

July 6, 2021

The **REGULAR** meeting of the **CHICKASHA CITY COUNCIL** was held in the council chambers in city hall on the 6th day of July 2021 as specified by advance public notice with a properly prepared agenda stating the subject matter or matters to be discussed at said meeting. Vice-Mayor Grayson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 1. **Call to Order / Roll Call / Opening Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

PRESENT: Zachary Grayson, Vice-Mayor
 Brian Gerdes
 David Sikes
 Georgianne Hebblethwaite
 Clark VanDyck
 R. P. Ashanti-Alexander
 Kelly Boyd
 Oscar Nelson

ABSENT: Chris Mosley, Mayor

STAFF

PRESENT: Amanda Mullins, City Attorney
 Susan M. McDaniel, City Clerk
 K. D. Rowell, Police Chief
 Tony Samaniego, Fire Chief
 Cindy Rogers, Finance Director
 Rachel Bernish, Community Development Director
 Kyle Marks, Parks & Rec Director
 Shae Mortimer, Marketing & Civic Engagement Manager

ITEM 1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Opening Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Council Member Boyd gave the invocation and Council Member VanDyck lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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6:30 p.m.

Roll call:

Sikes – Present
Hebblethwaite – Present
Grayson – Present
VanDyck – Present
Gerdes – Present
Boyd - Present
Ashanti-Alexander – Present
Nelson - Present

ITEM 2. Citizen Comments:

(City Council Rules and Regulations limit visitor comments to a maximum of three minutes.)

ITEM 3. Council Communications.

Council Member Ashanti-Alexander commented about conditions of streets in his Ward.
Council Member Boyd commented on street signs becoming unreadable.

ITEM 4. Consent Docket: ITEM 4a through ITEM 4b.

ITEM 4a. Acceptance of the minutes of the June 21, 2021 regular meeting.
ITEM 4b. Acceptance of Claims List.

*Motion by Council Member Sikes, second by Council Member Ashanti-Alexander to approve the Consent Docket: ITEM 4a thru Item 4b.

Roll call vote:
Ayes:” Boyd, Nelson, Ashanti-Alexander, Sikes, Gerdes, VanDyck, Hebblethwaite and Grayson.
“Nays:” None
“Abstain:” None.
Motion carried. 8-0

ITEM 5. Discussion/Approval of Items Removed from Consent Docket:

No Action Taken.

ITEM 6. Discussion and Consideration Items:

ITEM6a. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve the City of Chickasha Emergency Operations Plan.

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*Motion by Council Member Sikes and second by Council Member Nelson to approve and adopt the Emergency Operations Plan.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Sikes, Hebblethwaite, VanDyck, Gerdes, Ashanti-Alexander, Boyd, Nelson and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6b. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the renewal contract for Chisholm Trail Consulting for engineering services.

*Motion by Council Member Ashanti-Alexander and second by Council Member Sikes to approve the renewal contract with Chisholm Trail Consulting for engineering services and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Boyd, Nelson, Ashanti-Alexander, Sikes, Hebblethwaite, VanDyck, Gerdes and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6c. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve the EMS Contract agreement between the City of Chickasha and Grady EMS District Board of Trustees.

*Motion by Council Member Nelson and second by Council Member Hebblethwaite to approve the FY 2021/2022 contract agreement between the City of Chickasha and the Grady EMS District Board of Trustees and authorize the Mayor, EMS Director and City Clerk to execute the same.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Sikes, Hebblethwaite, VanDyck, Gerdes, Boyd, Nelson, Ashanti-Alexander and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6d. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the Capital Outlay Agreement between the City of Chickasha and the Grady EMS District.

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*Motion by Council Member Sikes and second by Council Member Gerdes to approve the Capital Outlay Agreement between the City of Chickasha and the Grady EMS District and authorize the Mayor, EMS Director and City Clerk to execute the same.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Gerdes, Sikes, Boyd, Nelson, Ashanti-Alexander, Hebblethwaite, VanDyck and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6e. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the purchase of Amkus Extrication tools in an amount not to exceed \$33,823.00 from State Contract.

*Motion by Council Member Nelson and second by Council Member Ashanti-Alexander to approve the purchase of Amkus extrication tools in the amount not to exceed \$33,823.00 from the State Contract.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Ashanti-Alexander, Boyd, Nelson Sikes, Hebblethwaite, VanDyck, Gerdes and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6f. ITEM 6e. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the Zoll AEV Portable Ventilator Loan Agreement between the Grady EMS District and the City of Chickasha.

*Motion by Council Member Sikes and second by Council Member Hebblethwaite to approve the Zoll Portable Ventilator Loan Agreement.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Ashanti-Alexander, Boyd, Nelson Sikes, Hebblethwaite, VanDyck, Gerdes and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6g. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the EMS billing contract between the City of Chickasha and Quick Med Claims.

