

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
City Council Minutes
November 15, 1999

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, November 15, 1999 by Mayor Marjorie Rogers. The meeting was held at City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Due to time restraints, Mr. John Bland of the Paragould Chamber of Commerce made his presentation regarding the four-laning of Hiway 412 across northern Arkansas. Mr. Bland asked that the Council pass a resolution supporting this effort. Mayor asked that Mrs. Maynard read Resolution 99-3 **A Resolution endorsing the four-laning of U.S. Highway 412 through the State of Arkansas and for other purposes.** Mr. Betz motioned the Council accept the resolution as read. Mr. Dennis seconded. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Rogers asked for two volunteers to represent the City on a bus trip Monday, November 22, to Bentonville to endorse this venture. Representatives of cities and towns all along Hiway 412 will be in attendance along with various governmental officials.

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the October 18, 1999 minutes as presented was made by Dan Dennis and seconded by Louisa Relyea. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial reports were reviewed and will be filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

REPORTS:

Airport: Mrs. Relyea reported the airport has received its 75/25 grant. They are now looking into another grant that would let them purchase additional property adjoining the airport.

Animal Control: Dan Dennis introduced Garland Minton as the new Animal Control Officer and thanked her for the great job she has been doing. Report attached.

Budget: Each department and committee submitted its proposed budget with explanation to the Council. Discussion followed. Mayor Rogers invited the public to an "Open Meeting" to present the budget. The meeting will be Monday, November 22 at 1:00 PM at the North Recreation Center.

Census: Ray Torbit reported his committee has to have its Sharp County information to Kansas City by December 5. They had thought they would have more time to get it together. They are now in the field checking house numbers and correcting post office box numbers. Mr. Torbit said it is difficult talking to the census people as he is talking to different people all the time, and they sometimes don't know what he (Mr. Torbit) should be doing.

Committee for Future Building: Chuck Bartlett asked the Council for permission to start negotiations for a City Hall building. Mrs. Relyea made a motion to give Mr. Bartlett and his committee permission to negotiate price with Mr. Daggett and present an agreement to purchase the old grocery store to the Council as soon as one could be made. Ray Torbit seconded the motion. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Services: Mrs. Relyea reported she has received the emergency plan from S.I.D for the dams, and has been in contact with the schools and the Red Cross. She brought a weather alert monitor, which can be purchased for \$70. This model can be programmed with just the reports from the counties you want to here. A less expensive model is available, but you receive every alert given for all counties in the state.

Environmental: Mr. Betz passed out bid specifications for a contractor for mandatory solid waste pick up. He asked the Council members to look these over and call him with questions so it might be passed at the December meeting.

Investigation Committee for Election of S.I.D. Commissioners: Oral Henderson announced the Committee will be getting information from Mr. Johnson by the end of this week. The committee will meet next week and have a report ready for the Council in December. They are looking at approximately \$50,000 to send out cards, ballots, etc. to all property owners.

Municipal Development and Planning: Next meeting November 16.

Planning and Zoning: No report.

Police and Security: Dan Dennis reported the Police Commission has purchased two police vehicles for the Police Department: a 1999 Lumina, 20,000 miles, \$12,100; and a 1996 Blazer 4 x 4, 32,000 miles, \$14,600. Cages for the cars will be furnished by Floyd Hannon. They have interviewed three applicants for patrolmen, with the possibility of hiring two. They are negotiating a contract with the Water Company for use of water towers for the radio antennas. Mr. Dennis stated that 911 will do our dispatching at "no charge". The Commission is asking that 911 reprogram a channel of their system for us at "no charge" also. Ray Maynard, Chief of Communications, is in the process of purchasing the radio equipment. Chief Smith is not an employee of the City yet, but is an independent contractor at \$9.00 per hour and 30 cents a mile.

Roads: Mayor Rogers reported that S.I.D. has appointed a Road Committee that will meet with our Road Committee in the future. Ray Maynard, of our committee, stated that Sharp County Judge Crawford has agreed to patch a pothole at "no charge" but materials to see how much labor and equipment will be needed to repair our streets.

Website: Mr. Henderson reported the City now has several ordinances and minutes available on our site.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Rogers had Mrs. Maynard read the third reading of the new ordinance presented by Planning and Zoning, **An Ordinance to amend the Cherokee Village Zoning Code adopted by Ordinance 99-2 and for other purposes.** Mrs. Rogers asked for discussion. Attorney Johnson questioned some wording and the amendment was tabled to correct and be presented in December with an emergency clause.

Mayor Rogers asked that the policy handbook discussion be tabled until December. Please call Mrs. Maynard with any corrections, concerns or suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Radebaugh asked the Council to consider hiring a "grant specialist" to look into what grants might be available for our city, then possibly hire someone to write up these grants. Mr. Johnson will get us more information on grant writing seminars. Mr. Radebaugh will follow up with the Municipal League to see what grants are available.

Mrs. Rogers asked how many aldermen would be available to attend the regular December Council meeting. It was decided to vote on the 2000 budget at the December 6 working session as there would be a definite quorum at that time.

Mr. Dennis reported that the Cable TV Committee has met with representatives from Hardy, Highland and Ash Flat regarding the use of a new cable TV company/system. All representatives were interested in having this new service. He reported the new company would have to come up with approximately \$3 million and the cities would need to have 3,000 subscribers. There should be a significant savings over Falcon Cable. The company will be giving us information in writing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Monday, November 22, 1:00 PM; 2000 Budget Open Meeting, North Rec. Center
- Monday, December 6, 2:00 PM; Working Session
- Monday, December 13, 2:00 PM; POA Meeting – Community chorus
- Monday, December 13, Sharp Co. Quorum Court; 6:00 PM, Ash Flat
- Monday, December 13, Fulton Co. Quorum Court; 7:00 PM, Salem
- Monday, December 20, Regular Council Meeting; 2:00 PM, City Hall

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned to adjourn was made by Chuck Bartlett and seconded by Louisa Relyea.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

DATE: December 6, 1999

APPROVED: Marjorie Rogers
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

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