

CITY OF CHULA COUNCIL MEETING

March 11, 2024

The Chula Board of Alderman met in regular session on March 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chula Community Center.

Those present were Alderman Benny Simpson, Alderman Randy Hamilton, Alderman Jeremy Bru, Mayor John Graves, and City Clerk Ann Hamilton. Alderman Kyle Gramenz was absent. There was a quorum present. Also, present were Kent Spainhour and Fred Oertwig.

Mayor John Graves called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment –

- None.

Approval of Agenda – Jeremy Bru made a motion to approve the agenda. Benny Simpson seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes – Benny Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting with the correction that there was no discharge in January, but did discharge in February and Randy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurers Report – Ann went over checks that were written for the Board to approve for payment. Benny Simpson moved to approve the bills for payment and Jeremy Bru seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Water and Sewer Report –

- Kent Spainhour gave his report on the water and sewer system.
 - No discharge in March, but we did discharge in February.
 - Kent handed in paperwork for January and February.
 - Kent reported he will get information on the EPA requirements for the lead service line survey.
 - Our new sewer permit will go into effect on May 1st.
 - Kent talked to Rich Marrow, and he did not have much information on the lead service report that will be due.
- Additional information –
 - Ann will wait until Kent gets information before compiling the information that she has collected on the lead service line. She will send out surveys to customers that did not respond to the first survey once Kent talks to DNR.
 - 10 late fees were assessed to customers on February 28, 2024.
 - We had 3 customers with high usage.

- We received a notice from Public Water District #2 that they failed to perform and record results. Ann to post at city hall.
- The board discussed water and sewer tap fees. After looking at the cost of materials and hiring the digging, Benny Simpson made a motion to have the water tap fee to be \$1,500.00 and the sewer tap fee to be \$1,300.00. Randy Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Ann is to create the ordinances and present them for approval at the next meeting.
- Discussed the fence. Ann reported that she had posted it to the local swap shops and had three people contact her. Discussed the type of post that the city would prefer. The board said 12-inch hedge and to have the bids due by the next meeting. Ann did not keep the phone numbers of the people that contacted her because she was on the road when they called. Ann will update the posts to swap shops with the new information. Benny said that Logan Woldridge was extremely busy and was not interested in bidding on the project.

Street Report –

- Fred reported that he has been working on grading the streets. The city is waiting on more gravel. Hinnen's have started to spread gravel in the flats and on the north side of town. They will both need additional gravel. When Hinnen's were spreading gravel in the flats, one of their drivers accidentally hit an electrical line and pulled the service out of Kerri Ralls' house. Ann finally got a hold of her, and she came and looked at the damage.

Park –

- None.

Community Center –

- There will be a planning meeting for the 2024 fair on March 19, 2024, at 7:00 pm.
- The family of Jerry Bowe left the memorial to the Community Center.

Special Meeting to Award Bids –

- The bids will be awarded at the next meeting. No special meeting.

Other Business –

- Fred stated that he will be having knee replacement surgery on Wednesday. Ann told him that he would have to have a release from the doctor to come back to work.
- Benny will do the locates while Fred is off work. Every has been replacing a lot of poles lately. Ann will read the tower. Fred said that he should be able to read the meters.

The next meeting will be held Monday, April 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., for their regular meeting.

There was no further business. Jeremy Bru made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. and Randy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

Ann Hamilton
Ann Hamilton, Chula City Clerk