

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES CHAPPELL NEBRASKA

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held July 7, 2025, at the Chappell City Hall at 5:00 P.M. The following members were present; Riley, Ortgies, Carlson. Staff members present were City Attorney Kendra Strommen, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, Street Supervisor Jerrod Elms and Utilities Superintendent Todd Rust. Others present included Leslie Snell.

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.

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

Consent Agenda:

Council member Ortgies asked for a clarification on a liquor expense. A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Ortgies to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting June 16, 2025, dept head reports, sheriff's May report. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Riley. "No" None. "Absent" Hahn, Johnson. Motion carried.

Ace Hardware - Swimming Pool Exp - \$299.95 * Acushnet Company/Titleist - Merchandise - \$827.04 * Arrowhead Distributing, Inc - Beer Expense - \$1723.80 * Black Hills Energy - Utilities - \$3675.47 * Bomgaars - Repair - \$79.48 * BURSCO Colorado LLC - Baseball Expense - \$2308.02 * Cash-Wa Distributing - Candy/Pop - \$551.05 - Liquor Expense - \$109.23 - Perishables - \$2276.21 - Supplies - \$39.88 * Century Link - Telephone/Communications - \$52.01 * Chappell Municipal Utilities - Utilities - \$8327.32 * Chappell Register - Ads, Forms & Printing - \$459.84 * Chappell VFD - Buckley Grant Fireworks - \$3500.00 * Culligan - Supplies - \$115.83 * Dearborn Life Insurance Company - Life Insurance - \$13.76 * Deuel County Treasurer - Law Enforcement - \$8166.66 * Dietrich Distributing - Beer Expense - \$1029.05 * Dutton-Lainson Company - Equipment - \$93.83 - Supplies - \$3998.95 * Eichners Sales & Service - Equipment - \$143.30 * Enviro Service Inc - Lab Testing - \$30.00 * Floyd's Truck Center - Repair - \$1458.83 * Grainger - Tools - \$83.67 * Halie Brott - Maintenance - \$600.00 * High Plains Budweiser - Beer Expense - \$3685.65 * Highline Electric Association - Utilities - \$272.21 * Ideal Linen Supply - Supplies - \$750.67 * Ingram Library Services - Books/Video - \$207.25 * Justin Polk (Rec) - Baseball Expense - \$2333.33 * Kurtzer's - Repair - \$113.08 * Matheson Tri-Gas Inc - Oxygen - \$143.60 * Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - WAPA & MEAN - \$43,423.46 * Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab - Lab Testing - \$15.80 * One Call Concepts, Inc - Licenses, fees and permits - \$38.21 * Premier Auto Parts & Service, LLC - Fuel - \$146.04 - Supplies - \$938.23 * R & R Products Inc - Repair - \$733.10 * Rocky Timm - Liquor Expense - \$336.80 - Supplies - \$42.24 * Sedgwick County Hospital - Drug Testing - \$120.00 * Sedgwick County Sales - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$3809.70 * Seth Hawkins - Deposit Refund - \$4.32 * Tools Plus Industries - Supplies - \$55.57 - Tools - \$123.39 * Vistabeam Phone Bill - Telephone/Communications - \$679.18 * WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. - Supplies - \$658.31 * Western Equipment Finance - Debt Service - \$1293.36 * Western Resources Group Inc. - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$602.00 * WEX BANK - Fuel - \$1385.07 - Mow, Trim & Spray - \$141.52 * Wheat Belt Public Power District - Utilities - \$53.94 * Total Payroll - \$54,836.24 *

Unfinished Business:

Jerrod was only able to get one quote for the renovation of the street shop office. Another contractor didn't submit one. A motion was made by Council member Ortgies, second of Council member Carlson to approve the street shop office renovation quote in the amount of \$7,500.00 from Richard Jackson, approving a claim payable to Mr. Jackson for the deposit of \$3,000.00, with the remaining balance paid at the completion of the project. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Riley. "No" None. "Absent" Hahn, Johnson. Motion carried.

New Business:

Jerrod received a quote from Vistabeam to install wireless point-to-point internet at the city dump for cameras. A motion was made by Council member Ortgies, second of Council member Carlson to approve the Vistabeam lowest quote with the installation fees. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Riley. "No" None. "Absent" Hahn, Johnson. Motion carried.

Todd discussed listing hydraulic reels on public surplus that are not needed for the electrical department. They are brand new and were purchased a few years ago. A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Ortgies to list the reels on public surplus. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Riley. "No" None. "Absent" Hahn, Johnson. Motion carried.

Geralyn discussed transferring 2 cd accounts from Points West Bank to the NFIT accounts when they are up for renewal in middle of July. A motion was made by Council member Ortgies, second of Council member Carlson to transfer the library and sewer cds from Points West to NFIT. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Riley. "No" None. "Absent" Hahn, Johnson. Motion carried.

Consideration was given to the LARM Insurance Renewal Resolution. The annual insurance rates are increasing approximately 26%. A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Ortgies to approve Resolution 2025-07, LARM 25-26 Renewal Resolution with a three-year commitment with at 5% discount. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Riley. "No" None. "Absent" Hahn, Johnson. Motion carried.

