CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CHAPPELL NEBRASKA

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held October 5, 2026 at the Chappell City Hall at 5:00 P.M. The following members were present; Riley, Ortgies, Hahn, Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney Kendra Strommen, Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, and Utilities Superintendent Todd Rust. Others present Brenda Parsons, Sharon Beers, Connie Carter, Marge Freeman and Richard Schutte.

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 Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to excuse Council member Carlson. "Yes" Ortgies, Hahn, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried.

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 September 21, 2026 and dept head reports. "Yes" Ortgies, Hahn, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Arrowhead Distributing, Inc - Beer Expense - $235.30 * Black Hills Energy - Utilities - $581.30 * BOKF, NA - Debt Service - $110,000.00 - Interest Expense - $34,991.25 - Professional Fees - $200.00 * Bomgaars - Supplies - $319.97 * Century Link - Telephone/Communications - $371.84 * Chappell Lumber - Chappell Lake Exp - $3.79 - Supplies - $885.94 - Tools - $36.98 * Chappell Municipal Utilities - Utilities - $6178.90 * Chappell Register - Ads, Forms & Printing - $574.73 * Chappell Super Foods - Perishables - $11.29 * Culligan - Supplies - $119.55 * Dearborn Life Insurance Company - Life Insurance - $41.28 * Deuel County Treasurer - Law Enforcement - $8166.66 * Dietrich Distributing - Beer Expense - $203.10 * Halie Brott - Liberty Park Maintenance - $600.00 * Hansen's Petroleum - Fuel - $2596.77 * Henry Schein, Inc - Supplies - $12.45 * Highline Electric Association - Utilities - $338.72 * JK Energy Consulting, LLC - Licenses, fees and permits - $1900.00 * League Associate of Risk Management - Insurance & Bonds - $138,702.00 * Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - WAPA & MEAN - $53,904.89 * Municipal Supply Inc of Nebraska - Subscriptions & Dues - $4609.72 * Nebraska Notary Association - Licenses, fees and permits - $157.95 * Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab - Lab Testing - $432.00 * Nebraska Rural Water Association - Subscriptions & Dues - $300.00 * Nippon Sanso Matheson Inc - Oxygen - $114.44 * Panhandle Area Development District - Subscriptions & Dues - $742.72 * Pepsi-Cola of Alliance - Candy/Pop - $381.90 * Premier Auto Parts & Service, LLC - Fuel - $99.98 - Repair - $537.08 - Supplies - $2357.76 - Tools - $17.26 * Premium Surface Solutions - MultiUseCourt - $17,132.30 * Quality Brands - Beer Expense - $1052.32 * RJ Meyer & Associates - Budget & Audit - $1575.00 * Ron's Chappell Auto Repair - Maintenance - $273.00 * Sedgwick County Sales - Trash Hauling/Recycling - $3490.65 * SRMC EMS, LLC - Intercepts - $350.00 * US Bank - Books/Video - $533.85 - Supplies - $49.95 - Telephone/Communications - $42.44 * WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. - Tools - $1461.46 * Total Payroll – $52,105.40 *

Unfinished Business:
No unfinished business.

New Business:
Sharon Beers and Connie Carter with the Chappell Museum Association provided council with estimates that they have received to replace the 115-year-old furnace that is in the Heritage House. Council asked to have CDD Mashek look in to potential grants and the use of LB840 funds to assist the museum board with the project.

Consideration was given to Resolution 2026-31—Development for Outdoor Recreation. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to approve 2026-31—Development for Outdoor Recreation. "Yes" Ortgies, Hahn, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-31 Resolution on Acquisition or Development for Outdoor Recreation

The City of Chappell Nebraska proposes to apply for federal assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund program for the purpose of the multi-use court.
The Mayor is authorized to sign documents to obtain financial assistance, including a Project Agreement with the State of Nebraska and the National Park Service.

The City of Chappell Nebraska, will within thirty (30) days following federal approval, obtain the necessary consultant or appraisal service for this project as directed and as required by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission staff.
The City of Chappell Nebraska has budgeted or currently has available its stated match of the proposed total project funds and will allocate these funds toward this project upon project approval by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.
The City of Chappell Nebraska has the financial capability to operate and maintain the completed project and park property is a safe, attractive and sanitary manner.
The City of Chappell Nebraska will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, age, religion, disability, sex or national origin in the use of any property or facility acquired or developed pursuant to the project proposal, and shall comply with the terms and intent of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, P.L. 88-354 (19641, and any of the regulations promulgated pursuant to such Act by the Secretary of the interior and contained in 43 CFR 17.
No property acquired and/or developed under this project shall, without the approval of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation use. And, such approval may be granted only if it is in accord with the then existing Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), and only upon such conditions as deemed necessary to assure the substitution of other outdoor recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonable equivalent usefulness and location.
The City of Chappell Nebraska will replace the land in the event of a conversion in use in accordance with Section 6{f)l3) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended.
The City of Chappell Nebraska agrees to comply with all State and Federal requirements and standards where they can be applied in making the facilities developed under this project, and all future projects, accessible to and usable by the disabled.
This is to certify that this resolution is a true copy of the original document that was adopted and passed by the City of Chappell, Nebraska at a duly advertised public meeting held this 5th day of October, 2026.

