus is a public transit service. Ms. Warner asked the Council to consider helping with the costs to operate the bus services in the amount of \$1,000.00 for two years. A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Reichman to commit \$1,000.00 towards the transportation fees for the Deuel County Mini Bus. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried. The \$1,000.00 will be paid during the city's next fiscal year, beginning October 1st, 2019.

A motion as made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Carlson to approve the building permit for a fence at 123 Lincoln Ave. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Mayor Brott opened the trash truck bids. Three bids were submitted. The lowest bid was from Floyd's Truck Center in the amount of \$154,137.00 to include the trade in of the current trash truck. Specifications were reviewed. A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Reichman to approve the trash truck bid from Floyd's Truck Center in the amount of \$154,137.00. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Communications:

No communications.

A motion was made by Council member Reichman, second of Council member Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Steve Brott, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator/Clerk