

CITY OF CHULA COUNCIL MEETING

August 21, 2023

The Chula Board of Alderman met in regular session on August 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chula Community Center.

Those present were Alderman Benny Simpson, Alderman Randy Hamilton, Alderman Jeremy Bru, Alderman Kyle Gramenz, Mayor John Graves, and City Clerk Ann Hamilton. There was a quorum present. Also attending the meeting were Dan Murphy, Larissa Regan, Fred Oertwig and Kent Spainhour.

Mayor John Graves called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Tax Hearing –

- Ann presented the information for the 2023 tax hearing. Ann read the ordinance to set the tax rate for the City of Chula, Missouri, at \$1.00 per hundred evaluations. Benny Simpson moved to approve Bill Number 2023-08-08-2023 an Ordinance of the City of Chula, Missouri, to set the tax rate for the City of Chula, Missouri, at \$1.00 per hundred evaluation. Kyle Gramenz seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Jeremy Bru moved to read Bill Number 2023-08-08-2023 an Ordinance of the City of Chula, Missouri, to set the tax rate for the City of Chula, Missouri, at \$1.00 per hundred evaluation, by title only. Randy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Kyle Gramenz moved to accept Bill Number 2023-08-08-2023 as Ordinance 2023-08 an Ordinance of the City of Chula, Missouri, to set the tax rate for the City of Chula, Missouri, at \$1.00 per hundred evaluation. Jeremy Bru seconded. Roll Call Vote: Benny Simpson – yes; Randy Hamilton – yes; Jeremy Bru – yes; and Kyle Gramenz – yes. Motion carried 4-0. A copy of the ordinance is attached to the minutes.

Chula Farmers' Cooperative –

- Dan Murphy and Larissa Regan were present. Items mentioned:
 - Dan reported that the Coop has added reflective arrows on the concrete wall.
 - Dan asked about the closing of the street. John said that was on the agenda tonight to discuss.
 - Coop had an insurance audit.
 - Everygy is recycling the pole at the intersection.
 - Dan gave an update on the coop expansion.
 - The gas station lot has been leveled.
 - Coop shaved the bank by the city barn and Jeff Westcott's.
 - Coop will be moving the fuel barrels, and it will be double walled and contained.
 - Coop leases the track from the railroad, they do not own it.

- Chula is not the rock station for the railroad. There was a train blocking the tracks for over 3 hours while the railroad unloaded rock.
- Dan and Larissa left at 7:32 p.m.

Public Comment –

- None

Approval of Agenda –

- Benny Simpson moved to approve the agenda and Jeremy Bru seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes –

- Jeremy Bru moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Kyle Gramenz seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Treasurers Report –

- Ann went over checks that were written for the Board to approve for payment. Kyle Gramenz moved to approve the bills for payment and Randy Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Sheriff Report –

- None

Water and Sewer Report –

- Kent Spainhour gave his report and handed in his paperwork. The City is not discharging in August. The leak was repaired at the Chula Community Center. Kent reported that everything was going good at the pump house. Kent is working on getting the duckweed under control at the lagoon.

Water and Sewer Board Report –

Water and Sewer Additional Comments, Adjustments, Etc. –

- Adjustments
 - Jeremy Bru moved to adjust Stephanie Friesner's sewer by \$51.00 for the leak that she had under her trailer. Randy Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
 - Benny Simpson moved to remove the \$25.00 late fee and finance charge of \$5.56 from Stephanie Friesner's bill. Jeremy Bru seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- Additional information –

- There were 9 customers that received late fees for 7-28-2023.
- Ann discussed the information that the City needs to collect on the service lines for Chula. The board instructed her to mail out a survey.
- We need to do a lead test along with 7 other metals at the tower before we can do the painting. Ann will check on this.
- Randy told the railroad that they could not get water from the City. Somehow Kati Westcott told them to go to Coop and they filled them. Our system cannot take filling for long periods of time. It causes us to lose pressure in the system and causes a boil water advisory to be issued.

Street Report –

- John asked Fred if he was going to get the ditching done. Fred said that he was unable to do it. The boards needs to talk to some different people to see if they could do it, so we can get rock put on in the spring.
- Tom Rowland said that he would look at the ton truck to see what is wrong with it.

Park –

- Fred said that he had trees to clean up in the park.

Community Center –

- The fair will be on September 16, 2023.
- Fred said that he had the list of items that need to be completed for the fair, but he would be gone on the day of the fair.
- Randy Hamilton moved to replace the roof and Jeremy Bru seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Ed has been busy, but he will get it done.

Other Business –

- None.

Jeremy Bru moved to go into executive session at 8:30 p.m. and Kyle Gramenz seconded. Roll Call Vote: Benny Simpson – yes; Randy Hamilton – yes; Jeremy Bru – yes; and Kyle Gramenz – yes. Motion carried 4-0.

There was no further business Randy Hamilton moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. and Jeremy Bru seconded. Roll Call Vote: Benny Simpson – yes; Randy Hamilton – yes; Jeremy Bru – yes; and Kyle Gramenz – yes. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

There was no further business, Randy Hamilton moved to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. and Benny Simpson seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13th, at 7:00 p.m., for their regular meeting at the community center or when we receive the ordinance on the street closure.

Ann Hamilton
Ann Hamilton, Chula City Clerk