

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
City Council Minutes
October 18, 1999

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, October 18, 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 and Ray Torbit.

Also Present: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer

Absent: Jay Torbit and Mark Johnson, City Attorney

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the September 20, 1999 minutes as presented was made by Dan Dennis and seconded by Louisa Relyea. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial reports were reviewed and will be filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

REPORTS:

Airport: No report. Meeting October 20.

Animal Control: Dan Dennis reported the Committee has hired a new Animal Control Officer, Garland Minton – 257-3425, Cell 710-2427. She seems to be working out very well.

Budget: Mrs. Maynard explained about the Budget 2000 worksheets that had been handed out to Committee Directors, saying the "explanation" is very important. People receiving the worksheet should have it filled out and return it to her at the Working Session in November. Roger Radebaugh and she will then make out a preliminary working budget and present it to the Council at the regular November Council meeting. Mr. Radebaugh asked if the City should have an "Open Meeting" to present the budget to the public. It was decided to have such a meeting November 22 at 2:00 PM at either Omaha Center or North Recreation Center. Mrs. Maynard asked to get a CD backup system for the computers. It would cost \$150.00 now or we could budget \$200 for it next year. Chuck Bartlett made a motion to buy the CD system now, seconded by Marty Betz. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Census: Ray Torbit reported he had received address forms from the Census Bureau. He has also talked to them regarding a census map. Thirty people have volunteered to help take the census. There will be an Open House at the Jonesboro Census office. We do need more volunteers.

Committee for Future Building: Chuck Bartlett gave everyone a copy of his written report "Study of a New City Hall" – new building versus the grocery store. If we got the grocery store, we could not rent it to anyone other than a City, County or State agency. We cannot receive a loan unless it has zero interest. He asked that everyone look over the report and have questions ready for him at the Working Session in November.

Emergency Services: Mrs. Relyea reported she has just received the emergency plan from S.I.D. She has had several people ask her about grants for individual emergency storm shelters. She will look into the issue and give the information at the November Working Session. Ray Torbit said he purchased a weather alert monitor for \$70. Some residents may need an outside antenna at their home for a monitor. Mrs. Relyea said she would bring her monitor to the regular November meeting.

Environmental: Mr. Betz announced the Committee has been spending a lot of time working with Planning & Zoning checking out complaints regarding trashy yards. His Committee has met to draw up

bid specifications for a contractor for mandatory solid waste pick up. Copies were given to the Council members to look over and have questions ready for the November Working Session.

Investigation Committee for Election of S.I.D. Commissioners: Oral Henderson announced the Committee would meet Tuesday if Mr. Johnson has reviewed the information given to him previously.

Municipal Development and Planning: Next meeting November 16.

Planning and Zoning: Barbara Hrezo reported that since February 15 there have been 13 new home permits, two commercial permits and 120 remodel and addition permits. There have been many complaints to write up. She explained that first a letter is written that is very nice and asks the person to do whatever needs to be done. A second letter is sent if the person fails to do what was asked. This letter gives them 10 to 20 days (depending upon the situation) to clear up the problem or a citation will be issued. Mrs. Hrezo stated we need to do something to get the word out that the City is trying to get things cleaned up. It was suggested to put a flyer in the paper or make up another column. Mr. Dennis suggested a flyer with a moratorium that after such-and-such a date, citations would be given. Mrs. Hrezo reported on the two court cases: one, in Sharp County, has several additions that are in the process of being cleaned up. The second is a salvage business run out of a home in Fulton County. The Fulton County Judge is to make a ruling within two weeks. He had asked the person to cease receiving vehicles and not be threatening to his neighbors.

Police and Security: Dan Dennis reported the Police Commissioners have hired a Police Chief, Larry E. Smith. He has been chief of police in three cities prior to his applying here. He won't start actually working until we hear about the COPS Grant. Nine patrolman applications have been received. They will start in mid-December. There will be a meeting Tuesday mostly regarding the radio equipment. The Commission has sent an offer to S.I.D. for the '98 Chevy and Jeep. If we get the grant, we may look at getting four cars. If we don't get the grant, we'll need two cars. Mr. Radebaugh recommended budgeting for four cars, that the budget should be made up for the "worst case".

Roads: No report.

Website: Mr. Henderson reported the City has been registered with 400 top search engines. A motion was made by Mr. Betz and seconded by Dan Dennis to take advantage of the website and put all ordinances, resolutions and minutes on it, along with adoptable animal ads. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mrs. Relyea to have access to the Internet and e-mail. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Rogers had Mrs. Maynard read the second 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 and Mrs. Hrezo answered the council's questions. A motion was made by Chuck Bartlett to approve the first reading. Marty Betz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote of seven ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Radebaugh passed out copies of a written report he had done regarding ordinances dealing with signs.

Mayor Rogers reported there had been no word on the "\$4,000 problem" with the state.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Rogers asked Mrs. Maynard to read **An Ordinance to amend the Cherokee Village weapons use rules and regulations adopted by Ordinance 99-12 and for other purposes.** Mayor Rogers declared the Ordinance open for discussion. Marty Betz moved to waive the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading, title only. Ray Torbit seconded the motion. With a roll call vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

2nd Reading – Mrs. Maynard read the Ordinance, title only.

Discussion –

Chuck Bartlett moved to waive the rules and place the Ordinance on its third and final reading, title only. Louisa Relyea seconded the motion. With a roll call vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
3rd and Final Reading – Mrs. Maynard read the Ordinance, title only, for the third time.

Discussion –

After discussion – Shall this ordinance pass?

The Mayor called the roll:

Chuck Bartlett, yes; Marty Betz, yes; Dan Dennis, yes; Tom Paul, no; Roger Radebaugh, yes;
Louisa Relyea, yes; Ray Torbit, yes.

Having been read three times, this Ordinance is declared passed.

It will be **Ordinance 99-13**.

Resolution 99-2 requesting advancement of the City of Cherokee Village from a City of the second class to a City of the first class was read. Louisa Relyea moved to accept the resolution. Marty Betz seconded. With a roll call vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mr. Betz made a motion that when the City is involved in any court case, the City Clerk will notify the ward aldermen at least one week before the court date. Mr. Dennis seconded. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Maynard stated there had been some inquiries as to when the City would celebrate Halloween. Mrs. Rogers suggested that Highland, Hardy and Ash Flat be consulted as to when they are celebrating, and we should do as they do.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monday, November 1, 2:00 PM; Working Session
Monday, November 8, 2:00 PM; POA Meeting
Monday, November 8, Sharp Co. Quorum Court; 6:00 PM, Ash Flat
Monday, November 8, Fulton Co. Quorum Court; 7:00 PM, Salem
Monday, November 15, Regular Council Meeting; 2:00 PM, City Hall

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned to adjourn was made by Chuck Bartlett and seconded by Dan Dennis.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

DATE: November 18, 1999

APPROVED: Marjorie Rogers
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

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