

# **CITY OF CHULA COUNCIL MEETING**

## **July 15, 2024**

The Chula Board of Alderman met in regular session on July 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chula Community Center.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Benny Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### **Public Comment –**

- None.

**Approval of Agenda** – Kyle Gramenz moved to approve the agenda. Randy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Reports –**

Kent Spainhour – Kent left his paperwork, since he was unable to attend the meeting.

- Water – Sample was taken at the Community Center came back good.
- Sewer – No discharge in June or July.

Fred Oertwig

- Water & Sewer –
  - Fred reported that he read the tower on Friday and noticed that it was at 30 psi. Someone at Coop let the railroad fill and caused the tower to drop. Mr. Murphy was upset, since they were not supposed to do that.
  - Fred reported that the house that was torn down on Marshall Street, they piled all of the concrete on the meter well.
- Street –
  - Fred reported that a log got caught in the lagoon tube and washed all of the gravel into Boon Farms field.
  - He stated that there were a few washouts, but nothing to bad.
  - The tubes by John Graves need to be replaced. Randy Hamilton moved to purchase 2 new 20-foot x 12-inch tubes and Kyle Gramenz seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Fred will order the tubes.

Ann Hamilton

- Water & Sewer Report –
  - There 11 late fees were assessed to customers on June 28, 2024, and hung 8 notices for nonpayment, but everyone paid.
  - Ann reported that the fence has been completed at the lagoon. The board said that it looked nice.

- **Water & Sewer Adjustments**
  - Ann reported that 1 customer filled their pool, and the board needs to approve the adjustment to their sewer bill. Jose Barron's adjustment will be for 6,000 gallons which would be a \$36.00 adjustment. Randy Hamilton moved to adjust Jose Barron's sewer bill in the amount of \$36.00. Kyle Gramenz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
  - Terry Hampton had a leak and used 20,800 gallons. He is out of the City limits and is on a fixed income and wanted to know if he could make a payment arrangement for the bill, which would be his current amount due, plus \$50.00 per month. Ann stated that Terry always pays on time and that he already made the first \$50.00 payment. Kyle Gramenz moved to accept a payment arrangement from Terry Hampton in the amount of \$50.00 per month plus his current bill, until the balance is paid in full, and no finance charges would be added to his monthly bill. Randy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
  - Dawn Boyles but a note in her water bill, that stated that she had a leak. Ann had Fred check on it, but Fred said that there was no sign of a leak.
- **Chula Community Center** – Ann reported that the Good Time Slushie Company would like to come back to the fair this year but would need the boards approval since they sell alcohol in the slushies and the City owns the lot, even though the lot is leased to the community center. Benny asked if the community center made money from it last year, and Ann stated that they made \$200.00. Randy Hamilton moved to approve the request from the Chula Community Center to allow Good Time Slushies to come to the 2024 fair. Kyle Gramenz seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ann will have a letter drafted for the next meeting.

## **Old Business**

- **Minutes** – Kyle Gramenz moved to approve the minutes with corrections from the last meetings and Randy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Treasurers Report** – Ann went over checks that were written for the Board to approve for payment. Randy Hamilton moved to approve the bills for payment and Kyle Gramenz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
- **Update on Tower** – Ann talked to the engineer on Friday and asked about the tower. He said that he would check with the project manager and Ann said she would follow up with him to see where we are in the process.
- **Code Enforcement** – Ann reported that a new code enforcement officer has been hired.
- **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. She has been working on the spreadsheet but when she tried to print it was over 1000 pages. Ann will contact DNR to see if they can help. She will have it for

the next meeting. Ann will also be asking about the questions that she has regarding the lots that have no structures, but there is a meter present. Randy Hamilton stated that we needed the specs so that part of the assessment can be filled out. He told Fred what was needed and Fred said that he would get the information.

### **New Business**

- Next Meeting – There was a conflict with the next meeting for a few of the members and Ann stated that the City will have a tax hearing next month. After discussion, the next board meeting and tax hearing date will be August 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

### **Other Business**


- Ann talked to Kati Westcott about creating a website for the city where information for patrons could be accessed. Ann asked her to put together a proposal for the city.


Kyle Gramenz moved to enter into CLOSED SESSION for Legal matters in accordance with RSMo 610.021 (1), Legal actions; RSMo. 610. 021 (2) Real Estate and RSMo 610.021 (3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees at 8:15 p.m. Randy Hamilton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Benny Simpson – yes; Randy Hamilton – yes; and Kyle Gramenz – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Kyle Gramenz moved to leave CLOSED SESSION at 8:56 p.m. Randy Hamilton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Benny Simpson – yes; Randy Hamilton – yes; and Kyle Gramenz – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

The next meeting will be held Monday, August 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., for their regular meeting and tax hearing.

There was no further business. Kyle Gramenz made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. and Randy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

  
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Ann Hamilton, Chula City Clerk

  
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Benny Simpson, Mayor Pro Tem