

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES CHAPPELL NEBRASKA

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held January 5, 2026 at the Chappell City Hall at 5:00 P.M. The following members were present; Riley, Ortgies, Carlson, Johnson. Staff members present were City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff and CCDD Shauna Mashek. Others present included Leslie Snell, Michele Bartlett, Scott DeCoste and Gary 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.

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

**Public Comments:**

No public comments.

**Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Johnson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting December 15, 2025, treasurer's report and sheriff's October report. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried.

American Playground Company - Community Improvement - \$25,922.00 \* Black Hills Energy - Utilities - \$1139.07 \* Bomgaars - Tools - \$48.99 \* Century Link - Telephone/Communications - \$359.30 \* Chappell Municipal Utilities - Utilities - \$5211.86 \* Chappell Register - Ads, Forms & Printing - \$209.86 \* Dearborn Life Insurance Company - Life Insurance - \$13.76 \* Demco Inc - Supplies - \$746.49 \* Deuel County Treasurer - Law Enforcement - \$8166.66 \* Dutton-Lainson Company - Supplies - \$91.59 \* Eakes Office Products Center - Supplies - \$264.04 \* Floyd's Truck Center - Repair - \$196.22 \* Henry Schein, Inc - Supplies - \$48.48 \* Highline Electric Association - Utilities - \$542.82 \* Hometown Leasing - Leases - \$108.67 \* Ingram Library Services - Books/Video - \$86.26 \* Med Air Service Assoc - B2B - Subscriptions & Dues - \$1600.00 \* Michael Frederick - Books/Video - \$25.00 \* Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - WAPA & MEAN - \$50,428.80 \* Nebraska Licensed Beverage Association - Liquor Expense - \$200.00 \* Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab - Lab Testing - \$16.00 \* Pitney Bowes, Inc - Supplies - \$273.87 \* Points West Community Bank - Chappell - Subscriptions & Dues - \$35.00 \* Sidney Glass - Buckley Trust Façade - \$9000.00 \* Spic and Span Cleaners - Gravel & Concrete - \$1789.20 \* US Bank - Supplies - \$881.57 \* Valley Repair, LLC - Community Improvement - \$237.20 \* Valley Repair, LLC - Supplies - \$500.00 \* Vistabeam Internet - Telephone/Communications - \$259.75 \* Vistabeam Phone Bill - Telephone/Communications - \$681.57 \* WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. - Tools - \$273.48 \* Western Equipment Finance - Debt Service - \$1358.03 \* Total Payroll - \$42,805.53 \*

**Unfinished Business:**

No unfinished business.

**New Business:**

Mayor Riley nominated the following 2026 Board and City Appointments.

### 2026 APPOINTMENTS

**Board Appointments:**

Library Board	Linda Brezeale
Zoning/Planning Commission	Greg Fidele, Terry Livengood
Lake & Park Board	Jeff Ortgies, Ernie Husmann
Housing Authority Board	Lynda Johnson
Ambulance Board	Jim Reichman

**City Appointments:**

Administrator/Clerk	Ashlea Bauer
Treasurer	Geralyn Konruff
Attorney	Kendra Strommen
Physician	Angie Robb
Police Chief	Scott DeCoste
Water Commissioner	Todd Rust
Street Overseer	Jerrod Elms
City Engineer	Olsson Associates

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to approve the appointments and re-appointments for 2026. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried.

Gary Freeman discussed with the council the need to handle nuisances within 1 mile of the city limits. He would like the City Attorney to speak with the County Attorney and see what could be done to work on a plan for cleanup. Council would like to explore more on this topic with Kendra. More discussion will be held on this at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to approve the building permit for a carport at 1066 5<sup>th</sup> St. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Ortgies, second of Council member Carlson to advertise for part-time help in the utility department. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Johnson. "Absent" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried.

**Communications:**

Kendra is almost finished working on the courtesy letters for the first round of nuisances in zone 1.

