

CHAPPELL NEBRASKA

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held January 6, 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, CDD Shaunna Mashek, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, Utilities Superintendent Todd Rust and Street Supervisor Jerrod Elms. Others present included Randy Gage.

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 Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting December 2, 2024, treasurer's December report, dept head reports, sheriff's October report. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

21st Century Equipment LLC - Supplies - \$402.06 * 377C Plant Sciences Hall - Supplies - \$30.50 * All Star Auto Glass - Repair - \$39.95 * Arbor Day Foundation - Supplies - \$101.90 * Asphalt Kingdom - Equipment - \$1999.00 - Gravel & Concrete - \$1215.00 * Barco Municipal Products Inc - Street Signs - \$4286.87 - Supplies - \$629.00 * Black Hills Energy - Utilities - \$1117.63 * Cash-Wa Distributing - Perishables - \$1338.46 - Supplies - \$51.47 * Century Link - Telephone/Communications - \$288.75 * Chappell Lumber - Ads, Forms & Printing - \$161.36 - Lake Exp - \$482.15 - Repair - \$45.95 - Supplies - \$580.41 - Swimming Pool Exp - \$904.97 -Library Acct - Supplies - \$19.99 * Chappell Municipal Utilities - Utilities - \$4849.51 * Chappell Register - Ads, Forms & Printing - \$508.75 * Chappell Super Foods - Liquor Expense - \$1.70 - Perishables - \$12.58 - Supplies - \$126.49 * Contractors Materials - Tools - \$225.00 * Cornhusker Press - Animal Control - \$80.04 * Cranmore Fire Protection - Maintenance - \$210.00 * Creek Valley Schools - Licenses, fees and permits - \$1130.00 * Culligan - Supplies - \$99.19 * Dearborn Life Insurance Company - Life Insurance - \$17.20 * Deuel County Clerk - Election Expense - \$247.23 * Deuel County Treasurer - Chappell Lake Exp - \$10.00 - Law Enforcement - \$8166.66 * Dutton-Lainson Company - Street Lighting - \$1088.26 - Supplies - \$1012.94 * Eakes Office Products Center - Supplies - \$148.87 * Enviro Service Inc - Lab Testing - \$700.00 * Frenchman Valley Co-op - Fuel - \$672.04 * Global Industrial - Chappell Lake Exp - \$384.82 - Community Improvement - \$1555.72 * Grainger - Repair - \$162.06 - Supplies - \$236.12 * Hansen's Petroleum - Fuel - \$729.94 * Highline Electric Association - Utilities - \$524.76 * Ideal Linen Supply - Supplies - \$1056.55 * Ingram Book Company - Books/Video - \$239.70 * MASA Global - Subscriptions & Dues - \$1600.00 * Matheson Tri-Gas Inc - Oxygen - \$278.10 * Midco Diving & Marine - Repair - \$6057.00 * Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - WAPA & MEAN - \$52,114.91 * Municipal Supply Inc of Nebraska - Supplies - \$6337.25 * NE Safety & Fire Equipment - Maintenance - \$340.00 * Nebraska Generator Service - Maintenance - \$742.13 * Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab - Lab Testing - \$364.00 * Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc - Supplies - \$72.65 * One Billing Solutions, LLC - Collections Expense - \$583.51 * One Call Concepts, Inc - Licenses, fees and permits - \$43.72 * Our Town Pharmacy - Supplies - \$14.96 * Outdoor Recreation Products - Community Improvement - \$3439.68 * Panhandle Partnership - Subscriptions & Dues - \$150.00 * Petty Cash - Misc Expense - \$274.00 - Postage - \$275.81 - Supplies - \$91.47 * Points West Community Bank-Chappell - Licenses, fees and permits - \$35.00 * Polly Olson - Supplies - \$64.80 - Travel Expense & Per Diem - \$135.34 * PowerManager - Supplies - \$740.42 * Premier Auto Parts & Service, LLC - Chappell Lake Exp - \$274.96 - Fuel - \$54.91 - Supplies - \$917.52 * RJ Meyer & Associates - Budget & Audit - \$4787.50 * Ron's Chappell Auto Repair - Repair - \$481.63 * Saveco North America, Inc - Supplies - \$1235.60 * Sedgwick County Hospital - Drug Testing - \$346.00 * Sedgwick County Sales - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$5318.80 * Southwestern Equipment Co - Repair - \$1178.77 * Stephanie Behrends - Supplies - \$683.36 * Sterling Trophy Shop - Community Improvement - \$17.52 * Todd Rust - Licenses, fees and permits - \$375.00 - Supplies - \$25.29 * Todd's Custom Welding - Repair - \$882.96 * USA Blue Book - Supplies - \$411.97 * Valley Repair, LLC - Repair - \$868.48 * Valley Tire & Service LLC - Maintenance - \$3844.00 * Verizon Wireless - Telephone/Communications - \$192.98 * Vistabeam - Telephone/Communications - \$292.70 * WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. - Supplies - \$430.00 * Western Equipment Finance - Debt Service - \$1293.36 * Western Resources Group Inc. - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$279.50 * WEX BANK - Fuel - \$1913.22 * Wheat Belt Public Power District - Utilities - \$54.90 * Total Payroll – 12/13/24 Payday -- \$43,753.41 * 12/30/24 Payday -- \$43,435.35 *

