

July 19, 2021

The **REGULAR** meeting of the **CHICKASHA CITY COUNCIL** was held in the council chambers in city hall on the 19th 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. Mayor Mosley 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: Chris Mosley, Mayor
Zachary Grayson, Vice-Mayor
Brian Gerdes
David Sikes
Georgianne Hebblethwaite
R. P. Ashanti-Alexander
Kelly Boyd
Oscar Nelson

ABSENT: Clark VanDyck

STAFF

PRESENT: Amanda Mullins, City Attorney
Susan M. McDaniel, City Clerk
K. D. Rowell, Police Chief
Lillie Huckaby, Library Director
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 Grayson lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Roll call:

Sikes – Present

Hebblethwaite – Present

Grayson – Present

Gerdes – Present

Boyd - Present

Ashanti-Alexander – Present

Nelson - Present

Mosley - Present

ITEM 2.

Citizen Comments:

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

ITEM 3.

Council Communications.

Mayor thanked Victory Family Church volunteers that had did landscaping on City properties.

ITEM 4.

Consent Docket: ITEM 4a through ITEM 4c.

ITEM 4a. Acceptance of the minutes of the July 6, 2021 regular meeting.

ITEM 4b. Acceptance of Claims List.

ITEM 4c. Acceptance of Financials for June 2021.

*Motion by Council Member Nelson, second by Council Member Boyd to approve the Consent Docket: ITEM 4a thru Item 4c.

Roll call vote:

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

“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 a MOU between the Lawton Police Department and the

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Chickasha Police Department regarding use of the Lawton Police Department Academy.

*Motion by Council Member Sikes and second by Council Member Ashanti-Alexander to enter into a MOU between the Lawton Police Department and the Chickasha Police Department and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the same.

Roll call vote:

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

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6b. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the changes made to the Chickasha Sports Complex contract for 2021-2022.

*Motion by Council Member Ashanti-Alexander and second by Council Member Hebblethwaite to approve the changes to the Chickasha Sports Complex contract as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6c. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve a MOU between the Chickasha Police Department, the University of Oklahoma, and the University of Oklahoma Police Department.

*Motion by Council Member Sikes and second by Council Member Nelson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Roll call vote:

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

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6d. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve to enter into an agreement between the City of Chickasha and

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Mission Control for ESPORTS services and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

*Motion by Council Member Ashanti-Alexander and second by Council Member Grayson to enter into Agreement with Mission Control as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6e. Public Hearing – to discuss and consider adopting Part II Code of Ordinances, Chapter 44 – Streets, Sidewalks, and Right-of-ways; Article IX, Decorative Crosswalks.

Public Hearing opened at 6:39 p.m.

Jim Cowan, Chickasha Economic Development Council, spoke regarding future plans for crosswalks in the downtown area.

Public Hearing closed at 6:42 p.m.

ITEM 6f. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve Ordinance 2021-16 – Chapter 44 – Decorative Crosswalks.

*Motion by Council Member Gerdes and second by Council Member Ashanti-Alexander to approve Ordinance 2021-16 as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6g. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve a change in bank signatories to Chris Mosley, Mayor, Zachary Grayson, Vice-Mayor, Cindy Rogers, Finance Director, and Susan McDaniel, City Clerk to all accounts held by the City of Chickasha, Chickasha Municipal Authority, Chickasha Municipal Airport Authority, Chickasha Industrial Authority, or any subsidiary or entity of the governing body of the City of Chickasha has possession of at the following banks:

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***First National Bank**
***Simmons Bank**
***Arvest Bank**
***Community Bank of Oklahoma**
***Bank of Oklahoma**
***Liberty National Bank**

*Motion by Council Member Sikes and second by Council Member Nelson to approve a change in bank signatories to Chris Mosley, Mayor, Zachary Grayson, Vice-Mayor, Cindy Rogers, Finance Director, and Susan McDaniel, City Clerk to all accounts held by the City of Chickasha, Chickasha Municipal Authority, Chickasha Municipal Airport Authority, Chickasha Industrial Authority, or any subsidiary or entity of the governing body of the City of Chickasha has possession of a the following banks:

***First National Bank**
***Simmons Bank**
***Arvest Bank**
***Community Bank of Oklahoma**
***Bank of Oklahoma**
***Liberty National Bank**

Roll call vote:

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

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6h. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on event Open Streets....Moving Feet scheduled for September 11, 2021.

