

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CHAPPELL NEBRASKA**

A regular meeting of the Chappell City Council was held on July 17, 2017, at the Chappell City Hall at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present; Brott, Riley, Vogt, Reichman and Johnson. Staff members present were City Attorney Joel Jay, City Administrator/Clerk Ashlea Jepsen, City Treasurer Geralyn Konruff, CDD Britt Miller, Pool Manager Jill Behrends, Assistant Pool Manager Abbie Schneider, Jerod Hahn, Lyneil Rahe, Christina Swift and Aaron Nein.

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

Public Comments:

Lyneil Rahe commented that the City crews did a great job cleaning up after the last storm. He also inquired about the possibility of installing playground equipment out at the Chappell lake. He has a few outlets that have playground equipment like new for reasonable prices.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Council member Riley, second of Council member Reichman to approve the consent agenda, minutes of the regular meeting June 19, 2017, claims list, treasurer’s report, dept head reports, animal control report and sheriff’s report. “Yes” Riley, Vogt, Reichman, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

Century Link--Long Distance - \$68.80 * Culligan - \$31.00 * Hometown Leasing - \$116.00 * Jay Law Office, LLC - \$620.00 * Wilson & Company, Inc. - \$3830.00 * Frenchman Valley Co-op - \$286.60 * Michael Todd & Company Inc - \$217.94 * Spic and Span Cleaners - \$1632.00 * Western Engineering Co - \$1264.25 * Arnold Pool Company - \$3144.54 * Kurtzer's - \$253.21 * NE DOL/Boiler Inspection Program - \$24.00 * Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc - \$172.14 * Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc - \$229.13 * Sidney Roofing & Construction - \$18094.40 * City of Sidney - \$68.00 * Dutton-Lainson Company - \$239.87 * Dutton-Lainson Company - \$77.94 * Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska - \$31962.81 * Nebraska Power Review Board - \$112.63 * Verizon Wireless - \$26.81 * Enviro Service Inc - \$18.00 * USA Blue Book - \$74.66 * Verizon Wireless - \$26.81 * Cranmore Pest Control LLC - \$45.00 * Hansen's Petroleum - \$547.45 * EMS Billing Services Inc - \$132.62 * Hansen's Petroleum - \$95.73 * Midwest Medical Transport Company - \$175.00 * Erica Priest - \$65.00 * Staples - \$1463.98 * Cash-Wa Distributing - \$125.89 * Cash-Wa Distributing - \$50.19 * Frenchman Valley Co-op - \$39.55 * Frenchman Valley Co-op - \$159.85 * Hansen's Petroleum - \$1193.02 * Jirdon Agri Chemicals Inc - \$506.33 * The L L Johnson Distributing CO - \$149.21 * Points West Community Bank-Chappell - \$7838.56 * Points West Community Bank-Chappell - \$517.96 * Valley Tire 2011 - \$84.99 * Total Payroll - \$74,662.13 *

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business.

New Business:

Discussion was held on the recent termination of an employee from the Chappell Swimming Pool. Manager Jill Behrends provided council with a write up of the incidents that occurred that resulted in letting go of the employee. Aaron Nein, parent of the employee sent a letter to the council about the recent situation. Council said the situation was unfortunate but they hired the pool manger to manage the employment of the lifeguards and run the pool the best way she sees fit. They stood behind the manager’s decision to let the lifeguard go. Mr. Nein respectfully disagreed with the decision.

Council reviewed the Citizen’s Participation Plan. The plan is a requirement for the grant application for the downtown revitalization project. A public open house will be held on August 1, 2017 at the Creek Valley High School, beginning at 4p.m. A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Vogt to approve the Citizen’s Participation Plan. “Yes” Riley, Vogt, Reichman, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

The city will be planning an event for the Union Pacific Railroad 150th Celebration on September 22nd. More details to be discussed at the next council meeting.

More discussion was held on the possibilities of annexing property south of the interstate into city limits. Attorney Jay is researching the process of annexing in property. More discussion will be placed on a future agenda.

Communications:

There will be a slum & blight public hearing prior to the council meeting August 7th at 6:45 p.m.

Council asked about various properties in town with high weeds. More letters have been mailed.

A motion was made by Council member Johnson, second of Council member Vogt to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. “Yes” Riley, Vogt, Reichman, Johnson. “No” None. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Steve Brott, Mayor

Ashlea Jepsen

City Administrator/Clerk