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

New Business:

Discussion was held on the building permit application for a shop at 24 Court Ave. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to approve the permit for a shop at 24 Court. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Mayor Riley nominated the following 2025 Board and City Appointments.

2025 APPOINTMENTS

Board Appointments:

Library Board	Marge Freeman
Zoning/Planning Commission	Geroge Schneider, Vacant
Lake & Park Board	Dylan Bauer, Doug Mashek
Housing Authority Board	Kenneth Kepler
Ambulance Board	Kelle Brott

City Appointments:

Administrator/Clerk	Ashlea Bauer
Treasurer	Geralyn Konruff
Attorney	J. Leef
Physician	Angie Robb
Police Chief	Scott DeCoste
Water Commissioner	Todd Rust
Street Overseer	Jerrod Elms
City Engineer	Olsson Associates

A motion was made by Council member Ortgies, second of Council member Hahn to approve the appointments and re-appointments for 2025. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Street Supervisor Elms would like to rent equipment to dig a new hole at the city dump with a berm around it. He received a quote from Caterpillar to rent an excavator for approximately \$4000 for a week, which includes delivery and pick up fees. Elms will have them send the quote in writing. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to approve the renting of equipment up to \$5,000.00. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to approve the proposed golf course rates for 2025, effective January 7, 2025. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Johnson, Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried. The new rates are as follows: Family: \$690.00 Single: \$490.00 Senior: \$475.00 Senior Couple: \$590.00 Student: \$135.00 Cart Storage: \$290.00 Yearly Cart Rental: Single Seat: \$400.00 Couple: \$525.00 Building Rental: \$450.00.

Discussion was held on the triangle property. The current purchase agreement stated the car wash had to be finished by December 31, 2024. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to add an addendum to the current purchase agreement that states the building permit application and fee and the utility service applications and plan specs must be submitted and approved in 30 days and ground will have to be broke on the project by May 1st, 2025. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried. Attorney Leef will draft the addendum to the agreement.

Discussion was held with Water Superintendent Rust on the current agreement with Maguire Iron for the water tower maintenance. Todd gave a detailed explanation of the issues that have happened with the company. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to give notice that the City of Chappell will not renew the agreement with Maguire Iron on October 1, 2025. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried. Clerk Bauer will send notice.

Discussion was held on the quotes form Midco Diving for water tower maintenance. The city has used them for many years in the past. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to approve using Midco Diving for water tower inspections and maintenance through 2033. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Consideration was given to Resolution 2025-01, MEAN Reps. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to approve Resolution 2025-01. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2025-01

Director to MEAN Board of Directors

This is to certify that on January 6, 2025, in the City of Chappell, State of Nebraska, I duly appointed Todd Rust to serve as director* to represent the City of Chappell on the Board of Directors of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska. The appointment will run until a successor is appointed with all of the powers and duties incident to such office. This certificate is issued in compliance with the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act contained in the Nebraska Revised Statutes §18-2401 et seq.

