

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES CHAPPELL NEBRASKA

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held May 4, 2020, 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 J. Leef, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, and CDD Britt Miller, Others present included Wendy Burgmann.

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:**

Wendy Burgmann spoke with the Council about the latest directed health measures and mandates/guidelines for restaurants. She had a gentleman from the regional health department bring a packet of information to her restaurant with the mandates/guidelines that restaurants have to adhere to once they reopen their dining rooms. Burgie's did not reopen their dining area yet. She feels things are being pushed to quickly to get back to normal. She's very anxious to get reopened with normal business hours but she's not willing to risk the health of herself, her employees or our community members. She brought copies of the guidelines she is to follow to the council for their information. When she asked the regional health department who was responsible for making sure the mandates are being followed, they told her it was up to the City officials and police department and if they weren't being followed a citation could be issued. A citation can lead to the loss of a restaurant and liquor license and she will not risk that. Attorney Leef stated that the City doesn't have a police force, therefore it's the County Law Enforcement Officers who would be patrolling and issuing the citations. The city pays an interlocal for law enforcement. Mrs. Burgmann concluded her public comments with asking the council to read through the guidelines that she was given so that they would be informed as to what is required for restaurants to reopen. She has and will continue to follow all the mandates/guidelines.

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

### **Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Reichman to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting April 20, 2020, special meeting April 27, 2020, claims list and dept head reports. "Yes" Reichman, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson, Riley. "No" None. Motion carried.

Bomgaars - \$322.42 \* Cash-Wa Distributing - \$380.46 \* Century Link - \$597.81 \* Collaborative Summer Library Program - \$29.95 \* Cranmore Pest Control LLC - \$45.00 \* Davis Equipment Co - \$36.74 \* Dearborn Life Insurance Company - \$34.40 \* Deuel County Treasurer - \$7333.34 \* Domain Registry of America - \$180.00 \* Dutton-Lainson Company - \$313.64 \* Eakes Office Products Center - \$178.36 \* FireFox Rescue Equipment - \$152.60 \* Frenchman Valley Co-op - \$1011.81 \* HireRight, LLC - \$32.34 \* Impact Plastics - \$149.94 \* Ingram Book Company - \$125.32 \* Jerrod Elms - \$272.29 \* Junior Library Guild - \$99.30 \* MacQueen Equipment - \$236.48 \* Municipal Supply Inc of Nebraska - \$528.88 \* Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab - \$38.00 \* NMC Exchange LLC - \$512.64 \* Pitney Bowes - \$34.70 \* Polly Olson - \$875.00 \* Public Safety Center, Inc. - \$1646.26 \* Sedgwick County Sales - \$2304.48 \* Sonntag, Goodwin & Leef, P.C. - \$2107.50 \* The L L Johnson Distributing CO - \$87.34 \* Van Diest Supply Co - \$5568.78 \* Vistabeam - \$163.95 \* Total Payroll - \$33,962.49 \*

### **Unfinished Business:**

CDD Miller informed the Council that the start date for the DTR project to resume is Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The Council would like to stay on schedule with that date. Reichert Construction has approximately two weeks' worth of work to complete and then the final project can be scheduled for the last inspection with the State and Wilson & Company engineers.

Council member Riley arrived at 7:16 p.m.

### **New Business:**

Grant Nisly with JG Capital called into the Council meeting to discuss his ideas of the possibilities of rehabbing nuisance properties in Chappell. He stated there are opportunity properties in Chappell to be improved and sold. He was looking into the idea of forming a partnership with the city to proceed forward. The city would have to own the properties and they do not own any nuisance properties. The city cannot enter into a partnership due to the use of tax payer dollars for a for-profit company. The council thanked Mr. Nicely for contacting them.

Utilities Superintendent Mike Criss provided an electrical quote for the Solid Rock Food Pantry to upgrade their electric to three-phase. He will know in the near future if they would like to proceed forward with the upgrade.

A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Johnson to approve the building permit for a fence at 733 6<sup>th</sup> St. "Yes" Riley, Reichman, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Reichman, second of Council member Riley to approve the application for a chicken permit at 434 4<sup>th</sup> St. "Yes" Riley, Reichman, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Council member Riley was approached by Lyneil Rahe about putting a flagpole in by the Welcome Sign on the west end of Chappell. Mr. Rahe would install and maintain it. A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Reichman to approve putting in the flagpole. "Yes" Riley, Reichman, Johnson. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried. Council member Riley will have Mr. Rahe get in touch with Parks Supervisor Elms to install the pole.

The city office received a grant for utilities assistance due to COVID-19. Treasurer Konruff asked the Council if the grant could go towards three utility accounts that were set to be wrote off due to the customer being deceased. The council agreed that the grants could be used for the accounts.

Discussion was held on the pool opening date for summer 2020 due to the restrictions because of COVID-19. There has been no set directive from the state in regards to the swimming pool. At this time, the council has postponed the opening date of the pool. The council hopes the swimming pool will be able to open later in the summer. They will revisit the opening date at their June 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting. They hope there will be some guidance from the state in regards to opening the pool for the season.

**Communications:**

Council member Riley asked about the nuisance letters for properties in town. They will be sent out by the end of May.

The painting of the water tower has been rescheduled twice. Water Superintendent Criss was contacted by the company again and this time they want to begin the painting on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Council would like them to come now and paint instead of waiting until the middle of summer to begin.

