

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES CHAPPELL NEBRASKA

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held August 3, 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 Attorney Kendra Strommen, Deputy City Attorney Jonathon Stellar, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, Utilities Superintendent Todd Rust and Street Supervisor Jerrod Elms. Others present included Mark Huaracha, Leslie Snell and Brenda Parsons.

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 Johnson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting July 20, 2026, minutes of the special meeting July 23, 2026 and department head reports. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Acushnet Company/Titleist - Merchandise - \$180.79 * American Test Center, Inc - Maintenance - \$1791.00 * Arrowhead Distributing, Inc - Beer Expense - \$705.20 * Cash-Wa Distributing - Candy/Pop - \$308.83 - Liquor Expense - \$177.90 - Perishables - \$2072.41 - Supplies - \$384.69 * Century Link - Telephone/Communications - \$303.06 * Chappell Municipal Utilities - Utilities - \$7867.25 * Clayton Beard - Deposit Refund - \$51.71 * Dearborn Life Insurance Company - Life Insurance - \$37.84 * Demco Inc - Supplies - \$110.83 * Deuel County Treasurer - Law Enforcement - \$8166.66 * Dietrich Distributing - Beer Expense - \$627.00 * Dutton-Lainson Company - Supplies - \$674.97 * DWEE - Licenses, fees and permits - \$150.00 * Eakes Office Products Center - Supplies - \$91.22 * Halie Brott - Liberty Park Maintenance - \$600.00 * Highline Electric Association - Utilities - \$373.83 * Hometown Leasing - Leases - \$108.67 * Ingram Library Services - Books/Video - \$29.48 * Justin Polk (Rec) - Baseball Expense - \$2333.33 * League of NE Municipalities - Subscriptions & Dues - \$2684.00 * Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - WAPA & MEAN - \$52,968.42 * NE State Fire Marshal Agency - Licenses, fees and permits - \$36.00 * Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab - Lab Testing - \$16.00 * Nippon Sanso Matheson Inc - Oxygen - \$114.44 * NMC Exchange LLC - Repair - \$123.60 * Pepsi-Cola of Alliance - Candy/Pop - \$397.76 * Pitney Bowes Bank, Inc. - Postage - \$2400.00 * PowerManager - Supplies - \$771.28 * Quality Brands - Beer Expense - \$1253.20 * R & R Products Inc - Repair - \$219.90 * Raka Rentals - Maintenance - \$1870.90 * Rod Hanson - Candy/Pop - \$124.22 - Supplies - \$117.88 * Sam Hahn - Licenses, fees and permits - \$154.00 - Supplies - \$90.00 * Southern Glazer's of NE - Liquor Expense - \$857.88 * Stacie Ward - Continuing Education - \$275.00 - Travel Expense & Per Diem - \$622.72 * Titan Machinery - Repair - \$263.45 * US Bank - Books/Video - \$256.81 - Repair - \$691.16 - Supplies - \$110.26 - Telephone/Communications - \$10.74 * WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. - Supplies - \$16447.51 * Total Payroll - \$57,116.07 *

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

New Business:

Utilities Superintendent Rust received a quote to do a cost/rate study for all of the city's utilities from JK Energy Consulting, LLC. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to proceed forward with the cost/rate study for the electric, water, sewer and trash departments for a flat rate of \$19,000.00. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

City Streets Supervisor Elms provided a brief updated on the water drainage on South Court Ave.

Three properties that had been declared nuisances, complied and remedied their violations. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to approve Resolution 2026-24, A Resolution rescinding prior resolution 2026-05, declaration of nuisance property at 890 1st Street, approve Resolution 2026-25, A Resolution rescinding prior resolution 2026-06, declaration of nuisance property at 841 1st Street and approve Resolution 2026-26, A Resolution rescinding prior resolution 2026-19, declaration of nuisance property at 766 6th Street. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried. Full copies of the resolutions are available through the city office.

Consideration was given to Resolution 2026-27 Signing of Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2026. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to pass Resolution 2026-27 Signing of Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2026. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-27

Resolution for the Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2026.

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2520(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each municipality shall be signed by the Mayor or Village Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the municipality authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the Mayor of the City of Chappell is hereby authorized to sign the Municipal Certification of Program Compliance Form.

Consideration was given to Resolution 2026-28 to approve the airport authority budget. A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Hahn to approve Resolution 2026-28 Chappell Airport Authority Levy at \$10,610, no increase from last year. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-28

WHEREAS, Nebraska Statute 77-3443 requires all political subdivisions subject to the city levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Chappell City Council is the levy authority for the Chappell Airport Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Chappell City Council shall adopt a resolution by a majority vote of the present members which determines the final allocation of levy authority to the Chappell Airport Authority, as a city political subdivision;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council that the Chappell Airport Authority's requested tax amount of \$10610.00 for the fiscal year 2026-2027 be approved.

JEO Consulting Group is working South Platte NRD to update the hazard mitigation plan. The plan is updated every five years. The first phase of updating the plan is underway. A hazard mitigation plan examines regional and local vulnerabilities to a range of hazards (e.g., flooding, severe winter storms, drought, etc) and identifies strategies and projects to reduce their impact. Each jurisdiction is required to attend a meeting in order to participate in the plan. Once a community participates and is part of an approved plan, they become eligible for up to 75% costs share from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a variety of projects listed in the plan. Clerk Bauer attended the first meeting and provided a draft copy for the council to review and provide their input into city's plan. The first draft is due middle of August.

Communications:

The swimming pool will close for the season on August 8th. Vistabeam is working with the electric department to get internet to the cameras in the pool park.

Leslie Snell reported that Deputy Holloway is back and one deputy is heading to school, returning when the course is complete.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Dan Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator/Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES CHAPPELL NEBRASKA

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held August 17, 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 Attorney Kendra Strommen, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, and Utilities Superintendent Todd Rust. Others present included Jacob Leslie and Marge Freeman.

