

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CHAPPELL NEBRASKA**

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held September 4, 2018, at the Chappell City Hall at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present; Brott, Riley, Reichman, and Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney Joel Jay, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Jepsen, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, and CDD Britt Miller. Others present Cody Sellhorst and Chad Svoboda.

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.

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

Public Comments:

No public comments

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Riley to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting August 20, 2018, claims list, dept head reports, animal control report and sheriff's report. "Yes" Riley, Reichman, Johnson. "Absent" Timm. "No" None. Motion carried.

Baker & Assoc Inc. - \$500.00 * Bob Boling - \$15.00 * Britt Miller - \$253.56 * Cash-Wa Distributing - \$2028.72 * Century Link - \$826.36 * Chappell Municipal Utilities - \$6284.21 * Chappell Register - \$343.49 * Cobra Golf Inc - \$515.00 * Cranmore Pest Control LLC - \$45.00 * CVS Cheerleaders - \$600.00 * Dearborn National Life Insurance Co. - \$20.64 * Deuel County Treasurer - \$7333.34 * Dietrich Distributing - \$8.80 * Dutton-Lainson Company - \$116.10 * Highline Electric Association - \$277.80 * League of NE Municipalities-Utilities - \$655.00 * Miller Office Products - \$38.00 * Moe's Heating & Air Conditioning - \$1620.00 * Moore Medical LLC - \$401.76 * NE Dept of Revenue - \$25.00 * Nebraska Department of Agriculture - \$175.00 * NMC Exchange LLC - \$698.30 * RJ Meyer & Associates - \$3128.20 * Sedgwick County Sales - \$2143.20 * Vistabeam - \$100.00 * Wilson & Company, Inc. - \$27,056.00 * Total Payroll - \$34,032.75 *

Unfinished Business:

Some of the council members were able to do a walk around of the downtown revitalization project area with an engineer from Wilson and Co. There was a lot of information presented on the project. Wilson and Co are getting closer to having the plans for the project finalized. CDD Miller informed the council that the UP Grant was awarded in the amount of \$15,000 towards the project. The council is also waiting for estimates for the demolition of the old Stuart Ranch building.

Letters were mailed out to three nuisance properties. A hearing will be scheduled at a later date if the properties are not cleaned up.

New Business:

Chad Svoboda with Svoboda Benefits Solutions had a discussion with council on the city's medical plan strategy and a proposal for moving forward. He provided council with current carrier proposals and also discussed the Blue Cross Blue Shield plan design, including the HSA funding options. He discussed the Principal short term disability and life policies. Discussion was held on the current supplemental insurance offered to the city employees. Svoboda Benefits will provide supplemental insurance along with the health, life, short term and long term disability options. A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Johnson to hire one benefits consultant for all employee benefit's going forward, naming Chad Svoboda with Svoboda Benefits as the soul benefits consultant for the City of Chappell. "Yes" Riley, Reichman, Johnson. "Absent" Timm. "No" None. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the upcoming Class C liquor license renewals for Burgie's, Chappell Super Foods, Toots' Bar & Grill and The Rusty Bucket. The licenses will automatically renew on November 1st. A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Reichman to approve the automatic renewals of Burgie's, Chappell Super Foods, Toots' Bar & Grill and The Rusty Bucket liquor licenses. "Yes" Riley, Reichman, Johnson. "Absent" Timm. "No" None. Motion carried.

Communications:

Council member Reichman was asked by the fire chief about possibly using the Stuart Ranch building for fire training.

Council member Reichman asked about dead trees on some residents properties in town. Some of the trees in question are imposing a danger to the neighbor's properties.

Council member Riley inquired about the rules of driving golf carts in town and the age of the passengers. Some employees from the elementary school have had some concerns.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Reichman to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. "Yes" Riley, Reichman, Johnson. "Absent" Timm. "No" None. Motion carried.

Steve Brott, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashlea Jepsen
City Administrator/Clerk

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held on September 17, 2018, at the Chappell City Hall at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present; Brott, Riley, Reichman and Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney Joel Jay, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Jepsen, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff and CDD Britt Miller. Others present were Cody Sellhorst.

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 Reichman, second of Council member Johnson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting September 4, 2018, claims list and treasurer's report. "Yes" Riley, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Acushnet Company/Titleist - \$609.99 * Black Hills Energy - \$579.63 * Bytes Computer & Network Solutions - \$169.99 * Century Link--Long Distance - \$70.39 * Chappell Auto Repair & Services - \$1186.64 * Culligan - \$31.00 * Dutton-Lainson Company - \$293.83 * EMS Billing Services Inc - \$56.71 * Enviro Service Inc - \$20.00 * Hometown Leasing - \$116.00 * Ideal Linen Supply - \$669.01 * Jay Law Office, LLC - \$960.00 * Kriz-Davis Company/BSE - \$203.98 * League of NE Municipalities-Utilities - \$325.00 * Masek Golf Car Company - \$31.55 * Matheson Tri-Gas Inc - \$99.04 * Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - \$37,189.89 * Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab - \$332.00 * Pitney Bowes - \$56.45 * R & R Products Inc - \$146.21 * The L L Johnson Distributing CO - \$346.60 * Verizon Wireless - \$53.60 * Vistabeam - \$228.00 * WESCO Receivables Corp. - \$375.28 * WEX BANK - \$1122.89 * Wheat Belt Public Power District - \$43.25 * Total Payroll - \$33,082.63 *

Unfinished Business:

CDD Miller and Attorney Jay reviewed questions with the council from Wilson and Co. for the DTR project. The council would like to see tiered concrete between the sidewalk and the curbs, with some type of colored concrete. They want the curbs that are broken to be replaced. The light pole bases will be fixed separate from the project. The city's newly purchased Stuart Ranch building will be torn down within the next few months. A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Reichman to have Whiskeyboard Construction from Oshkosh demo the building. "Yes" Riley, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried. The demolition will begin around mid-December.

Clerk Jepsen received correspondence from the one of the owners of the nuisance properties that received a letter from Attorney Jay. He is requesting a hearing on the property. The Board of Health will meet prior to the next council meeting and then a hearing date will be scheduled at the council meeting to discuss the property.

New Business:

Mayor Brott opened the public hearing at 7:58 pm for the 2018-2019 budget.

No public comments were made on the budget. Mayor Brott closed the public hearing for the 2018-2019 budget at 8:03 pm. Total tax requirement at \$136,855.00. A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Riley to adopt the 2018-19 budget with additional 1% increase in restricted funds. "Yes" Riley, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Mayor Brott read the written council resignation of Rocky Timm. A motion was made by Council member Reichman, second of Council member Johnson to accept with regret the resignation of Mr. Timm from the city council. "Yes" Riley, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried. A vacancy ad will be ran through the month of October in the local paper.

Council reviewed a letter received by the Aflac supplemental insurance rep, Gina Laughlin. The council will allow any employees with current Aflac policies to continue to have their payments be withdrawn through payroll if they choose to keep their current policies. No new policies may be signed up for through Aflac. Any new supplemental insurance going forward will be signed up through Chad Svoboda, the city's health benefits administrator.

Communications:

There have been several comments made on the weeds in Liberty Park. Clerk Jepsen will be in contact with the High School about the Cheerleaders not working on the park. The final check will not be given to the squad if the park isn't maintained during September.

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

Steve Brott, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashlea Jepsen
City Administrator/Clerk