

CITY OF CHULA COUNCIL MEETING

August 19, 2024

The Chula Board of Alderman met in regular session on August 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chula Community Center.

Those present were Alderman Benny Simpson, Alderman Randy Hamilton, Alderman Kyle Gramenz, Alderman Jeremy Bru, and City Clerk Ann Hamilton. There was a quorum present. Also, present were Fred Oertwig, Letha Graves, & Kati Westcott.

Mayor Pro Tem Benny Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Tax Rate Public Hearing

The public hearing was held for to set the 2024 tax rate. Ann presented the information for the 2024 tax hearing. Ann read the ordinance to set the tax rate for the City of Chula, Missouri, at \$1.00 per hundred evaluation. Jeremy Bru moved to approve Bill Number 2024-08-08-2024 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. Kyle Gramenz moved to read Bill Number 2024-08-08-2024 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. Randy Hamilton moved to accept Bill Number 2024-08-08-2024 as Ordinance 2024-08 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.

Public Comment –

- Letha Graves was present and wanted to update the board on the work that has been done in the park, since she wants to start a new park board. She said that there was a group of people that went and trimmed trees, cleaned the flower beds, and worked on the ditch. Chula Farmers Coop donated the spray for the ditch and the fence. They want to shorten up the flower bed and put retaining blocks around the flower beds. They will have to do a fundraiser since there is no money in the park budget. Ann suggested that they look on swap shop for the blocks and that the community calendar was a great fundraiser. They piled all tree brush at the track to be burnt. Ann to check with DNR on burning on city property.
- Ann had asked Kati Westcott to come and present to the board about creating a new website for the City. We had discussed putting the City minutes and ordinances on the website. Kati said that they would just need to be scanned and she would post them. Also discussed having a calendar of events, utility providers contact information, having a link to the school, fire department, and community center. The

website would be a wix platform and she would charge \$25.00 per hour. After discussion, Randy Hamilton moved to hire Kati Westcott at \$25.00 per hour and to purchase the domain name at \$14.95 per year and wix program for 3 years in the amount of \$756.00. Klye Gramenz seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Ann to have a contract for the next meeting.

- Ann has received 2 complaints on dogs. One of the complaints was on a resident outside the city limits and the other one was inside city limits. Ann did leave a message on the one that was inside the city limits, to have her dogs on a leash or in a pen. One of the residents was upset that Ann did not put the notice in the July water bills, but she had already started billing and did not have board approval to do it. The board said there was nothing the city could do about residents outside the city limits. After discussion, Ann is to put the notice in the August billing.

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

Reports –

Kent Spainhour – Kent left his paperwork, since he was unable to attend the meeting. He also returned the vouchers from DNR to the City. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

- Water – Sample was taken at the Community Center came back good.
- Sewer – Due to the fact that we have had so much rain, Kent had to start discharging in August.

Fred Oertwig

- Water & Sewer –
 - Fred reported that the meter pit at the tower is not draining. He has called in a dig rite ticket, since the drainpipe is covered up.
 - Fred reported that the ditch that goes to the lagoon needs to be cleaned out.
- Street –
 - Fred reported he fixed the driveways at Bru and Kleins.
 - Fred reported that the streets are in good condition.
 - The tubes by John Graves have been replaced. They had a hard time finding the location to do the locates.

Ann Hamilton

- Water & Sewer Report –
 - There 19 late fees were assessed to customers on July 28, 2024, and have 7 notices to hang for nonpayment.
 - Ann reported that the school had high-water usage again. Ann asked Fred to check it a couple times a week to watch for high usage.

- Ann reported that our backup operator will fill in until we find a replacement.
- **Water & Sewer Adjustments**
 - Ann reported that 1 customer filled their pool, and the board needs to approve the adjustment to their sewer bill. Chad Woodside's adjustment will be for 6,500 gallons which would be a \$39.00 adjustment. Geremy Bru moved to adjust Chad Woodside's sewer bill in the amount of \$39.00. Kyle Gramenz seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
 - Terry Hampton and Cassie Holcer are making their scheduled payments on the board approved payment arrangements.
- **Chula Community Center** – The letter for the approval of the Good Time Slushie Company to come to the 2024 street fair is enclosed in the board packet. Benny Simpson signed the letter, and Ann will get it sent to the Community Center. The fair will be September 21, 2024. Notice will be put in the August water bills.

Old Business

- **Minutes** – Randy Hamilton moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Geremy Bru seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- **Treasurers Report** – Ann went over checks that were written for the Board to approve for payment. Geremy Bru moved to approve the bills for payment and Kyle Gramenz seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- **Update on Tower** – The City received a email from our engineer on painting the tower. After discussion, Geremy Bru moved to pressure wash, prime, and paint the tower. Kyle Gramenz seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- **Lead Service Line Inventory** – Ann reported that we will need to send out reminders on the lead service line inventory, that is due on October 16th. DNR helped her with the spreadsheet and sent a new template. The information that the City has received has been added. Benny Simpson and Randy Hamilton said that they will talk to some of the residents about filling out the forms.

New Business

- None.


Other Business

- Ann submitted the paperwork that the City's Operating Budget is under 1 million dollars.
- The CCR report has been completed and emailed. The board asked Ann to send it certified mail also, since they did not receive it last year. A copy is attached to the minutes.


- Ann presented in the board packet a MoDOT survey for everyone to fill out on the roads in our area.

The next meeting will be held Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., for their regular meeting.

There was no further business. Jeremy Bru made a motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. and Randy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.



Ann Hamilton, Chula City Clerk



Benny Simpson, Mayor Pro Tem