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 August 3, 2026 and treasurer's report. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

All Star Auto Glass - Repair - \$89.95 * Arnold Pool Company - Swimming Pool Exp - \$346.90 * Arrowhead Distributing, Inc - Beer Expense - \$460.95 * Bob's Welding - Repair - \$230.00 * Bomgaars - Supplies - \$100.97 * Cash-Wa Distributing - Candy/Pop - \$34.15 - Perishables - \$370.38 * Chappell Lumber - Supplies - \$743.72 - Swimming Pool Exp - \$69.95 * Chappell Register - Ads, Forms & Printing - \$530.24 * Chappell Super Foods - Liquor Expense - \$17.69 - Perishables - \$65.49 - Supplies - \$44.89 - Swimming Pool Exp - \$28.95 * Culligan - Supplies - \$99.65 * Dietrich Distributing - Beer Expense - \$265.02 * Eakes Office Products Center - Supplies - \$803.82 * Enviro Service Inc - Lab Testing - \$30.00 * Fox Insurance - Insurance & Bonds - \$695.00 * Frenchman Valley Co-op - Chemicals & Fertilizer - \$474.45 - Misc Expense - \$21.93 * Hansen's Petroleum - Fuel - \$1352.36 * Henry Schein, Inc - Supplies - \$532.82 * Hometown Leasing - Leases - \$108.67 * Ideal Linen Supply - Supplies - \$973.04 * Ingram Library Services - Books/Video - \$80.60 * Johnson Brothers of Nebraska - Liquor Expense - \$185.40 * KSID Radio - Ads, Forms & Printing - \$500.00 * Mattoon, Martens & Strommen LLC - Legal Fees - \$6650.65 * Mick Sisco - Repair - \$89.00 * NMC Exchange LLC - Repair - \$233.30 * One Billing Solutions, LLC - Collections Expense - \$768.31 * Premier Auto Parts & Service, LLC - Fuel - \$107.16 - Repair - \$335.71 - Supplies - \$115.58 * Pye-Barker Fire Safety - Licenses, fees and permits - \$242.45 - Maintenance - \$353.95 * Quality Brands - Beer Expense - \$1462.72 * Riley Bros. LLC - Maintenance - \$2500.00 * Sedgwick County Sales - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$3325.05 * Stephanie Behrends - Books/Video - \$40.81 * Subsurface Solutions - Subscriptions & Dues - \$300.00 * ULINE - Swimming Pool Exp - \$704.20 * Vicki Stegeman - Travel Expense & Per Diem - \$57.27 * WCNDD - Community Improvement - \$3750.00 * Western Resources Group Inc. - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$602.00 * WEX BANK - Fuel - \$4644.67 * Wheat Belt Public Power District - Utilities - \$53.64 * Total Payroll - \$57,872.53 *

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

New Business:

Utilities Superintendent Rust introduced Jacob Leslie to the council. He is the lineman apprentice applicant. Council asked various questions of Mr. Leslie. A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to hire Jacob Leslie for the electric and water department. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried. Clerk Bauer will provide him with the benefits information.

Two proposals were submitted for the electric substation upgrades. Council tabled the discussion until more information on financing and MEAN information can be obtained.

Consideration was given to Resolution 2026-29, Rescinding resolution 2026-16 Water Watch Stage 1. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to approve Resolution 2026-29, rescinding resolution 2026-16 water watch stage 1. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CHAPPELL, NEBRASKA, TERMINATING THE WATER WATCH (STAGE 1)
DECLARED BY RESOLUTION 2026-16;

WHEREAS, the City of Chappell previously adopted Resolution 2026-16 on June 15, 2026 declaring a Water Watch (Stage 1) due to water supply conditions affecting the City's water system; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2026-16 requested that customers voluntarily reduce non-essential water use and minimize outdoor watering, vehicle washing, and recreational water use; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2026-16 provides that the Water Watch shall remain in effect until declared by Resolution of the governing body to have ended; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that the current water supply and system conditions no longer require the continuation of the Water Watch (Stage 1).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHAPPELL, NEBRASKA, that:

1. The Water Watch (Stage 1) declared by Resolution 2026-16 is hereby terminated and declared to have ended.
2. Resolution 2026-16 is hereby rescinded, and the voluntary water-use restrictions and conservation measures established thereunder are no longer in effect.
3. City Officials shall continue to monitor water supply, ground water levels, system pressure and water demand and shall advise the governing body if conditions warrant implementation of any future drought or emergency response stage.
4. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of August, 2026.

Two building permits were submitted for council review. A motion was made by Council member Ortgies, second of Council member Johnson to approve the following building permits, a tool shed and concrete pads at 51 Lincoln Ave and a carport at 801 5th St. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the upcoming Class C liquor license renewals for Burgie's Bowling, Kristy Enterprises-Chappell Super Foods, and Toot's Bar & Grill. The licenses will automatically renew on November 1st. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to approve the automatic renewals of Burgie's Bowling, Kristy Enterprises-Chappell Super Foods, and Toots' Bar & Grill liquor licenses. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Communications:

Clerk Bauer asked if there were any changes, revisions or additions to add to the draft hazard mitigation plan for JEO. Nothing more to update, she will submit the draft. An insurance claim was submitted to LARM for roof and water damage to the golf course clubhouse due to high winds and rains. The tall weed nuisance properties will be mowed in the near future.

Council president Ortgies inquired if the city had any ordinances in relation to e scooters and e bikes. There's been reports of children riding them on the highway and middle of streets. Some even after dark. A press release will be drafted with a reminder of safety and reference to the city's current ordinances.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Dan Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator/Clerk