*Motion by Council Member Hebblethwaite and second by Council Member Grayson to approve the request from the Open Streets Committee to hold the 4th Annual Open Streets Event; closing Chickasha Avenue from the Rock Island Depot on 1st Street to 3rd Street on September 11, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. waiving all fees upon executed Indemnification Agreement.

Roll call vote:

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

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6i. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the 4th Annual Oklahoma Food Truck Championship 2021 to be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021.

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*Motion by Council Member Hebblethwaite and second by Council Member Sikes to approve the request to allow the 4th Annual Oklahoma Food Truck Championship 2021 on Saturday, October 2, 2021 waiving all associated fees.

Roll call vote:

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

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6j. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the appointment of Nathan McCalla to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy of an unexpired position with a term expiring June 30, 2022.

*Motion by Council Member Nelson and second by Council Member Sikes to approve the appointment of Nathan McCalla to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy of an unexpired position with a term expiring June 30, 2022.

Roll call vote:

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

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6k. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the re-appointment of Sharon Storms and Joyce Witte as members of the Library Board with terms expiring June 30, 2024.

*Motion by Council Member Ashanti-Alexander and second by Council Member Hebblethwaite to approve the re-appointment of Sharon Storms and Joyce Witte as members of the Library Board with terms expiring June 30, 2024.

Roll call vote:

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

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 8-0

ITEM 6l. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on a tort claim filed by Brandon Byfield.

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*Motion by Council Member Grayson and second by Council Member Gerdes to deny the claim based on OMAG findings.

Roll call vote:

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

Roll call vote:

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

Meeting recessed at 6:49 p.m.

Motion to reconvene the regular session City Council meeting by Council Member Sikes and second by Council Member Hebblethwaite.

Meeting reconvened at 6:53 p.m.

**Boyd – Present
Nelson – Present
Sikes – Present
Hebblethwaite – Present
Ashanti-Alexander – Present
Grayson – Present
Gerdes – Present
Mosley – Present**

ITEM 7.

Executive Session:

ITEM 7a. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations concerning employees and representatives of employee groups under the provisions of 25 Oklahoma Statutes Section 307(B)(2). The purpose of the

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proposed Executive Session is to discuss the status of negotiations between the City and FOP Lodge No. 129 and IAFF, Local 2041 for a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and FOP Lodge No. 129 and IAFF Local 2041 for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

*Motion by Council Member Sikes and second by Council Member Hebblethwaite to enter into Executive Session:

Roll call vote:

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

Entered into Executive Session at 6:54 p.m.

ITEM 7b. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations concerning employees and representatives of employee groups under the provisions of 25 Oklahoma Statutes Section 307(B)(2). The purpose of the proposed Executive Session is to discuss the possible adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding addressing confidential employee matters between the City of Chickasha and FOP, Lodge No. 129.

ITEM 7c. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations concerning employees and representatives of employee groups under the provisions of 25 Oklahoma Statutes Section 307(B)(2). The purpose of the proposed Executive Session is to discuss the adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding addressing confidential employee matters between the City of Chickasha and the IAFF, Local 2041.

Item pulled.

ITEM 7d. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to enter into Executive Session to discuss confidential communications between the City and City’s Attorneys concerning a pending investigation, claim or action which the City with the advice of the City’s Attorneys, has determined that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the City to process the claim on conduct the pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in

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the public interest in compliance with its duty of confidentiality under the provisions of 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4). (*James Blue, et. Al vs the City of Chickasha*, Western District: CIV-20-1210-G).

No Action Taken.

Reconvened regular session at 7:43 p.m.

Roll call:

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

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

*Motion by Council Member Gerdes and second by Council Member Grayson to approve MOU between the City of Chickasha and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #129.

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 Ashanti-Alexander and second by Council Member Hebblethwaite to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

TIME: 7:44 P.M.

Approved this 2nd day of August 2021.

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_____/s/_____
Chris Mosley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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