Kendra has been researching some questions that have come up with city utility easements in a few areas of the town. She will provide more feedback at a future meeting. Kendra also researched responsibilities of the electric for a mobile home park. The utilities are private in the mobile home act and not for the city to do the repairs. The responsibility falls on the owner of the mobile home park.

Communications:
Kendra looked into the statutes around annexing in a property to the city limits. The annexation has to be contingent on the entire area annexed in, not just a specific location. A rough estimate of just annexing in 30 acres would be an expense to the city of around $600,000.00, not including professional fees to study the locations in question.

The city is waiting for the insurance adjuster reports to come in for the damages caused to the city properties during the latest hail storm. The goose management permit applications have been drafted and ready to accept applicants. The lottery drawings are to be held the first council meeting of the month during the hunting season.

Jerrod has received 4 applications for the street position. He will be scheduling interviews.

Richard Schutte asked about the wind turbine situation in Deuel County. Mayor stated the city didn't have any information but the county would.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m. "Yes" Ortgies, Hahn, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried.

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Dan Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator/Clerk

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CHAPPELL NEBRASKA

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held October 19, 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 Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, CDD Shaunna Mashek, and Street Supervisor Jerrod Elms. Others present included Richard Schutte

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 Carlson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting October 5, 2026 and treasurer's report. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Aaron Stegeman - Travel Expense & Per Diem - $47.00 * Black Hills Energy - Utilities - $583.09 * Chappell Rotary - Community Improvement - $600.00 * Contractors Materials - Supplies - $49.00 * Dutton-Lainson Company - Supplies - $66.32 * Eakes Office Products Center - Supplies - $30.99 * Floyd's Truck Center-North Platte - Repair - $1026.43 * FR Wear - Supplies - $446.38 * Frenchman Valley Co-op - Fuel - $30.00 * Gen Ellyn Public Library - Misc Expense - $7.19 * Henry Schein, Inc - Supplies - $63.31 * Holiday Inn - Kearney - Travel Expense & Per Diem - $220.00 * Hometown Leasing - Leases - $108.67 * Ideal Linen Supply - Supplies - $991.69 * Ingram Library Services - Books/Video - $33.03 * MacQueen Equipment - Supplies - $521.21 * Mattoon,Martens & Strommen LLC - Legal Fees - $3982.40 * Monument Inn & Suites - Travel Expense & Per Diem - $220.00 * Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - WAPA & MEAN - $239.50 * Nebraska Library Commission - Subscriptions & Dues - $560.00 * Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc - Supplies - $2.94 * One Billing Solutions, LLC - Collections Expense - $497.54 * One Call Concepts, Inc - Licenses, fees and permits - $61.65 * Petty Cash - Postage - $38.30 - Supplies - $87.91 * Pye-Barker Fire Safety - Licenses, fees and permits - $600.00 * R & R Products Inc - Repair - $998.10 * S & W Auto Supply - Repair - $186.81 * Sedgwick County Ambulance - Intercepts - $1100.00 * Sedgwick County Hospital - Drug Testing - $186.00 * Southwestern Equipment Co - Repair - $1604.63 * Stephanie Behrends - Books/Video - $65.41 * Verizon Wireless - Telephone/Communications - $278.49 * Victor & Victor Construction - Repair - $600.00 * Vistabeam Internet - Telephone/Communications - $259.75 * Vistabeam Phone Bill - Telephone/Communications - $657.56 * Western Resources Group Inc. - Trash Hauling/Recycling - $602.00 * WEX BANK - Fuel - $2290.00 * Wheat Belt Public Power District - Utilities - $108.06 * Total Payroll – $49,744.48 *

Unfinished Business:
No unfinished business.

New Business:
There were four applicants for the street position. Street Supervisor, Jerrod Elms, interviewed the candidates. There were so many great qualities from all of the candidates. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to hire Christopher Stegeman at $20.00 per hour per the recommendation of Jerrod Elms. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to approve the building permit for a carport at 145 Lincoln Ave, provided that it is installed with the setback of five feet from the fence. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Communications:
Edward Dunn with WCNDD is waiting for contractor estimates for the remaining nuisance properties in the current zone. The new application for 2027 is ready to be reviewed and approved at the next council meeting.

The city has received 6 goose management program applications so far, the lottery will be held at the first council meeting in November.

The 2027 health insurance plan is increasing 1.7 percent, much better than what previous years increases have been.

Adam with Wilson Engineering provided plans for the handicap stall in front of Appearance Salon. Jerrod has given the plans to a contractor for an estimate.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. “Yes” Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

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Dan Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator/Clerk