CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CHAPPELL NEBRASKA

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held November 2, 2020, at the Chappell City Hall at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present; Brett, Riley, Carlson, Reichman and Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney J. Leef, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, CDD Shauna Mashek, Utilities Superintendent Mike Criss and Street Supervisor Jerrod Elms. Others present included Patrick Ningen.

Notice of the meeting was posted as required by law. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Mayor Brett 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:
Council member Riley asked about the claim on the also-ran sheet for Spic & Span Cleaners. Elms stated it was for swimming pool chlorine and also for paint for the streets and patching products. Council member inquired about the amount of postage paid on the also-ran sheet. A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Carlson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting October 19, 2020, claims list and dept head reports. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman and Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Allied 100 - $375.35 * American Red Cross - $498.00 * Bomgaars - $535.35 * Century Link - $573.43 * Chappell Chamber of Commerce - $5000.00 * Chappell Lumber - $11.99 * Chappell Municipal Utilities - $4663.77 * Cranmore Pest Control LLC - $45.00 * Dearborn Life Insurance Company - $34.40 * Deuel County Treasurer - $7333.34 * Eakes Office Products Center - $89.24 * EMC Insurance Companies - $7788.49 * EMC Insurance Companies - $1557.71 * Ingram Book Company - $159.08 * Municipal Supply Inc of Nebraska - $247.56 * Nebraska Library Commission - $500.00 * Nebraska Municipal Power Pool - $591.10 * Nebraska Statewide Arboretum - $865.50 * Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc - $181.88 * Olsson Associates - $3210.00 * Reichman Construction - $96.00 * Sedgwick County Sales - $2300.04 * Todd Rust - $60.00 * Van Diest Supply Co - $101.32 * Vistabeam - $68.95 * Total Payroll - $35,123.04 *

Unfinished Business:
No unfinished business.

New Business:
Patrick Ningen with Creek Valley Schools spoke to the council about the need to replace the lights at the Buckley Baseball field. There are multiple lights burnt out and he has received a quote to replace the lights and housing and a quote to replace the lights and poles. There is a significant cost to replace all of lights and poles. He wasn’t asking the city for money, just wanted to make them aware the need to do something with the lights. The city doesn’t have equipment that can reach the lights at the Buckley field.

Utilities Superintendent Mike Criss has looked in to seeing if it would be possible to get the city's sewer plant back on city power. Currently the power is provided by Highlight Electric. He’s started the process to find out what the costs are associated with it and asked the council which direction they would like him to proceed. They City would like to find out if it’s possible to get it back on the city’s power and what the costs would be associated with it. The office will look to see if there is an agreement that was put into place when the power was changed over to Highline Electric. In the meantime, Mike is looking for quotes for a generator to put out at the sewer plant.

Three names were submitted for the Golf Course Advisory Committee. A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Riley to appoint the following individuals to the Golf Course Advisory Committee, Dylan Bauer, Troy Bayne and Jamie Carlson. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Reichman and Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried. The first meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Three properties were declared nuisances by the City Board of Health. Clerk Bauer presented the minutes of the Board of Health’s meeting along with the notices that had been sent to the property owners. Attorney Leef will move forward with the next steps in the process. The locations listed as nuisances are 150 4th St, 582 6th St, and 1366 2nd St.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to go into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss employee increases. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Reichman, second of Council member Carlson to come out of executive session at 7:55 p.m. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Riley to give a 3.5% (a 1.3% Cost of Living, 2.2% Merit) increase to the employees. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to approve the renewal of agreement for street superintendent and engineering services for the year 2021. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Reichman to approve the building permit for a fence at 881 5th St. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman and Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Communications:
Council member Riley will be going to New Mexico this week to pick up the city’s dredge. Riley said he couldn't find any small hay bales for the lake, will look into different options.

Council member Johnson asked about the tree that was removed from the swimming pool park. The tree was rotted and dead and needed to come down before the wind knocked it down.

The playground equipment at the pool park is still on track to be installed on November 20th. The park’s department has been working on prepping the area for the new equipment.
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Public Comments:
Susan Riley wanted to let the council know that she is looking at purchasing a property that is zoned commercial and would like to know what steps she would need to take to get it changed to a multi-use zone. She would like to live at the property and use a portion of it for an Air B & B. The council stated she would need to fill out an application and the Zoning & Planning Commission would have to review it.

Consent Agenda:
A motion was made by Council member Carlson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting November 2, 2020, claims list, treasurer’s list, sheriff’s report was not available. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:
No unfinished business.

New Business:
A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Carlson to approve the building permit to demolish a building at 533 5th St and a building permit for a fence at 490 Ochs Ave. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Communications:
Shaunna stated the playground is still set for installation on November 20th and 21st. She also said she has a meeting with a gentleman who has interest in starting a new business in town.

The Council along with Clerk Bauer thanked Council member Reichman for his last 16 years serving on the city council. This meeting was his last.

A motion was made by Council member Reichman, second of Council member Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. “Yes” Riley, Carlson, Reichman, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

ATTEST:
Steve Brott, Mayor