

**MINUTES  
CHANDLER CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 10, 2021  
4:30 P.M**

**Call to Order/Roll Call/Establish Quorum** – Mayor Gene Imel called the Chandler City Council Meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Members present: Gene Imel, Robin Crouch, Rick Evans, Johnny Melton, Virgil Wilson. Members absent: None

**Consent Agenda** – Motion was made by Wilson, seconded by Evans to approve the consent agenda. Wilson-yea, Evans-yea, Crouch-yea, Melton-yea, Imel-yea. Motion carried.

- A. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting July 13, 2021**
- B. Ratification of Claims Paid in July in the Amount of \$ 401,253.74**
- C. Financial Reports**
- D. Departmental Reports**

**Citizens to be Heard - Five (5) Minute Limit Per Person** – There were no citizens to be heard.

**Consideration, Discussion and Possible Action on Repairing 8th Street** – Motion was made by Evans, seconded by Crouch to approve Downey Contracting as the contractor. The two bids submitted were from Downey Contracting for \$74, 200.00 and Orr Construction for \$70,000.00. Downey Contracting was not the lowest bidder, but the price of a crane and freight was included on Downey Contracting's bid and not included on Orr Construction's bid. City Manager, James Melson recommended Downey Contracting. Evans-yea, Crouch-yea, Melton-yea, Wilson-yea, Imel-yea. Motion carried.

**V. Consideration, Discussion and Possible Action on Approving Contract for Veterinary Services with Countryside Veterinary Service** – Motion was made by Evans and seconded by Wilson to approve the contract for veterinary service with Countryside Veterinary Service. Evans-yea, Wilson-yea, Crouch-yea, Melton-yea, Imel-yea. Motion carried.

**VI. Consideration, Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$58,245.00 for the Fire Department derived from the USDA Grant** – Motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Crouch to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$58,245.00 for the Fire Department derived from the USDA Grant. This was used towards the purchase of a new fire engine. Wilson-yea, Crouch-yea, Evans-yea, Melton-yea, Imel-yea. Motion carried.

**VII. Consideration, Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$1,000.00 for the Fire Department derived from the Walmart Grant** – Motion was made by Crouch, seconded by Wilson to approve the budget amendment for \$1,000.00 for the Fire Department derived from the Walmart Grant. Crouch-yea, Wilson-yea, Evans-yea, Melton-yea, Imel-yea. Motion carried.

**VIII. Consideration, Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$50,000.00 for City Admin. derived from the 2019-2020 Reap Grant** – Motion was made by Evans and seconded by Wilson to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$50,000.00 for City Admin. derived from the 2019-2020 Reap Grant. A portion of the grant was used for the 15<sup>th</sup> St Project and carried over from the previous year. Evans-yea, Wilson-yea, Crouch-yea, Melton-yea, Imel-yea. Motion carried.

**IX. Consideration, Discussion and Possible Action on Approving Application from Russell Holland for OMRP Disability Retirement Pension** – Motion was made by Crouch and seconded by Wilson to approve the application from Russell Holland for OMRP Disability Retirement Pension. Crouch-yea, Wilson-yea, Evans-yea, Melton-yea, Imel-yea. Motion carried.

**X. New Business** – Council Member, Johnny Melton asked to move the Council Meetings to 5:00 pm. Larry Lenora stated due to the Open Meetings Act this would need to be placed on the agenda and voted on before any changes in time could occur.

Council Member, Robin Crouch asked for an update on the discolored water recently occurring in the city. City Manager, James Melson explained this was caused due to manganese in the water. DEQ has checked and the water is safe.

City Manager, James Melson announced the retirement of Billy Buchanan, Fire Chief and Bobby Buchanan was appointed as the new Fire Chief.

Council Member, Rick Evans inquired about the amount of Covid runs and the new Fire Chief, Bobby Buchanan stated there has been an increase of transports due to Covid.

City Manager, James Melson announced he would be retiring on approximately November 01, 2021. James also stated the average sales tax when he took his current position as City Manager was approximately \$150,000.00 per month and has now increased to \$300,000.00 per month stating that the City is in the best financial position.

City Manager, James Melson said the city would have a Single Audit this year due to Federal Grant funds received.

**XI. Adjourn** – Motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Evans to adjourn. Wilson-yea, Evans-yea, Crouch-yea, Melton-yea, Melton-yea, Imel-yea. Motion carried. The Chandler City Council meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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Gene Imel, Mayor

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Sherry Patterson, Deputy City Clerk