*Motion by Council Member Gerdes and second by Council Member Nelson to approve the EMS billing contract between the City of Chickasha and Quick Med Claims.

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Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Sikes, Hebblethwaite, VanDyck, Gerdes, Ashanti-Alexander,
Boyd, Nelson and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6h. Public Hearing – to discuss and consider approving the Special Use Permit for a Cell Phone tower to be located at 520 S. 8th Street for Applicant Branch Communications.

Public Hearing opened at 6:44 p.m.

Kole Talbot, Tulsa, OK spoke regarding the proposed project.

Mary Francis Hathaway, Chickasha, OK spoke against the proposed cell tower.

Troy Williams, Tulsa, OK spoke regarding the features that the proposed site will have.

James Phillips, Chickasha, OK spoke in opposition of the project.

Debra Burdex, Chickasha, OK spoke in opposition of the project.

Public Hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

ITEM 6i. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the Special Use Permit for 520 S. 8th for the use of a Cell Phone Tower for applicant Branch Communication.

*Motion by Council Member Sikes and second by Council Member Gerdes to deny the request for the Special Use Permit for 520 S. 8th.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Nelson, Boyd, Ashanti-Alexander, Sikes, Hebblethwaite,
VanDyck, Gerdes and Grayson..

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6j. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the request from the Chickasha Rock Island Ride Committee to conduct their annual Rock Island Ride fund raising event on October 2, 2021.

*Motion by Council Member Ashanti-Alexander and second by Council Member Hebblethwaite to approve the request from the Chickasha Rock Island Ride Committee to temporarily close Chickasha Avenue on October 2, 2021 to conduct the annual Rock Island Ride.

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Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Sikes, Hebblethwaite, VanDyck, Ashanti-Alexander, Boyd, Nelson, Gerdes and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6k. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on a request from the Chickasha Area Arts Council to utilize the Rock Island Depot area, Mill building and Depot Pavilion to conduct their annual Arts Festival to include the Wine and Brewery Tasting event on Friday, October 1, 2021 through Sunday, October 3, 2021 waiving all fees.

*Motion by Council Member VanDyck and second by Council Member Hebblethwaite to approve the request from the Chickasha Area Arts Council as presented and waive all fees.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Sikes, Hebblethwaite, Boyd, Nelson, Ashanti-Alexander, VanDyck, Gerdes and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

Motion to recess the regular session City Council meeting by Council Member Sikes and second by Council Member Ashanti-Alexander.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Sikes, Hebblethwaite, Boyd, Nelson, Ashanti-Alexander, VanDyck, Gerdes and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

Meeting recessed at 7:11 p.m.

Motion to reconvene the regular session City Council meeting by Council Member Sikes and second by Council Member Ashanti-Alexander.

Meeting reconvened at 7:41 p.m.

Boyd – Present

Nelson – Present

Sikes – Present

Hebblethwaite – Present

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Ashanti-Alexander – Present
VanDyck – Present
Gerdes – Present
Grayson - Present

ITEM 7. **Executive Session:**

ITEM 7a. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action to enter into executive session pursuant to Title 25 Oklahoma Statutes Section 307(B)(4) to discuss confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning appending investigations, claim, or action if the public body, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigations, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. (Investigation into TIF Payments).**

*Motion by Council Member Sikes and second by Council Member Ashanti-Alexander to enter into Executive Session:

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:”	Sikes, Hebblethwaite, Boyd, Nelson, Ashanti-Alexander, VanDyck, Gerdes and Grayson.
“Nays:”	None.
“Abstain:”	None.
Motion passed.	8-0

Entered into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.

Reconvened regular session at 7:40 p.m.

Roll call:

Boyd – Present
Nelson – Present
Sikes - Present
Hebblethwaite – Present
Ashanti-Alexander – Present
VanDyck – Present
Gerdes – Present
Grayson - Present

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ITEM 7b. Consideration to reconvene the open meeting and take appropriate action on any matter discussed in Executive Session.

*Motion by Council Member Sikes and second by Council Member Nelson to authorize the payment in the amount of \$333,030.25 to Grady County for alleged overpayments related to the TIF District in exchange for a full release of all claims.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Sikes, Hebblethwaite, Boyd, Nelson, Ashanti-Alexander,
VanDyck, Gerdes and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 8 Adjournment:

Motion by Council Member Sikes and second by Council Member Hebblethwaite to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

TIME: 7:42 P.M.

Approved this 19th day of July 2021.

_____/s/_____
Chris Mosley, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Susan M. McDaniel, City Clerk