CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CHAPPELL NEBRASKA

The 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing was held at 7:00 p.m. on September 7, 2021. The following members were present; Brott, Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. Staff members present were City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff and CDDL Shauna Mashek. Others present were Bob Meyer, Terry Duffield, Matt Larsen, Doug & Ann Mick, Jesse and Jessica Medira and Ernie Hussmann.

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 Carlson to open the 2021-2022 Budget Hearing. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Mayor Brott opened the 2021-2022 Budget Hearing at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Brott opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were made on the budget hearing.

City auditor Bob Meyer was present to answer any questions on the 2021-2022 Budget. No public comments were made on the budget.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Riley to close the budget hearing at 7:13 p.m. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held September 7, 2021, at the Chappell City Hall immediately after the Budget Hearing for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

Public Comments:
Ernie Hussmann had a question as to whether the goose management project was still in the works. Attorney Leef is still working on the ordinance for the project.

Consent Agenda:
A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Riley to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting August 16th, 2021, claims list and dept head reports. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:
Terry Duffield has been trapping, neutering, vaccinating releasing and rehoming more cats throughout the community this past year. To date, there have been approximately 115 cats trapped. She is willing to continue to trap cats in large colonies if the council would like her to do so. A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to pay $2000.00 towards the cat project to Terry Duffield. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried. The council stated Terry is doing an excellent job with the cat project and thanked her for her hard work. Terry wanted to clarify she is not animal control for cats in town, only for the trapping of the cats in colonies.

New Business:
A motion was made by Council Member Carlson, second of Council member Hahn to open the Hearing for the Final Tax Request at 7:19 p.m. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Mayor Brott opened the Hearing for the Final Tax Request at 7:19 p.m. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to accept the final tax request and approve the Resolution 2021-07 of Setting the Property Tax Request. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST
2021-07
WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Chappell passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and
WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments regarding the property tax request;
NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Chappell, resolves that:
1. The 2021-2022 property tax request be set at $136,855.00.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 5.42 percent.
3. The new tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be 0.362176 per $100 of assessed value.
4. The City of Chappell proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.362176 per $100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of The City of Chappell will increase or decrease last year’s budget by -8.49 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution will be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Hahn to close the hearing for the final tax request at 7:20 p.m. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Total tax requirement for the 2021-2022 budget is $136,855.00. A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Hahn to adopt the 2021-22 budget with additional 1% increase in restricted funds. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Jesse and Jessica Medina, owners of Burgie’s Bowling wanted to let the council know their plans to open a liquor store in the back part of their building, right now it’s sitting empty. They currently have a Liquor license and they will plan to have hours between noon and 1:00 a.m. depending on the needs of the community. The council was in favor of the new business they are planning to open.

Ann and Doug Mick with Beulah’s Emporium are holding their annual fall festival on October 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They have requested to block off the street between 3rd and 4th Streets on Vincent Avenue. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Riley to allow for the street to be closed between 3rd and 4th Streets on Vincent Avenue on October 17th beginning at 9:00 a.m. until the festival has ended. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Matt Larsen, CEO of Vistabeam Internet, spoke with the council in regards to the expansion of the services they will be able to provide. They are looking to grow their fiber broadband into Chappell. They will be able to reach more unserved and underserved people with fiber and fixed wireless. Fixed wireless is already in place serving customers in Chappell. Vistabeam already has fiber middle-mile backbone in place and a pole agreement in place. It will be a relatively low cost of deployment of the fiber. Having the option of fiber in Chappell is good for economic development and homes and businesses with fiber are more valuable. Mr. Larsen stated they are asking The City of Chappell for contributions to the project in-kind (No Cash) with ROW access and assistance in planning, and public support for grant applications. The City Council is in support of this project. The project is expected to be completed by end of year 2022.

A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Hahn to approve Kinsey Bosselman as the new manager at Bosselman’s Pump and Pantry #28 and to approve Cody Swanson as the new manager of RockinST, Rusty Bucket Pub & Grub. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the upcoming Class C liquor license renewals for Burgie’s Bowling, Chappell Super Foods, Toots’ Bar & Grill and The Rusty Bucket Pub & Grub. The license will automatically renew on November 1st. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to approve the automatic renewals of Burgie’s Bowling, Chappell Super Foods, Toots’ Bar & Grill and The Rusty Bucket Pub & Grub liquor licenses. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Resolution 2021-05 Lake Updates. Council member Hahn asked to have a few changes made in the description of boats. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Riley to approve using a contractor to use a long-boom excavator to dredge at Chappell Lake at a price not to exceed $25,000.00, paid through Keno Funds. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

CDD Mashek received two quotes to install the new lights at the small baseball field. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to approve the quote from CNN Electrical Services from Sidney, NE in the amount of $28,225.00. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried. Shaunnna is in the process of applying for a grant to cover the installation expenses.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to approve Resolution 2021-06 Land & Water Conservation Fund Application Resolution for Outdoor Recreation. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried. Shaunnna will be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 1, 2021.

