

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CHAPPELL NEBRASKA**

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held February 6, 2023, at the Chappell City Hall at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present; Smith, Riley, Carlson, Hahn and Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney J Leef, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, CDD Shaunna Mashek, Utilities Superintendent Todd Rust, and Street Overseer Jerrod Elms. Others present included Bob Meyer, Jim and Tracy McCormick and Scott DeCoste

Notice of the meeting was posted as required by law. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Mayor Smith informed the public of the location of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act on the back wall of Council room.

**Public Comments:**

Scott DeCoste wanted to publicly thank Jerrod Elms for clearing the snow to the County impound yard. Mayor Smith thanked the City workers for their continued fabulous job removing snow.

**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 January 17, 2023, claims list, dept head reports, animal control report and the sheriff's December report. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Allan Schultz - CPR \$ 100.00 \* Altec Industries, Inc - Repair \$ 845.00 \* Anna Collins - CPR \$ 100.00 \* Border States Industries, Inc - Supplies \$ 1764.01 \* Century Link - Telephone/Communications \$ 479.93 \* Chappell Golf Course - Promotional Expense \$ 704.00 \* Chappell Lumber - Supplies \$ 164.75 \* Chappell Municipal Utilities - Utilities \$ 6401.66 \* Chappell Register - Ads, Forms & Printing \$ 284.88 \* Chappell Super Foods - Perishables \$ 28.28 \* Chappell Super Foods - Supplies \$ 23.56 \* City of Sidney - Trash Hauling/Recycling \$ 125.40 \* Cranmore Pest Control LLC - Chemicals & Fertilizer \$ 60.00 \* Culligan - Supplies \$ 23.00 \* Deuel County Clerk - Election Expense \$ 150.00 \* Deuel County Treasurer - Law Enforcement \$ 7333.34 \* Dutton-Lainson Company - Supplies \$ 1877.65 \* Erica Priest - CPR \$ 100.00 \* Floyd's Truck Center - Repair \$ 3396.28 \* Good Housekeeping - Subscriptions & Dues \$ 34.97 \* Hansen's Petroleum - Fuel \$ 1660.41 \* Highline Electric Association - Utilities \$ 607.27 \* Ideal Linen Supply - Supplies \$ 86.76 \* Ingram Book Company - Books/Video \$ 371.63 \* Matheson Tri-Gas Inc - Oxygen \$ 114.44 \* Michael Todd Industrial Supply - Equipment \$ 775.56 \* Misty Jackson - Promotional Expense \$ 290.00 \* Municipal Supply Inc of Nebraska - Supplies \$ 3700.02 \* Nebraska Municipal Power Pool - Licenses, fees and permits \$ 500.00 \* NEMSA - Licenses, fees and permits \$ 820.00 \* NMC Exchange LLC - Maintenance \$ 214.36 \* NMC Exchange LLC - Repair \$ 3847.65 \* NMC Exchange LLC - Supplies \$ 1008.02 \* Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services, - Licenses, fees and permits \$ 352.38 \* Premier Auto Parts & Service, LLC - Maintenance \$ 121.38 \* Premier Auto Parts & Service, LLC - Supplies \$ 863.31 \* Quick Med Claims - Collections Expense \$ 257.34 \* Regional West Medical Center - Intercepts \$ 15,313.60 \* Reichman Construction - Supplies \$ 55.60 \* Rod Hanson - Perishables \$ 75.40 \* Sean Holloway - CPR \$ 100.00 \* Sedgwick County Sales - Trash Hauling/Recycling \$ 2034.72 \* Time Magazine - Subscriptions & Dues \$ 25.00 \* The L L Johnson Distributing CO - Repair \$ 2721.08 \* Union Pacific Railroad - Leases \$ 100.00 \* Valley Repair - Supplies \$ 300.45 \* Vistabeam - Telephone/Communications \$ 147.90 \* Waste Connections, Inc - Trash Hauling/Recycling \$ 1250.00 \* Western Resources Group Inc. - Trash Hauling/Recycling \$ 279.50 \* WEX BANK - Fuel \$ 3547.89 \* Wheat Belt Public Power District - Utilities \$ 50.22 \* Total Payroll - \$43,892.25 \*

**Unfinished Business:**

Council member Riley has been in contact with the gentleman who previously did the dredging at the lake. He will be meeting with him end of the week to get options of the next round of dredging. More discussion will be at the next council meeting.

