

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CHAPPELL NEBRASKA**

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held February 3, 2025, at the Chappell City Hall at 5:00 P.M. The following members were present; Riley, Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. Staff members present were CDD Shaunna Mashek, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, and Street Supervisor Jerrod Elms. Others present included Jim Rice, Kendra Strommen and Kyle Fornander.

Notice of the meeting was posted as required by law. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Mayor Riley informed the public of the location of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act on the back wall of Council room.

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting January 21, 2025, dept head reports. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Border States Industries, Inc - Supplies - \$1900.34 * Century Link - Telephone/Communications - \$168.07 * Chappell Golf Course - Misc Expense - \$756.00 * Chappell Municipal Utilities - Utilities - \$5359.50 * Dearborn Life Insurance Company - Life Insurance - \$17.20 * Deuel County Treasurer - Law Enforcement - \$8166.66 * Domain Registry of America - Subscriptions & Dues - \$180.00 * Doug Mashek - Travel Expense & Per Diem - \$268.80 * Dutton-Lainson Company - Supplies - \$846.00 * Enviro Service Inc - Lab Testing - \$30.00 * Fairfield by Marriott - Travel Expense & Per Diem - \$279.90 * Highline Electric Association - Utilities - \$611.04 * Ingram Book Company - Books/Video - \$351.61 * Kacey Huff - Subscriptions & Dues - \$584.24 * League Associate of Risk Management - Insurance & Bonds - \$31.41 * Livengood Backhoe Service - Gravel & Concrete - \$901.60 * Nebraska Liquor Control Commission - Licenses, fees and permits - \$46.75 * Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc - Supplies - \$381.27 - Swimming Pool Exp - \$110.76 * Our Town Pharmacy - Postage - \$369.37 * Sedgwick County Sales - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$2215.40 * State of Nebraska - Refund Utility Assistance - \$114.04 * Todd's Custom Welding - Repair - \$3500.00 * Union Pacific Railroad - Leases - \$100.00 * WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. - Tools - \$182.75 * Western Equipment Finance - Debt Service - \$1293.36 * Total Payroll - \$40,411.62 *

Unfinished Business:

Discussion was held on the city attorney. J Leef told Clerk Bauer to have the council move forward with the new appointment as she is no longer going to be the attorney. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to appoint Kendra Strommen as the City Attorney at a rate of \$175.00 per hour. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

New Business:

Street Supervisor Jerrod Elms spoke with the council about the old 941B Track loader the city owns that is stored out at the city dump. It is in need of major repairs and the costs associated with repairs is higher than the value of the loader. Elms would like to list it on Public Surplus. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to list the track loader with Public Surplus with a minimum amount of \$3,000.00. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Communications:

Jim Rice was at the meeting to answer a few questions in regards to the triangle property and future car wash plans

Shaunna has obtained two more grants for the splash pad and gave an update on the last lake board meeting.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Dan Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Geralyn Konruff
City Treasurer

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held February 18, 2025, at the Chappell City Hall at 5:00 P.M. The following members were present; Riley, Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. Staff members present were City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Bauer, City Treasurer GERALYN KONRUFF and Utilities Superintendent Todd Rust. Others present included Dan Ford, Cynthia Dugan, and Sean Holloway.

Notice of the meeting was posted as required by law. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Mayor Riley informed the public of the location of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act on the back wall of Council room.

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting February 3, 2025 and treasurer's report. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Arnold Pool Company - Swimming Pool Exp - \$240.00 * Ault Well Service - Repair - \$3665.00 * Cash-Wa Distributing - Perishables - \$403.21 * Chappell Lumber - Supplies - \$133.13 - Swimming Pool Exp - \$369.52 * Chappell Register - Ads, Forms & Printing - \$307.97 * Chappell Super Foods - Perishables - \$26.17 - Supplies - \$56.20 * Contractors Materials - Supplies - \$24.30 * Culligan - Supplies - \$84.85 * Deuel County Clerk - Liquor Expense - \$250.00 * Dutton-Lainson Company - Supplies - \$9018.28 * Eakes Office Products Center - Supplies - \$339.00 * Enviro Service Inc - Lab Testing - \$30.00 * Frenchman Valley Co-op - Fuel - \$616.40 - Supplies - \$9.32 * Hansen's Petroleum - Fuel - \$1748.22 * Hometown Leasing - Leases - \$108.67 * Ideal Linen Supply - Supplies - \$851.50 * Ingram Book Company - Books/Video - \$9.01 * Matheson Tri-Gas Inc - Oxygen - \$141.10 * Our Town Pharmacy - Supplies - \$178.54 * Premier Auto Parts & Service, LLC - Chappell Lake Exp - \$-60.81 - Fuel - \$533.95 - Maintenance - \$72.99 - Supplies - \$1038.38 - Tools - \$176.56 * UNL Pesticide Education Office - Continuing Education - \$475.00 * Verizon Wireless - Telephone/Communications - \$192.98 * WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. - Supplies - \$840.50 - Tools - \$890.25 * Western Resources Group Inc. - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$301.00 * WEX BANK - Fuel - \$1171.47 * Total Payroll - \$43,412.58 *

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

New Business:

Dan Ford informed council that the new owner of Toots' is going to re-open the business in the near future and will begin by being opened a weekend or two a month. He will have Mr. Ford manage it. The owner's next step will be to start the liquor license application.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to approve the building permit for buildings/fence located on Lots 1-6, Block 21, Original Townsite Addition. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Utilities Superintendent Todd Rust presented a quote to the council for an underground piercing tool. The total purchase price is \$5,180.00 from UCG Underground Supplies. The tool is able to be used to pull pipe underground without having to cut the streets. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to approve the purchase of the tool in the amount of \$5,180.00 from UCG Underground Supplies. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Communications:

Clerk Bauer announced that the city has received \$5,419.00 back from ACE for the 2024 year. A portion of the return will go to the splash pad project.

The spring clean-up days are scheduled for April 18-28, 2025.

Council member Carlson expressed concerns with private citizens removing snow from the city streets. There is potential for liability issues to arise. Council has asked to have this on a future agenda to discuss further.

Council member Hahn stated there were a few locations in the downtown area that had not removed snow from their sidewalks. The office will send a reminder out. There will also be a notice posted to remind the citizens of the ordinance that requires sidewalks in residential areas to be cleared.

Council inquired about a nuisance property in town. Ashlea will follow-up with them city attorney.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Dan Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator/Clerk