

CITY OF CHULA COUNCIL MEETING

November 11, 2024

The Chula Board of Alderman met in regular session on November 11, 2024, 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 (arrived at 7:10) and City Clerk Ann Hamilton. There was a quorum present. Also, present were Fred Oertwig and Letha Graves.

Mayor Pro Tem Benny Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Public Comment –

- Letha Graves reported on the work that she has been working on at the park. She is applying for a grant through Grand River Mutual. The flower bed will be about half the size it was, and all of the stumps have been removed. Benny asked about the rebar that was left when the landscaping timbers were removed. She said that they have been taken care of. Fred stated that the water has been shut off in the park for the winter and the bathroom has been winterized.

Approval of Agenda – Jeremy Bru moved to approve the agenda. Randy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports –

Roger Pergande

- Water – Rodger had flushed all of the hydrants in town.
- Sewer – Turned in his paperwork.

Fred Oertwig

- Water & Sewer –
 - Fred reported that the lift station pumps had some problems this month. Pump number 1 the high temperature alarm went off and pump #2 did not prime. Pump number 1 ran for at least 12 hours. Fred to contact JCI and Summit Pumps (Marshall, MO) to get estimates on fixing the pumps and/or upgrading the pumps.
 - Fred fixed meter well at the Ireland shop and found an electrical cord and was not sure what it was.
 - The electrical bids will be in this week.
- Street –
 - Fred is having trouble finding the break fluid for the backhoe. Benny said he would talk to Bud Hinnen to find out what they use.

- Fred reported that all of the streets were in good shape.

Ann Hamilton

- **Water & Sewer Report –**
 - There were 12 late fees assessed to customers on October 28, 2024, and notices for nonpayment will be hung this week.
 - Ann submitted the DMR for Rodger and it was accepted.
- **Water & Sewer Adjustments**
 - Terry Hampton and Cassie Holcer are making their scheduled payments on the board approved payment arrangements.
 - Jimmy Brookman had a leak and used 11,800 gallons. Jeremy Bru moved to adjust the sewer bill in the amount of \$60.60 (10,100 gallons) and Randy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- **General –** Ann will be gone for 2 weeks helping her daughter move.
- **Chula Community Center –**
 - The community center is wanting to take bids on upgrading the bathrooms in the community center and replacing both doors. Ann will work on the bid specs and have them ready for the next meeting.
 - Ann asked about putting internet in the community center and the board thought that it was a good idea. Jeremy Bru moved to put internet in the Community Center and Benny Simpson seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Ann will contact Grand River Mutual.
- **Park –** Ann called and spoke with DNR and found out how to clean up the fire in the park. The burnt tire chips and the plastic underlayment must be taken to the landfill. The city will line the dumpster with plastic when they start the clean up process.

Old Business

- **Minutes** – Randy Hamilton moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Jeremy Bru seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- **Treasurers Report** – Ann went over checks that were written for the Board to approve for payment. Jeremy Bru moved to approve the bills for payment and Randy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- **Lead Service Line Inventory** – Ann reported that she sent the initial lead service line inventory into DNR and received confirmation that they received it. The City also received a notice from DNR that everyone that did not respond or marked their survey unknown, must receive a letter by November 15, 2024. A copy of the 3-page letter is in the board packet. The board reviewed the letter in the packet. Ann will get the required letter sent out this week.

New Business

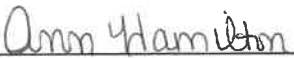
- None.

Other Business


- Bid on tower upgrades – Ann will have contract and ordinance ready for the next meeting.
- Ann to check to see if the City has an ordinance on Disabled Vehicles, since Benny has received a complaint. Ann does not recall one but will look and report back at the next meeting.
- Ann to check with Allstate Consultants on the tower.
- Ann to check to see if she can find out information on the Safe Water Act.
- Ann to create a log for the pumps at the lift station and put them on a clipboard for Fred.
- Discussed the end of Leavell Street, that Wilda's children thought was closed. Benny Simpson said that he did not recall it. Randy Hamilton brought a map that showed that the road was not closed.
- The board discussed the color scheme of the website and the board agreed that it should be blue, black, and white. Ann will let Kati know.
- Ann asked about putting the notice about fire dues in the water bills and the board said that would be fine.

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., for their regular meeting, unless the school Christmas program is that night and if so, the meeting will be rescheduled.

There was no further business. Randy Hamilton moved to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. and Kyle Gramenz seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.



Ann Hamilton, Chula City Clerk



Benny Simpson, Mayor Pro Tem