**New Business:**

Bob Meyer with RJ Meyer and Associates presented the City with a copy of the audit for fiscal year 2021 – 2022. Meyer reviewed the audit with the Council and responded to various Council questions for discussion. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to accept the 2021-2022 audit as presented by RJ Meyer and Associates. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the new MEAN Green Energy Program. The city is a current purchaser of renewable energy or environmental attributes from MEAN and has the advance opportunity to subscribe to the new Green Energy Program effective April 1, 2023 at the same contracted level as our current participation in the MEAN renewable pools. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to subscribe to MEAN Green Energy Program. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Ordinance 550 was introduced to the council relating to MEAN Green Energy Program Subscription. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Riley to designate Ordinance 550. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to waive the three readings of Ordinance 550-MEAN Green Energy Program Subscription. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Clerk Bauer read the title of Ordinance 550 as follows;

**ORDINANCE 550: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF THE GREEN ENERGY PROGRAM SUBSCRIPTION CONFIRMATION BY THE CITY OF CHAPPELL, NEBRASKA, WITH THE MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY OF NEBRASKA; TO PRESCRIBE THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.**

A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Hahn to pass Ordinance 550-MEAN Green Energy Program Subscription. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to publish Ordinance 550-MEAN Green Energy Program Subscription. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

With the upcoming retirement of Mike Ward, the city will have a job opening. Street Overseer Elms would like to advertise for the upcoming position and keep it open until it is filled. The job listing will be published in the local newspapers.

Mayor Smith opened the sealed bids that were received for the 1973 Chevy 2 Ton Dump Truck. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to accept the high bid in the amount of \$4,760.00 from Ronald Timm. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

There were no bids received for the 1990 Ford LT8000. A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Hahn to extend the bidding timeframe on the 1990 Ford LT8000 and the minimum bid is \$3,000.00. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried. CDD Mashek will look into Public Surplus as an opportunity to sell the truck also.

Two utility customers submitted invoices for a sewer backup. Discussion was held with the Sewer Superintendent Elms on the problems that occurred. The repairs the customers were charged for were for sewer service lines. The city inspected the sewer main near the locations of the backups. The blockage was not in the sewer main. They ran the sewer jet through and it was clear. The city does not maintain service lines. No motion to pay the invoices, the action dies.

**Communications:**

The City received \$2,521.00 for the ACE Member Distribution. The funds can be used for community projects. They will be marked to help with the new ground cover at the city center park.

Clerk Bauer read a thank you that was received from the Chappell Chamber of Commerce for their annual contribution to the Chamber Bucks promotion.

CDD Mashek hasn't had any interest in the dredge. Shaunna mentioned the city received notice from DHHS that the ambulance squad will be receiving grant funds that can be used towards the purchase of a new ambulance. She was still waiting to hear back on another grant that was applied for a life-pack for the squad.

A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Hahn to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

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Kent Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ashlea Bauer  
City Administrator/Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CHAPPELL NEBRASKA**

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on February 21, 2023. The following members were present; Smith, Riley, Carlson, and Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney J Leef, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, CDD Director Shaunna Mashek and Street Supervisor Jerrod Elms. Others present were Robert Gerold and Jim & Tracy McCormick.

Notice of the meeting was posted as required by law. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Mayor Smith 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 Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to excuse Council member Hahn. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

No public comments.

**Consent Agenda:**

Clerk Bauer pointed out that the claim for Regional West Pharmacy was entered incorrectly. The amount to be paid is \$100.36 not \$130.36. A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Carlson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting February 6, 2023, claims list with the corrected invoice amount as mentioned and treasurer's report. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried.

