

CITY OF CHULA COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 2024

The Chula Board of Alderman met in regular session on September 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chula Community Center.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Benny Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Public Comment –

- Dan Murphy was present to discuss the possible expansion of the new building to the west, due to a DNR inspection. Fred will get an exact location of the mains that go through the street that was just closed. Randy Hamilton stated that there needed to be 10 feet on each side of the main. Dan Murphy stated that he had talked to Jarvis McNeilly, Rick Orona, Jeff Westcott, Steve Boyles and Brian Hinnen and they were okay with it. The board will check into the request.

Approval of Agenda – Jeremy Bru 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. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes. Kent turned in the city equipment and it is in city hall.

- Sewer – Due to the fact that we have had so much rain, Kent discharged in August.

Fred Oertwig

- Water & Sewer –
 - Fred reported that the meter well at the coop office has been fixed, since the stop was broken and would not shut off. A new meter, a new stop, and a new meter well has been installed.
 - The electrical needs to be upgraded at the pit. Fred will get estimates and need to write down the specifications for the electricians so each contractor will be bidding on the exact same thing so the board can compare the bids. The City will then be able to put a sump pump in the pit for drainage since Fred was unable to find the drain.

- Street –
 - None

Ann Hamilton

- Water & Sewer Report –
 - There 13 late fees were assessed to customers on August 28, 2024, and have 10 notices to hang for nonpayment.
- Water & Sewer Adjustments
 - Terry Hampton and Cassie Holcer are making their scheduled payments on the board approved payment arrangements.
- General – Ann talked to Brittany at DNR and she gave her the information on burning on City property. The pile must be 200 yards away from a structure, you must burn during the day, limit of 80 cubic yards per week, must notify the local fire department and the city needs to notify DNR. Ann will contact Letha and let her know the stipulations on burning.
- Utility Application – Ann discussed with the board the two changes she would like to make on the utility application, which would include not requiring having all of the people living in the homes personal information and not to require the renter's application. Jeremy Bru moved to not require the people living the in the home's personal information and not to require a copy of the renter's application. Randy Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- Chula Community Center –The fair will be September 21, 2024. Notice was put with the August water bills. One of the lights is burnt out on the outside of the community center. We can upgrade for \$440.00. After discussion, Jeremy Bru moved to just replace the light and Randy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

- **Minutes** – Randy Hamilton moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Jeremy Bru seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
- **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 3-0.
- **Update on Tower** – Ann will contact Allstates on the contract for engineering services.
- **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. Ann has been working on the information for the report. Ann to send out another notice to see if we can get more responses. Currently, we have approximately

35 responses. She will start contacting all of the homeowners, since we have not received information from the renters and on empty lots that just have meters or hydrants.

New Business

- None.

Other Business


- The CCR report was sent certified mail.

Randy Hamilton moved to enter into CLOSED SESSION for Legal matters in accordance with RSMo 610.021 (3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees at 8:06 p.m. Jeremy Bru seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Benny Simpson – yes; Randy Hamilton – yes; and Jeremy Bru – yes. Motion carried 3-0.


Jeremy Bru moved to leave CLOSED SESSION at 8:32 p.m. Randy Hamilton seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Benny Simpson – yes; Randy Hamilton – yes; and Jeremy Bru – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., for their regular meeting.

There was no further business. Randy Hamilton moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. and Jeremy Bru seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.



Ann Hamilton, Chula City Clerk



Benny Simpson, Mayor Pro Tem