Alternate Director to MEAN Board of Directors

This is to certify that on January 6, 2025, in the City of Chappell, State of Nebraska, I duly appointed Aaron Stegeman to serve as alternate director to represent the City of Chappell on the Board of Directors of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska. The appointment will run until a successor is appointed with all of the powers and duties incident to such office. This certificate is issued in compliance with the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act contained in the Nebraska Revised Statutes §18-2401 et seq.

Appointment to ACE Board of Directors

WHEREAS, the City of Chappell, State of Nebraska, is a party to the Interlocal Agreement creating the Public Alliance for Community Energy and, pursuant to the terms of said Agreement, it is the responsibility of the City to designate a representative of the City of Chappell to the Public Alliance for Community Energy Board of Directors provided for under the terms of said Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chappell, that:

1. The City Clerk is hereby directed to give written notice to the Public Alliance for Community Energy of the appointment of Todd Rust as the City's representative to said Board of Directors.
2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to give written notice to the Public Alliance for Community Energy of the appointment of Aaron Stegeman as the City's alternate representative to said Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to approve the building permit for a retaining wall at 918 5th St. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Carlson to approve the recommended increases for the Librarian and Assistant Librarian. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Carlson to approve Treasurer Konruff to move the electric funds from the Adams CDARS account on the maturity date and move to the City's NFIT account. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried. This will make the funds more accessible for the electric department if they are able to purchase another generator in the near future.

Communications:

Mayor Riley thanked all the city workers for a great job taking care of the water issues. They did a great job and their hard work doesn't go unnoticed.

Council member Johnson asked Ashlea to contact the sheriff and ask them have someone attend the council meetings, if they can't attend both, please come to at least one of the meetings each month.

Todd informed the council that the generator he was looking at has been sold so he will continue to look at different options.

Council asked that Ashlea have J draft a letter to a nuisance/potentially hazard property owner.

January 9th has been declared a federal holiday for the National Day of Mourning. Federal and State government offices are closed that day and many cities and counties. Council said the city would be closed. A notice will be posted.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Hahn to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Dan Riley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator/Clerk

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held January 21, 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, CDD Shaunna Mashek, and Street Supervisor Jerrod Elms. Others present included Kendra Strommen, Marge Freeman, Dianne Nordyke, Stephanie Behrends, Bonnie Husmann 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 6, 2025, treasurer's report, sheriff's reports from November & December. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Aaron Frerichs - Lift Assist - \$290.00 * Aaron Stegeman - Lift Assist - \$270.00 * Adriann Nel - Lift Assist - \$40.00 * Ben Grabowski - Lift Assist - \$90.00 * Bill Summers Ford - Repair - \$2014.93 * Black Hills Energy - Utilities - \$1309.35 * Bomgaars - Supplies - \$182.46 * Brent Fletcher - Lift Assist - \$90.00 * Chappell Rotary - Community Improvement - \$600.00 * CLIA Laboratory Program - Licenses, fees and permits - \$248.00 * Collin Brott - Lift Assist - \$60.00 * Contractors Materials - Supplies - \$147.67 * Dan Riley - Lift Assist - \$60.00 * Demco - Supplies - \$42.84 * Doug Mashek - Lift Assist - \$10.00 * Doug Steinmetz - Lift Assist - \$60.00 * Dutton-Lainson Company - Supplies - \$9989.44 * Dylan Bauer - Lift Assist - \$70.00 * FR Wear - Supplies - \$662.24 * Freeman Linebeck - Lift Assist - \$90.00 * Frenchman Valley Co-op - Fuel - \$686.88 * Geralyn Konruff - Training - \$95.00 * Hansen's Petroleum - Fuel - \$933.19 * HireRight, LLC - Drug Testing - \$86.10 * Hometown Leasing - Equipment - \$7500.00 - Leases - \$108.67 * Jim Reichman - Lift Assist - \$60.00 * Kegan Brott - Lift Assist - \$10.00 * Lane Riley - Lift Assist - \$50.00 * Logan Criswell - Lift Assist - \$40.00 * Lucas Hanson - Lift Assist - \$20.00 * Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - Training - \$580.00 - WAPA & MEAN - \$60,271.88 * Municipal Supply Inc of Nebraska - Tools - \$5239.56 * Nebraska Licensed Beverage Association - Liquor Expense - \$200.00 * NMC Exchange LLC - Repair - \$115.94 * One Billing Solutions, LLC - Collections Expense - \$324.52 * Parry Wackett - Lift Assist - \$240.00 * Petty Cash - Postage - \$32.80 * Petty Cash - Supplies - \$11.00 * Raka Rentals - Maintenance - \$3970.00 * Rod Hanson - Training - \$95.00 * Ron's Chappell Auto Repair - Repair - \$289.90 * Ryan Timm - Lift Assist - \$40.00 * Sedgwick County Hospital - Drug Testing - \$58.00 * Steve Reichman - Lift Assist - \$10.00 * Tucker Graeff - Lift Assist - \$110.00 * Valley Tire & Service LLC - Maintenance - \$5940.00 * Verizon Wireless - Telephone/Communications - \$192.98 * Vistabeam Phone Bill - Telephone/Communications - \$116.95 * WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP. - Tools - \$86.00 * Western Resources Group Inc. - Trash Hauling/Recycling - \$838.50 * Total Payroll - \$78,205.63 *