Atlas Automation LLC - Supplies - \$ 83.01 \* Black Hills Energy - Utilities - \$ 815.36 \* Century Link--Long Distance - Telephone/Communications - \$ 75.95 \* Contractors Materials - Supplies - \$ 70.70 \* Cornhusker Press - Pet Tags - \$ 78.45 \* Dutton-Lainson Company - Supplies - \$ 2019.01 \* Eakes Office Products Center - Supplies - \$ 220.45 \* EMC Insurance Companies - Insurance & Bonds - \$ 8862.90 \* Enviro Service Inc - Lab Testing - \$ 25.00 \* Floyd's Truck Center - Maintenance - \$ 523.27 \* Floyd's Truck Center - Repair - \$ 491.25 \* Frenchman Valley Co-op - Fuel - \$ 519.55 \* Ideal Linen Supply - Supplies - \$ 640.28 \* Leef Law, LLC - Legal Fees - \$ 900.00 \* Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - WAPA & MEAN - \$ 42,684.08 \* NDEE - Swimming Pool Exp - \$ 40.00 \* NE Safety & Fire Equipment - Maintenance - \$ 175.00 \* NE Safety & Fire Equipment - Repair - \$ 632.20 \* Nebraska Liquor Control Commission - Licenses, fees and permits - \$ 45.00 \* Nebraska Rural Water Association - Continuing Education - \$ 790.00 \* One Billing Solutions, LLC - Collections Expense - \$ 1415.13 \* Panhandle Partnership - Dues - \$ 100.00 \* Perry Wackett - Ambulance Driver Rate - \$ 20.00 \* Pitney Bowes Bank Inc - Postage - \$ 2400.00 \* Public Safety Center, Inc. - Supplies - \$ 134.39 \* Quick Med Claims - Collections Expense - \$ 292.14 \* Regional West Pharmacy - Supplies - \$ 100.36 \* RJ Meyer & Associates - Budget & Audit - \$ 4450.00 \* Rod Hanson - Repair - \$ 57.52 \* Rod Hanson - Subscriptions & Dues - \$ 160.00 \* Rod Hanson - Supplies - \$ 82.75 \* Ron Cathcart - Licenses, fees and permits - \$ 46.38 \* Ron's Chappell Auto Repair - Repair - \$ 409.56 \* Samantha Hahn - Licenses, fees and permits - \$ 67.88 \* Stacie Ward - Licenses, fees and permits - \$ 46.38 \* Titan Machinery - Equipment - \$ 416.67 \* UNL Pesticide Education Office - Training - \$ 210.00 \* Valley Repair, LLC - Supplies - \$ 347.52 \* Verizon Wireless -

Telephone/Communications - \$ 101.60 \* Vistabeam - Telephone/Communications - \$ 395.75 \* Western Resources Group Inc. - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$ 765.42 \* Total Payroll - \$44,130.28 \*

**Unfinished Business:**

Discussion was held on dredging at the lake. The council would like the lake board to meet and come up with recommendations for a one-three-five year plan for the lake and then discuss with the council at a future meeting. The council would like to see dredging continue at the lake.

**New Business:**

Robert Gerold, employee of Waste Connections, spoke with the council about their services they offer for trash. Mr. Gerold was curious if there would be any interest in contracting out the trash service or selling the trash service. At this time there is no interest. The council thanked Mr. Gerold for speaking with them.

**Communications:**

CDD Mashek stated that the dredge and the orange dump truck have been listed on the Public Surplus website. There should be information on the bids at the next meeting. Shaunna also mentioned that the Chappell Ambulance was awarded a grant for the life-pack. She gave a big thank to you Polly Olson for providing all the information needed for the grant very quickly.

Council member Riley asked about the old motel in town and wants to keep an eye on it to see if progress is made in cleaning it up.

Clerk Bauer updated the council about a small fire that occurred on the switch gear when the Electric Department attempted to generate. The switch gear is damaged. Todd will be at the next meeting to discuss options and plans to move forward with a plan to do upgrades. Ashlea also mentioned that the City of Oshkosh contacted her to state they are applying for a grant to start recycling glass and the residents of Chappell would also be able to utilize the glass recycling in Oshkosh. Oshkosh would like the support of the City of Chappell.

A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. "Yes" Riley, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried.

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Kent Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ashlea Bauer  
City Administrator/Clerk