

CITY OF CHULA COUNCIL MEETING

February 12, 2024

The Chula Board of Alderman met in regular session on February 12, 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, Mayor John Graves, and City Clerk Ann Hamilton. There was a quorum present. Also present were Kent Spainhour and Dawn Boyles.

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

Public Comment –

- Dawn Boyles was present and asked about the voluntary annexation of her property on Waite's Street. Ann is to contact Tara Walker to see what the process is. It has been a while since the city has done an annexation, but before the person wanting to be annexed into the City limits needed to petition the city, a public hearing was held, and the city would need the legal description of the property.
- Kyle Gramenz handed in the paperwork that needed to be notarized for the election.
- Ann read an anonymous letter that the city received regarding people putting trash cans and rocks on the sidewalks.

Approval of Agenda – Jeremy Bru moved to approve the agenda and Benny Simpson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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. Benny Simpson moved to approve the bills for payment and Kyle Gramenz seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Water and Sewer Report –

- Kent Spainhour was present and reported on the water and sewer system.
 - We did not discharge in January, but are discharging in February.
 - Patrick Carleton had a leak on January 21st on his side of the meter.
 - Kent reported that we had a leak by Coop's elevator on January 29th. The coupler split on a 2-inch line. Water loss of 120,000-125,000 gallons of water.

- **Additional information –**

- Ann received another survey for the lead service line inventory that is required by the EPA. Kent reported that he will be attending training soon and will be able to tell the city what needs to be included in the spreadsheet. Ann has started a general spreadsheet with all of our customers' names on it. Once we receive the information that we need to have on the spreadsheet, Ann will compile the information and send out a second survey for those that have not completed the original survey.
- 9 late fees were assessed to customers on January 28, 2024.
- Ann reported that she put notes on 24 customers' bills, since they had high water usage. It had been extremely cold outside, so customers may be letting their water drip to prevent frozen pipes.
- Patrick Carleton had a leak outside on his side of the meter using 14,200 gallons. He normally uses 1,100 gallons. The sewer adjustment would be for 13,100 gallons in the amount of \$78.60. Randy Hamilton moved to adjust the sewer for Patrick Carleton in the amount of \$78.60, and to offer a payment arrangement if needed. Kyle Gramenz seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- The house where Kalo Kasey lived was sold and the property owner wanted to pay the bill. Ann explained the policy that the city has on property owners paying a renter's bill which is removing all of the late fees and finance charges. There are \$60.73 worth of finance charges on the bill. Jeremy Bru made a motion to remove the finance charges of \$60.73 from Kalo Kasey's bill. Randy Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- Spencer Ward paid the balance of \$187.07 left by Kalo Kasey on the bill and put a new deposit on the house that he purchased.
- The Chula Community Church will need to pay the deposit of \$120.00 when they get the water turned on.

Street Report –

- No report.

Tax Contract –

- Ann presented the board with the new ordinance and contract from Livingston County for the collection of taxes for City of Chula, Missouri. Randy Hamilton moved to approve Bill Number 2024-02-02-2024 an Ordinance for City of Chula, Missouri to enter into a contract with Livingston County, Livingston County Collector-Treasurer, and Livingston County Clerk to provide state services and to extend and collect ad-valorem taxes for the City of Chula, Missouri. Jeremy Bru seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Jeremy Bru moved to read Bill Number 2024-02-02-2024 an Ordinance for City of Chula, Missouri, to enter into a contract with Livingston County, Livingston County Collector-Treasurer, and Livingston County Clerk to provide state services and to extend and collect ad-valorem taxes for the City of Chula, Missouri, by title only. Kyle Gramenz seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Kyle Gramenz moved to accept Bill Number 2024-02-02-2024 as Ordinance

Number 2024-02 an Ordinance for City of Chula, Missouri, to enter into a contract with Livingston County, Livingston County Collector-Treasurer, and Livingston County Clerk to provide state services and to extend and collect ad-valorem taxes for the City of Chula, Missouri. Jeremy Bru seconded. Roll Call Vote: Benny Simpson – yes, Randy Hamilton – yes, Jeremy Bru – yes, and Kyle Gramenz – yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Park –

- None.

Community Center –

- The family of Fran Haas purchased the new chairs. The community center wrote a check in the amount of the memorial donation and Jeff & Kati Westcott paid the remaining amount.

Other Business –

- The city received the renewal quote from Hutchison's on our insurance. Jeremy Bru moved to accept the quote from Hutchison's. Kyle Gramenz seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., for their regular meeting.

There was no further business. Jeremy Bru moved to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. and Randy Hamilton seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned.



Ann Hamilton, Chula City Clerk