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

New Business:

Discussion was held on appointing a new city attorney when the current city attorney retires. Kendra Strommen was in attendance and provided her resume to the council. Council spoke with Mrs. Strommen about becoming the next attorney and she is interested in the position. She is ready to start when needed and will negotiate billing rates at the next meeting. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Johnson to table the item until the next meeting. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried. Clerk Bauer will contact the current attorney and get a firm date for her last day of being the attorney.

Librarian, Stephanie Behrends, along with members of the library board presented a request to get an Amazon Business Account that is tax exempt and obtain a credit card for purchases. The city doesn't have a credit card nor a policy in place currently for this. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to have Clerk Bauer work with J to get a credit card policy drafted and presented to council at a future meeting. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Street Supervisor Elms has the opportunity to purchase a broom attachment from Rocky Timm for the city walker mowers. It is 47 inches wide and in excellent condition. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to approve the purchase of the broom in the amount of \$2,800.00, payable to Rocky Timm. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council member Carlson, second of Council member Johnson to approve the annual certification of volunteer emergency responders incentive. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Johnson. "Abstain" Hahn. "No" None. Motion carried.

Clerk Bauer received a letter from a gentleman named David Hoover, who is leading a George A Wyman Memorial Project and he is seeking a host authority to bring the Wyman story to Chappell. A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to coordinate with Mr. Hoover to bring the Wyman story to Chappell. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

Communications:

The building permit application should be on the next agenda for council to review for a building on the triangle property. Attorney Leef sent an addendum to Mr. Rice to sign for the updated purchase agreement.

Shaunna updated council on the various projects she is working on. The Curtiss Routh mural is halfway completed. The motel will be sided in the near future and the owner hopes to have a portion of the motel ready to rent out early summer. She has applied for a brownfield grant. She is going to schedule a lake board meeting to discuss future plans and a possible grant opportunity for more dredging.

Council member Hahn inquired about the fence at the airport. Shaunna will contact Chris Ray about the requirements of a fence.

Jerrod is almost finished with the new hole out at the dump, he's waiting for an ordinance to be drafted for the dump so he can proceed forward with installing a gate and doing a keycard type of project.

Council welcomed the new Deuel County Deputy, Kyle Fornander and thanked him for attending the meeting.

A motion was made by Council member Hahn, second of Council member Ortgies to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. "Yes" Ortgies, Carlson, Hahn, Johnson. "No" None. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Ashlea Bauer
City Administrator/Clerk

Dan Riley, Mayor