

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS**  
**City Council Minutes**  
**December 21, 1998**

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM Monday, December 21, 1998 by Mayor Marjorie Rogers. The meeting was held in the Recreation Room at Omaha Center.

**ROLL CALL:**

Answer Roll Call: Allen Maxedon, Jay Torbit and Buddy White

Also Present: Mark Johnson, City Attorney  
Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer

Absent: Fritz Lorentzen and Hobie Weisman

**MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the November 16, 1998 Minutes as presented was made by Allen Maxedon and seconded by Jay Torbit. With a voice vote of three ayes, motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Financial reports and Accounts Payable list were reviewed. Jay Torbit moved the Accounts Payable list be paid as soon as possible. Allen Maxedon seconded. With a voice vote of three ayes, motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Clerk/Treasurer Maynard read a letter from S.I.D. confirming the City's use of the Recreation Center at Omaha Center for all of 1999 for our regular Council meetings at no charge.

**REPORTS:**

**Planning and Zoning:** Clerk/Treasurer Maynard read **An Ordinance Creating a City Planning Commission in Accordance with the Arkansas State Law Within Cherokee Village, Fulton and Sharp Counties, Arkansas.**

Mayor Rogers declared the Ordinance open for discussion.

Buddy White moved to waive the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading, title only.

Allen Maxedon seconded the motion. With a roll call vote of three ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – Clerk/Treasurer Maynard read the Ordinance, title only.

Discussion -

Jay Torbit moved to waive the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading, title only.

Allen Maxedon seconded the motion. With a roll call vote of three ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

**3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading** – Clerk/Treasurer Maynard read the Ordinance, title only, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

Discussion -

After discussion – Shall this ordinance pass?

The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll:

Allen Maxedon, yes; Jay Torbit, yes; Buddy White, yes  
Having been read three times, this Ordinance is declared passed.  
It will be **Ordinance No. 98-5.**

Mayor Rogers announced the appointment of members of the Planning and Zoning Commission as follows: Marty Betz, Joe Clark, Newell Darner, Dewey Dark, Allen Maxedon and Chairman Barbara Hrezo. *Roger Radebaugh*

Dewey Dark reported there will be public hearings ~~January 29 and~~ February 2. Also, an Ordinance will be given to the Council during the working session on January 11.

**Roads:** Jay Torbit reported the requirement to submit a report to the State at the end of the year will be met.

**Police and Security:** Dwayne Merritt, Hobie Weisman and Mayor Rogers attended a meeting with Cherokee Village Security Chief Slayton. They also made trips to Fairfield Bay and Batesville to meet with their Security people. The committee is concerned with man power, salary, etc. Cherokee Village Security now has six officers, but would like to have eight. They work three – eight hour shifts so someone is on duty twenty-four hours a day. The ages of their officers range from 25 – 60. Average pay is \$18,000 per year (two-year period). S.I.D. benefits include health, life and workmen's compensation insurance. No retirement fund has been set up. The officer's receive "comp time" while they are in court and are not paid regular wages. They have three radar guns and all officers have been trained to use them. There is no full time investigator. There are four full-time and two part-time dispatchers. Communications are under Mr. Slayton's supervision because of the Fire Dept. The budget for Fire and Security that the committee received does not include a breakdown of figures. Mr. Slayton reported the crime rate of Cherokee Village is down, except for spousal abuse and civil disturbances.

**Airport:** Mayor Rogers asked for volunteers to make up a committee. We need a presentation from the Airport to inform us on our involvement – financial and other, etc. Louisa Relyea, Ray Maynard and Buddy White will be on the committee.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The census, done in census blocks, of Cherokee Village has been completed. Sharp County population – 3,181 and Fulton County, 535. Because of the Incorporation, Sharp County will lose 22.54% of the County Sales Tax funds. We should be getting our first check December 28. Mayor Rogers credited the numbers receipt to the help of Senators Hutchinson and Bumpers and Representative Berry. Also reporters from the Arkansas Democrat Gazette and Jonesboro Sun news papers – all have been calling Washington, D.C. Jay Torbit also thanked Mayor Rogers for all the time and efforts she has put into this project.

*the News & Village Journal*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Rogers and Clerk/Treasurer Maynard attended the December 11 meeting of the Friends of Homeless Animals. The organization has been active for approximately 12 - 13 years. Fred Ormsby has been collecting the animals and delivering them to the vet. He will continue to do so on a temporary basis. Ginny Skowlund keeps records on the adoptees and what animals are available to be adopted. Mayor Rogers offered for the City to run radio ads (three times a week for 13 weeks for \$100) on the available animals, and pay for the kenneling and disposal (approximately \$2,000 a month) of these animals. The organization will continue to receive donations and could turn over \$5,000 to the City for a special fund. The organization pays for half of the spay/neutering (White Papers) of an adopted animal if it is done within 30 days for an adult animal or six months for a puppy or kitten. Mayor Rogers asked for volunteers to form a committee to look into all aspects of the City's accepting this organization. None acknowledged. Mark Johnson will look into the legalities and discuss with Bev Bowman, Acting Chairman. Jay Torbit will review the Municipal League's file of Ordinances.

*Oral Henderson*

Mayor Rogers reported that she and Louisa Relyea received the award naming Cherokee Village as a Volunteer City of the Year. The award is displayed next to a previous award at Omaha Center.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- City Council Working Session Monday, January 11 at 1:00 PM.
- P.O.A. meeting, Monday, January 11, 2:00 PM.
- Quorum Court, January 11: Sharp County - 6:00 PM, Fulton County - 7:00 PM.
- City Council Meeting Monday, January 18, 1:00 PM.

Mayor Rogers has yet to hear when the official swearing-in of the new Council will be.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion ~~ed~~ to adjourn was made by Buddy White and seconded by Jay Torbit.

**Meeting adjourned.**

DATE: Jan 4, 1999

APPROVED: *Marjorie Rogers*  
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST: *Dason E Maynard*  
City Clerk/Treasurer