Shaunna is working on revising the wording in the LB840 plan and will have Kendra review. The LB840 plan will need to be on an upcoming ballot to renew it for the city. More information to come on this. Shaunna is also working on a notice to put out for quotes for concrete work for the multi-use court at Thompson Park. She was also contacted about the possibility of having a non-profit host their annual golf tournament at Chappell's course. Shaunna will be in contact with Rod.

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

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Dan Riley, 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 January 20, 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 Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, CCDD Shaunna Mashek and Street Supervisor Jerrod Elms. Others present included Jonathon Stellar and Christine Warner.

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

Antonio Balandran - Training - \$520.00 \* Black Hills Energy - Utilities - \$1278.43 \* Chappell Super Foods - Liquor Expense - \$0.49 - Perishables - \$381.98 - Supplies - \$98.42 \* City of Sidney - Supplies - \$5000.00 \* Contractors Materials - Tools - \$169.00 \* Culligan - Supplies - \$89.70 \* Dutton-Lainson Company - Supplies - \$225.84 \* Eakes Office Products Center - Supplies - \$117.96 \* Enviro Service Inc - Lab Testing - \$30.00 \* Flags USA LLC - Supplies - \$183.62 \* Frenchman Valley Co-op - Fuel - \$40.00 \* Hansen's Petroleum - Fuel - \$906.89 \* Hometown Leasing - Leases - \$108.67 \* Ideal Linen Supply - Supplies - \$1006.04 \* Matheson Tri-Gas Inc - Oxygen - \$44.24 \* Nebraska Generator Service - Maintenance - \$764.63 \* NEMSA - Licenses, fees and permits - \$370.00 \* NMC Exchange LLC - Repair - \$14,123.00 \* NMC Exchange LLC - Supplies - \$25.40 \* One Billing Solutions, LLC - Collections Expense - \$69.91 \* One Call Concepts,

Inc - Licenses, fees and permits - \$24.09 \* Panhandle Partnership - Subscriptions & Dues - \$150.00 \* Premier Auto Parts & Service, LLC - Fuel - \$341.84 - Repair - \$112.68 - Supplies - \$598.21 - Tools - \$401.30 \* Ron's Chappell Auto Repair - Repair - \$644.67 \* Sedgwick County Hospital - Drug Testing - \$176.00 \* Sedgwick County Sales - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$2766.80 \* Verizon Wireless - Telephone/Communications - \$278.43 \* Western Resources Group Inc. - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$301.00 \* WEX BANK - Fuel - \$1019.83 \* Wheat Belt Public Power District - Utilities - \$54.03 \* Total Payroll - \$81,748.44 \*

**Unfinished Business:**

Jonathon Stellar gave an update on the nuisance abatement project. He will be the attorney in charge on this project. Kendra stated that only one attorney will be charging for the work done for the city. She stated that he is her deputy city attorney. Jonathon has completed the courtesy letters, Clerk Bauer will print on city letterhead, have the mayor sign the letters and attach pictures when mailing out.

The city had applied for the third-party nuisance abatement program through WCNDD while working on its' own abatement project. The city's application was approved. Information on the program and a cost breakdown was provided to the council. Council had questions about the program and the fees for each zone. City Attorney Strommen will be in contact with the representative of the program and ask to have them attend the next meeting.

Discussion on the zones for the WCNDD program was tabled.

**New Business:**

Christine Warner with Kimball County Transit Services (KCTS) gave an update on the services and changes with KCTS. They are now operating 3 am to midnight daily, they have a new veteran's program and she mentioned that Brenda Parsons is on their board.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to approve the change in manager at Toots' Bar & Grill to Taylyn Bauer. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

One applicant applied for the part-time position in the electric and water department. This item was tabled until Kendra can review labor laws pertaining to a minor.

CDD Mashek discussed the current LB840 plan that the city has in place and the need to move forward with putting it on an upcoming ballot to renew the plan before the current one expires. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to move forward with the steps needed to renew the LB840 plan. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

**Communications:**

Timm's Terracing plans to dredge at the lake in mid-February. USDA will spray the moss at the lake in the spring.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

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Dan Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Geralyn Konruff  
City Treasurer