

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
City Council Minutes
August 17, 1999

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM Tuesday, August 17, 1999 by Alderman Jay Torbit. The meeting was held at City Hall. Upon the absence of Mayor Marjorie Rogers, Mr. Torbit asked for nominations of President Pro Tempore to conduct the meeting. Dan Dennis nominated Mr. Torbit for the position. Tom Paul seconded the nomination. Chuck Bartlett motioned the nominations be closed with Dan Dennis second. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion for Mr. Torbit to be President Pro Tempore carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL:

Answer Roll Call: Chuck Bartlett, Marty Betz, Dan Dennis, Tom Paul, Roger Radebaugh
Jay Torbit, and Ray Torbit.

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

Absent: Marge Rogers and Louisa Relyea

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the July 20, 1999 minutes as corrected at the working session was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Marty Betz. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial reports were reviewed and will be filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter was sent out to all our State representatives regarding Roger Radebaugh's letter to Arkansas Dept. of Finance & Administration about the "TBS Fund". We feel we are paying back more than was given to us and hope with their help it will get straightened out.

REPORTS:

Airport: No report.

Animal Control: Mr. Dennis reported that some phases of animal control are not all that dependable, and asked if we could raise the salary of the Animal Control Officer should it become necessary to replace the current officer. Mr. Betz moved to allow the Committee to do what is necessary as long as it is within the current budget. Mr. Dennis seconded. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Budget: No report.

Census: Ray Torbit reported he and Roger Radebaugh are just getting started. He has been in contact with Little Rock and also the Geographical Division. We have to return a form to get housing records and make sure all mailing addresses are right. We will also receive a map. The Committee may need more help in the future. Census Day will be April 1, 2000.

Committee for Future Building: Mr. Bartlett reported he has met with Mr. Daggett regarding the grocery store. There may also be some other alternatives. The committee will be meeting in the near future.

Emergency Services: Jay Torbit reported for Louisa Relyea. The Committee has received an emergency plan from Beebe. That plan, along with plans from S.I.D. and Sharp County, will be reviewed and modified into our own plan.

Environmental/City Promotion: Mr. Betz announced his Committee members as follows: Vivian Herbert, Russ Stokes, Carol Thompson and Joe Waggoner. These people have been involved in all aspects of environmental control. Mr. Betz will be working on a job description for the Committee. Every Tuesday has been set up for Tri-County and ACE recycling. The hours are from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Tri-County will have a truck set up in the grocery store parking lot and ACE will staff it. Today was the first day and expectations were exceeded. There is no cost to the City. Oral Henderson reported that P.O.A. has given authorization for \$200 to be budgeted for a dumpster at the next Citywide clean up.

Investigation Committee for Election of S.I.D. Commissioners: Mr. Henderson announced the Committee would hold a meeting on the morning of August 18. He has a detailed letter from the Municipal League attorney regarding legal questions the Committee had asked of him. An article is being made up for the newspapers for an opinion poll. He will have more to report at the working session.

Municipal Development and Planning: Jay Torbit reported he had put a letter in the paper asking for volunteers to work on the Committee. Eight people have answered, but have not met yet.

Planning and Zoning: Barbara Hrezo introduced a request for variance, including map and legal description, from Mr. Daggett for a plot of land which is now zoned commercial to be zoned residential. The land is bounded on the west and north by Allegheny Dr., the south by Elks Dr. and the east by Pottawattamie. The Commission has done extensive research into zoning codes, etc. Mr. Dennis motioned to accept the variance with Ray Torbit's second. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously.

An abandoned car has been towed. Mr. Prenger will keep it at his impound lot. The City will be responsible for the towing fee. Letters have been written and other procedures are in effect with various property owners.

Police and Security: Mr. Dennis reported we have received four applications for Police Chief. Twelve more have been sent out or picked up. The ad will run again in "City & Town". The deadline for receipt of applications is September 15. No specific hiring date has been set, but the Committee will move quickly to get a chief. We do have to wait until the grant has been approved to actually hire a person. A response to our letter of May 27 to S.I.D. was received August 5. It will be some time before we can comply with their requests. The Committee will be in touch with Texarkana regarding cars and equipment. Horseshoe Bend acquired three vehicles, fully equipped with light bars and radios, for \$24,000, including a three-year warranty. We will put an ad in "City & Town" for patrolmen in the near future. Right now we are looking for temporary housing for the Department. Mr. Daggett has agreed to let us have the old Architectural Control office (400 sq. ft.) on a month-to-month basis for \$50 per month, including utilities. We would like to move in possibly in September.

Roads: Jay Torbit reported he has talked to Frank Wiggins of S.I.D. Mr. Wiggins is waiting for the S.I.D. road committee to meet, and then our committee will meet with theirs. The City may undertake a major project, such as hard-surfacing Pottawattamie, and S.I.D. may do the prep work which would save us money. Ray Torbit mentioned he had heard the State had to pay \$100,000 per mile to redo some northeast Arkansas roads. Jay Torbit said the Committee has had two contractors look at the project and estimated \$40,000 – 50,000 per mile.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bartlett made a motion to move the regular Council Meeting back to 1:00 PM on the third Monday at City Hall, seconded by Mr. Betz. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion passed.

Jay Torbit said that Cindy Hall, Eastern Ozarks Regional Health Services Administrator, has asked to have that part of Allegheny Dr. between Hwy. 62/167/412 and Pottawattamie Dr. renamed, as there is much confusion when directions are given. Mrs. Hrezo will check into who has jurisdiction over renaming roads in the Village and report back at the working session.

Oral Henderson, from the audience, reported on the new website. The address will be changed to cherokeevillage.org. He also suggested that the P.O.A. board operate the site jointly with the City. The costs would be \$70 for the first two years and \$35.00 per year after.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- City Council Working Session; Tuesday, September 7 at 2:00 PM at City Hall
- P.O.A. Meeting; Monday, September 13, 2:00 PM at Omaha Center
- Quorum Court; Monday, September 13, Sharp County-6:00 PM, Fulton County-7:00 PM
- City Council Meeting; Monday, September 20, 1:00 PM at City Hall

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned to adjourn was made by Dan Dennis and seconded by Ray Torbit.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 PM.

DATE: September 20, 1999

APPROVED: Marjorie Rogers
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST: Susan E. Maynard
Susan E. Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer

