

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
City Council Minutes
April 17, 2000

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, April 17, 2000 by Mayor Marjorie Rogers. The meeting was held at City Hall.

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: Louisa Relyea

MINUTES: Motion to approve the March 20 minutes as presented was made by Mr. Dennis and seconded by Mr. Bartlett. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial reports were reviewed and will be filed for audit. Mr. Radebaugh explained the budget comparison.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

REPORTS:

Roads: Ray Maynard reported he had talked to a representative from Delta Asphalt who said that because of the high price of oil, asphalt prices are up 50%. He proposed we think about doing engineering and make good patches until these prices go down possibly in the fall.

Airport: Ray Maynard reported that the City of Ash Flat is proposing annexation of the property on the highway in front of the airport. He asked that the City Council pass an ordinance to protect the air space around the airport from tall buildings, etc.

Building Committee: Mr. Bartlett asked that Bob Johnson be appointed to the committee. The mayor then agreed to do so. We do have the means of financing the building. There will be a public hearing on May 8 at the work session. There are two options: (1) pass a revenue bond issue and set a rate for the length of the bond and (2) receive a loan from the bank which is renewable each year.

Census: Ray Torbit reported that the Bureau is training people until the end of the month to go out and canvass people at the homes that didn't return a census form. This will be happening for approximately ten weeks. People are to be contacted up to three times.

Investigation Committee: Mr. Henderson reported that there was a meeting on April 6. He has also had several conversations with Representative Boyd. He had also talked with the Municipal League and Mr. Schoen, Municipal League attorney. He will also be speaking with the newly elected state senator. He suggested the need to go before the January State Legislature.

Cherokee Village Promotion: Oral Henderson reported his committee met April 4 after the presentation to the Council at our last meeting regarding KAIT advertising and a new Cherokee Village brochure. Mr. Henderson has been in touch with Terry Wood, KAIT weatherman, regarding a "weather stick". Cherokee Village would be on his weather map if we had one of these. The price is \$2,500 and Mr. Henderson will be obtaining a quote. A motion to approve a \$500 commitment effort this year for a brochure, subject to legality (per Mr. Johnson), was made by Mr. Betz and seconded by Mr. Dennis. Discussion. With a roll call vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Mrs. Rogers will check with the Municipal League. Council members are to talk with Mrs. Maynard. More discussion.

Website: Mr. Henderson reported he is securing a new web manager, Curtis Bratcher. They have secured the information then needed to go ahead with changes they would like to make with the website.

Environmental: Mr. Betz reported the citywide pickup went quite well. Unfortunately, we don't have the facilities to pickup throw-aways for people. Carol Thompson has been inputting names of residents in a list for I.E.S.I.

Municipal Development: Mayor Rogers has asked someone to be the new director of the committee, but has not received an answer.

Planning & Zoning: The Commission has given out 71 remodel permits. Tom Hrezo said that when additions are up, new construction is down. Problems seem to be settling down. Discussion regarding having our positive accomplishments presented in the media.

Police and Security: Dan Dennis reported the Commission has interviewed nine people for Auxiliary/Reserve Police. Their goal is for five Auxiliary officers – one for each Police Officer. The others will be used as Reserve Officers. The Auxiliary Officers will need physicals and psychological tests to be able to carry a weapon. They will be under the direction of Chief Smith and Dwayne Merritt. The City will furnish two shirts, badges, caps and nameplates. Training will be held at Hardy and Cave City. We are capable of giving this training, but are not ready to do so at this time.

It was reported that the S.I.D. has decided to keep their radar guns to patrol boats on the lakes.

The Police officers will be deputized for Fulton County. Sharp County has not given consent.

Regarding having our own fuel tank – the idea of going in with several other communities/entities would not be economically feasible.

Everything seems to be going well. Ambulance calls are being backed up by our Police Officers, which had not been done before. Business owners have expressed appreciation of being checked every night. There is also an indication that traffic is slowing down by the schools.

Mrs. Rogers asked that one or two aldermen be present at court to help Chief Smith with paperwork. It will be Thursday April 20 at 1:00 PM at the Ash Flat Courthouse.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The P.O.A. has been working on a place to move regarding the raise in their rent. Mayor Rogers asked the Council to think about this.

Mrs. Maynard asked that the Council think about the July 3rd and September 4th working sessions. These are holidays and should they be cancelled or changed.

Planning & Zoning has given a list of thirty burned out homes to Kathy Nix, Sharp County Assessor. She has given us 23 names. A letter is being composed to go out to these owners this week. Seven have gone back to the state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAY IS FLOOD AWARENESS MONTH!

Monday May 8, 1:00 PM; Public Hearing on building – pass ordinance.
2:00 PM; Working Session

Tuesday, May 2 – Election of District 31 Senator

Monday, May 8, Sharp Co. Quorum Court; 6:00 PM, Ash Flat

Monday, May 8, Fulton Co. Quorum Court; 7:00 PM, Salem

Monday, May 15, 2:00 PM; POA Meeting, Community Chorus

Monday, May 22, 2:00 PM; Regular Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned to adjourn was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Ray Torbit. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

DATE: May 22, 2000

APPROVED: Marjorie Rogers
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

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