

CITY OF CHULA COUNCIL MEETING

June 12, 2023

The Chula Board of Alderman met in regular session on June 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chula Community Center.

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

Mayor John Graves called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Public Comment –

- None.

Chula Farmers Coop – Dan Murphy and Larissa Regan were present.

Items discussed included:

- The warehouse is just about finished and will be bringing in rock to put around the building.
- The Quick Fill has totally been redone by Skippers and replaced with Schedule 80 pipe.
- Concrete has been poured in the alley over the City mains. Coop was aware that if there is a problem, that the City would have to cut the concrete, since normally people do not build on top of mains.
- Discussed the scale. Discussed the liability of the scale ramp that is in the city street. The lender stated that they want to do eminent domain and close the street. Dan said that he came to the meeting in 2008 and said that. The concrete was poured in 2017. Dan stated that the clay approach is no further east than the new concrete. The board said that the new building made the road look a lot narrower and they were worried about the liability on the City if someone would run into the concrete ramp.
- Dan also said that they poured concrete on the ramp all the way out in the street to the north and that was to protect the drain since trucks were running over the tubes. John said that he wished that Coop had mentioned that during the times that they had came and reported to the City.
- Dan said that he would appreciate it if there was an issue with the Coop that the City call him.
- The City said that her reason that they had a surveyor come in was so the City would know exactly where the City Street was and their easement.
- Dan reported that the alley has been pumping since the removal of the fire hydrant.
- Also, the sewer was capped at the MFA station when the station was demolished.
- Larissa and Dan left the meeting at 7:34 pm.

- Businesses cannot do eminent domain, so that statement was incorrect. At this point the City needs to look into closing the street from the alley to Marshall Street to relieve the City's liability. Benny Simpson moved to have Ann look into the process of closing a city street and Randy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried 3-0. The City may have a special meeting to discuss. Ann to check to see if there needs to be a public hearing or a vote of the patrons of the City.

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

Minutes – Randy Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Benny Simpson seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Report – None.

Water and Sewer Report –

- Kent Spainhour sent a report on the water and sewer system.
 - He turned in his paperwork.
 - We still have not received the draft sewer permit from DNR.
- Additional information –
 - Tower Inspection – Ann reported that we are still waiting on Allstate Consulting, and she has not heard from them.
 - 10 late fees were assessed to customers on May 28, 2023.
 - Ann reported that two customers were using a lot of water, and she put notes on their water bill. Customers included Clint Lewis and Ashley Wolf Wohlgemuth.
 - Fred reported that he is removing the trees in the southwest corner of the lagoon, so we can rebid fixing of the fence.
 - Ann reported that she received a call from DNR and that the City needed to complete the CMOM Plan. We discussed it earlier, but it was never completed to her knowledge, but she will text Kent to find out.
 - Randy Hamilton moved to adjust the sewer on Patricia Orona on the leak that she had in the amount of \$45.50 and Kyle Gramenz seconded. Motion carried 3-1.
 - Benny Simpson moved to adjust the above for a one-time sewer adjustment for filling their pool for Jose Barron in the amount of \$37.02 and Randy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Street Report –

- Fred reported that everything was in pretty good condition.

Park –

- None.

Community Center –

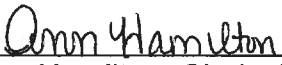
- Tabled the roof since Edwin has been busy and did not have time to give a new estimate.

Other Business –

- Ann got a bid to remove the 7 dead elm trees that are on City property in the amount of \$2,850.00 from Ead's if the city could find a place for them to haul the debris. Ann said that they could put it on her property as long as the city cleaned it up. Randy Hamilton moved to hire Edd's from Jamesport in the amount of \$2,850.00 to remove and clean up the 7 dead elm trees and Benny Simpson seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The next meeting will be held Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., for their regular meeting.

There was no further business, Randy Hamilton made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. and Kyle Gramenz seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.



Ann Hamilton, Chula City Clerk