**League Association of Risk Management
2025-26 New Resolution
Resolution No 2025-07**

WHEREAS, the City of Chappell, NE is a member of the League Association of Rick Management (LARM);

WHEREAS, section 8.10 of the Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment and Operation of the League Association of Risk Management provides that a member may voluntarily terminate its participation in LARM by written notice of termination given to LARM and the Nebraska Director of Insurance at least 90 days prior to the desired termination given to and that members may agree to extend the required termination notice beyond 90 days in order to realize reduced excess coverage costs, stability of contribution rates and efficiency in operation of LARM; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of LARM has adopted a plan to provide contribution credits in consideration of certain agreements by members of LARM as provided in the attached letter.

BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the City of Chappell, Nebraska, in consideration of the contribution credits provided under the LARM Board's plan, agrees to:

Provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which date shall be no sooner than September 30, 2028. **(180 day and 3-year commitment; 5% discount)**

Adopted this 7th day of July, 2025.

Discussion was held on nuisance properties in town and the city code pertaining to nuisances. The council would like to discuss options and ideas on handling the nuisances through the city. Kendra will have discussion with the sheriff and this item will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Communications:

Shaunna will be meeting with the contractor this week to finalize the date of installation of the splash pad.

Dan thanked the staff for how great the lake looked over the holiday weekend. The city has collected approximately \$3,100.00 in camping fees since it was implemented in 2024.

Todd inquired about the status of the car wash. There has been no further progress or communication on the project. Council asked about the purchase agreement stipulations. Ashlea will provide a copy of the agreement to council.

A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Ortgies to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Riley. "No" None. "Absent" Hahn, Johnson. Motion carried.

Dan Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator/Clerk

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Public Comments:

No public comments.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting July 7, 2025 and treasurer's report. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Arnold Pool Company - Swimming Pool Exp - \$473.40 * Arrowhead Distributing, Inc - Beer Expense - \$296.00 * Black Hills Energy - Utilities - \$3760.23 * Bomgaars - Tools - \$406.89 * Cash-Wa Distributing - Candy/Pop - \$198.82 - Liquor Expense - \$120.86 - Perishables - \$1218.13 - Supplies - \$386.76 * Chappell Lumber - Baseball Expense - \$107.91 - Lake Exp - \$13.98 - Maintenance - \$53.94 - Repair - \$9.99 - Supplies - \$347.26 - Swimming Pool Exp - \$17.99 - Library Acct - Supplies - \$53.00 * Chappell Super Foods - Liquor Expense - \$4.35 - Perishables - \$137.34 - Supplies - \$35.95 - Swimming Pool Exp - \$18.03 * Davis Equipment Co - Repair - \$133.41 * Dietrich Distributing - Beer Expense - \$610.50 * Dutton-Lainson Company - Supplies - \$697.68 * Eakes Office Products Center - Supplies - \$83.98 * Enviro Service Inc - Lab Testing - \$30.00 * Flags USA LLC - Community Improvement - \$47.41 * Frenchman Valley Co-op - Fuel - \$1423.15 * Grainger - Tools - \$356.73 * Hansen's Petroleum - Baseball Expense - \$13.63 - Fuel - \$2295.25 * High Plains Budweiser - Beer Expense - \$1555.00 * Hometown Leasing - Leases - \$108.67 * Ingram Library Services - Books/Video - \$21.53 * MacQueen Equipment - Repair - \$1100.17 * Masek Golf Car Company - Supplies - \$1500.00 * Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - WAPA & MEAN - \$2250.00 * Municipal Supply Inc of Nebraska - Supplies - \$123.79 * Nebraska Power Review Board - Licenses, fees and permits - \$131.25 * Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc - Community Improvement - \$3171.29 * Olsson Associates - Licenses, fees and permits - \$1054.95 * One Billing Solutions, LLC - Collections Expense - \$613.26 * Pepsi-Cola of Alliance - Candy/Pop - \$63.51 * Pitney Bowes Bank, Inc. - Postage - \$2400.00 * Points West Community Bank - Debt Service - \$13,548.09 - Interest Expense - \$3698.02 * R & R Products Inc - Repair - \$200.30 * Reichman Construction - Downtown Repairs - \$20,000.00 * Ron's Chappell Auto Repair - Repair - \$247.17 * Sedgwick County Hospital - Drug Testing - \$180.00 * Southwestern Equipment Co - Repair - \$206.24 * Todd's Custom Welding - Maintenance - \$666.00 * Tom's Delivery Service, Inc - Liquor Expense - \$104.50 * Verizon Wireless - Telephone/Communications - \$313.76 * Vistabeam Internet - Telephone/Communications - \$254.75 * Vistabeam Phone Bill - Telephone/Communications - \$678.49 * Wilson & Company, Inc. - Downtown Repairs, Engineer Fees - \$307.49 * Total Payroll - \$55,214.68 *

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

New Business:

Utilities Superintendent Rust presented the council with quotes for GPS mapping of city utilities. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to approve the quote from Subsurface Solutions for \$19,225 for the GPS receiver and all the necessary equipment and antenna. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Council member Hahn discussed the possibilities of having an archery range at the city dump. It would be located near the southwest side of the dump area. The office will contact the city insurance agent to see what steps would need to be followed.

Communications:

Jerrold Elms told council that the third sewer lagoon is very low and they are working with the state to remedy the situation. He also mentioned that the contractor broke ground on the splash pad.

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

Dan Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Geraldyn Konruff
City Treasurer