The Creek Valley Booster Club, along with the parents of the senior class, were very appreciative for the help of the Utilities Department with hanging the banners along main street.

CDD Miller stated that Olsson and Associates should have information on the bid specs for the next Council meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> for the Community Gathering Space. She also mentioned that the businesses that received grants from the LB840 Emergency Funds were very grateful for the help.

Mayor Brott stated he would like the golf course to continue to operate how they have been with no food service and no congregating on the property and continue to maintain the 6-foot social distancing. He would like to discuss more at the next Council meeting and ask Golf Superintendent Hanson to attend if he has more ideas for the course.

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. "Absent" Carlson. "No" None. Motion carried.

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Steve Brott, 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 May 18, 2020, at the Chappell City Hall at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present; Brott, Riley, Carlson, Reichman and Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney J. Leef, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, CDD Britt Miller, Golf Course Superintendent Rod Hanson, and Street Supervisor Jerrod Elms.

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 Riley, second of Council member Carlson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting May 4, 2020, claims list, treasurer's list, and sheriff's report. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Arnold Pool Company - \$123.40 \* Black Hills Energy - \$428.45 \* Cash-Wa Distributing - \$540.53 \* Century Link--Long Distance - \$72.52 \* Chappell Lumber - \$1163.13 \* Community First National Bank - \$34205.45 \* Contractors Materials - \$128.00 \* Dutton-Lainson Company - \$744.23 \* Eakes Office Products Center - \$36.07 \* Enviro Service Inc - \$20.00 \* Great Plains Power, LLC - \$2578.50 \* Hansen's Petroleum - \$519.66 \* Hometown Leasing - \$116.00 \* Ideal Linen Supply - \$727.43 \* League of NE Municipalities-Utilities - \$50.00 \* MacQueen Equipment - \$122.56 \* Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - \$28277.50 \* Municipal Supply Inc of Nebraska - \$2376.51 \* Nebraska Municipal Power Pool - \$1200.00 \* Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc - \$401.96 \* Prairie Mountain Media - \$235.00 \* Prince-Empson Agency - \$40.00 \* Public Safety Center, Inc. - \$194.94 \* Quick Med Claims - \$465.62 \* R & R Products Inc - \$469.69 \* Steve's Towing & Recovery, LLC - \$683.60 \* The L L Johnson Distributing CO - \$76.65 \* Valley Repair - \$364.72 \* Vistabeam - \$375.80 \* Western Resources Group Inc. - \$344.00 \* WEX BANK - \$862.94 \*Total Payroll - \$35,672.30 \*

#### **Unfinished Business:**

CDD Miller provided updates to the Council in regards to the DTR project. There was minimal work done the first week that Reichert Construction came back to town. Liquidated damages began on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The engineer with Wilson & Company came down to oversee the work that was being done on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> as requested by the City and Eric Reichert. The engineer expressed the frustration of the progress of work that was done when he came to look at the project.

There will be additional charges to have the engineers come to oversee the re-work of the project. A supplemental agreement was provided to the council from Wilson & Company. The fees are to not exceed \$5,000.00. It includes site visits, meetings, construction details for final project, etc. The council felt it was important to have the engineers come in to oversee the final work being completed. A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to approve the supplemental agreement with Wilson & Company. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

Golf Course Superintendent updated the Council on the golf course changes during COVID-19. The course is not serving food and they will continue with the social distancing guidelines. They would like to continue with summer golf leagues and tournaments if possible. The council was in agreeance to allow the golf course to have golf league and host their tournaments.

Each year the trash department budgets for dumpsters to replace the old ones. The price has increased significantly from last year. Jerrod Elms presented council with quotes he received from the three companies. The council asked Jerrod to look into reducing the number of dumpsters to purchase and see if the price could be closer to what was budgeted.

Jerrod would like to try something new this year for the spring clean-up. He received a quote from Waste Connections in Ogallala to bring in a roll-off dumpster and have it set up for a week at the City Shop for residents to use. A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Reichman to approve a roll-off dumpster from Waste Connections for the spring clean-up. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried. The dates for using the roll-off will be from June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to approve the building permit at 566 3<sup>rd</sup> St for a fence. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

There are no updates in regards to opening the swimming pool. It will be discussed at the next meeting after the Governor's next monthly update.

Consideration was given to Resolution 2020-04 to update the local emergency plan every five years that is State mandated. A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Carlson to approve Resolution 2020-04, "Deuel County Local Emergency Operations Plan" "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 2020-04**

**RESOLVE:** That in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Deuel County, the City of Chappell and other cities and villages in Deuel County, the Chappell City Council deems it advisable and in the best interests of the community and the County to approve the attached Deuel County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Acceptance of this 2020 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Deuel County Local Emergency Operations Plans.

**Communications:**

Weed and nuisance letters were mailed out May 12<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Brott inquired about unlicensed vehicles in town and also about a totaled car in front of a residence. Clerk Bauer will send the list of vehicles to the Sheriff's department.

CDD Miller asked the council if they had thought about Volunteer of Year for 2019. Britt also mentioned she had a citizen ask if restaurants could allow outdoor eating. The last update from the Governor said it wasn't allowed.

Council member Johnson thanked Jerrod and his department for doing a great job at the Chappell Lake. She said it looks so nice out there.

A motion was made by Council member Reichman, second of Council member Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

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Steve Brott, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ashlea Bauer  
City Administrator/Clerk