Consideration was given for Resolution 2021-08 Support of Leadership Re-Certification. A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Hahn to approve Resolution 2021-08 Support of Leadership Re-Certification. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-08

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHAPPELL, NEBRASKA THAT:

WHEREAS, local municipal government, county government, and regional economic development entities must provide leadership and coordination for economic development efforts; and

WHEREAS, economic development needs can best be solved through a cooperative effort between local, county, regional and state economic development organizations and entities; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to recognize and promote our community’s organizational readiness, infrastructure investment, ability to respond to business needs, and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Department of Economic Development’s Leadership Community Re-Certification has been reviewed and found to be a program promoting our community’s economic development preparedness;

THEREFORE, the City Council of Chappell, Nebraska do herewith pledge their full support, endorsement, and cooperation for participation in the Nebraska Department of Economic Development’s Leadership Re-Certification Community Program by the City of Chappell, Nebraska.
The third and final payment request from Paul Reed Construction in the amount of $74,260.25 for the Community Gathering Space was submitted. A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to approve the payment in the amount of $74,260.25 from the Keno fund. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried. The final paperwork will be submitted to receive our last half of funding from the CCCFF Grant and paid back to the Keno fund.

A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Hahn to approve the building permit to demolish a house at 150 4th St. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Communications:
The car charging station is up and running at the Gathering Place. The parking spot will be painted green to designate it’s for electric vehicles.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

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A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held September 20, 2021, at the Chappell City Hall at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present: Brott, Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney J Leef, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, and City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff.

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 Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting September 7, 2021, claims list, treasurer’s report and sheriff’s report. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Black Hills Energy - $420.62 * Cash-Wa Distributing - $1668.97 * Chappell Lumber - $1451.46 * Cranmore Fire Protection - $460.00 * Dutton-Lainson Company - $4332.03 * Eakes Office Products Center - $176.01 * Eichners Sales & Service - $94.00 * Enviro Service Inc - $20.00 * Flags USA LLC - $469.00 * Frenchman Valley Co-op - $702.31 * Hansen’s Petroleum - $2120.22 * Hometown Leasing - $116.00 * Ideal Linen Supply - $1076.29 * Kacey Huff - $222.40 * MacQueen Equipment - $280.92 * Michael Todd & Company Inc - $2550.22 * Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - $39514.00 * Municipal Supply Inc of Nebraska - $1434.78 * Nebraska Department of Agriculture - $175.00 * Nebraska Municipal Power Pool - $500.00 * WEX BANK - $892.64 * Cash - $306.85 * WESCO Distribution Inc - $39514.00 * Western Resources Group Inc. - $516.00 * WEX BANK - $892.64 * Total Payroll - $42,855.78 *

Unfinished Business:
Discussion was held on the city’s property south of the interstate. Attorney Leef informed Council they would need to decide on an asking price for the set of acres that are wanting to sale. Once the city has more information on what a fair and reasonable price is, they can determine an asking price. When the future buyers are ready to proceed forward, a contract would be drafted to include the legalities of the sale. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Consideration was given to Resolution 2021-05 Lake Updates. A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Hahn to approve Resolution 2021-05 Lake Updates. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-05

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chappell, Nebraska has the authority by resolution, provide for appropriate Rules and Regulations regarding the management, use and operation of all park properties, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chappell deems it necessary that Rules and Regulations be updated for the use of the lake area, commonly known as Chappell Lake, Chappell, Nebraska;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Chappell, Nebraska, herein set forth the as follows:

Fishing/Size/Daily Bag/Possession Limits/Bait: These regulations shall be the same as those adopted by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Except the killing of grass carp is not allowed. The use of archery or underwater spear fishing is not allowed.

Boats & Motors: No Wake Lake, speed limit of 5 mph or less. All other boating regulations adopted by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission shall apply.

Firearms: No guns or firearms shall be discharged at any time except as permitted by City Ordinance during goose management season.
Hunting & Trapping: Hunting and/or trapping is not allowed at any time except as permitted by City Ordinance during the goose management season.

Dogs: No dogs shall be left unattended at any time within the Lake Area.

Swimming: Swim at your own risk.

Camping: Overnight camping shall be allowed within the Lake Area. No camping shall be allowed to exceed three (3) consecutive days at a time.

Truck Parking: No truck parking shall be allowed at any time within the Lake Area.

Alcoholic Beverages: Misuse, abuse or conduct that is disruptive to others at the Lake Area shall not be allowed.

Littering: City Ordinances regarding littering laws shall be enforced.

Vandalism and Property Damage: City Ordinances pertaining to vandalism and property damage to the Lake Area shall be enforced.

ALL OTHER GAME AND FISHING REGULATIONS APPLY TO CHAPPELL LAKE.

These Rules & Regulations are adopted pursuant to the authority granted in § 90.21 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chappell. Violation of any of these Rules & Regulations shall subject the Violator to the penalties as set forth in the Codified Ordinances of the City of Chappell.

Any other resolution, ordinance or section passed and approved prior to passage, approval, and publication or posting of this resolution and in conflict with its provisions is repealed.

This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, publication or posting as required by law.

New Business:
A special designated liquor license was submitted to the Council to review for The Rusty Bucket for a beer garden to be held on October 30th in the City's community gathering space. A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Hahn to approve the special liquor license for the Rusty Bucket. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried. The owner will have the entire area fenced off for the event.

Communications:
Council member Riley stated that the gentleman who will be dredging the lake will be starting the process within the week. He will be in contact with Parks Superintendent Jerrod Elms when he begins his work.

The small ballfield lights have been installed and the Creek Valley Schools will be paying for half of the installation costs.

Clerk Bauer was informed that the railroad would be closing the crossing for a few days later this month to do work on the tracks.

Council member Johnson asked Attorney Leef for any updates on an unpaid building permit issue. Leef stated that it is in the court system and waiting for a court date.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

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Steve Brott, Mayor

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Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator/Clerk