

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

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, July 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, Louisa Relyea and Ray Torbit.

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

Absent: Jay Torbit

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the June 5 and June 19 minutes as corrected was made by Mr. Betz and seconded by Mrs. Relyea. 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 gave a summary of the reports.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

REPORTS:

Airport: No report.

Roads: Mayor Rogers told of the State Hiway Dept.'s taking a traffic count on six of the city's major roads. Report will be given to all Councilmen.

Animal Control: Mr. Dennis reported there had been 60 calls during May. Revenue of \$471, six adoptions.

Building Committee: Mr. Bartlett reported plumbing and carpentry contract bids have been advertised. The plumbing contract will be rebid. Two or three companies have plans for the carpentry.

Census: No report.

Emergency Services: Mrs. Relyea reported having a meeting with FEMA and other Sharp County officials. We have received approval for a grant to remap the flood plain in the City. They will start in October and work will take up to two years.

Environmental: Mr. Betz reported he has had a big week on the phone. His committee has come up with a solution for part-time residents. They would be charged \$1.00 per week or \$52.00 per year, compared to \$107.64. There would be a monitored dumpster behind the new City Hall building. Cards would be issued to these weekenders. The Police Dept. would be

staffed 24 hours per day. The residents would be asked to check into the Police Dept. and show their card before they dumped their garbage. There are approximately 445 residences we do not show an owner. The mail has been returned, etc. Discussion on returned mail. Mr. Paul made a motion that Mark Johnson make up a "Freedom of Information" letter to send to the water company to give us the billing addresses for these service addresses. Seconded by Mrs. Relyea. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. It was decided that Mr. Paul and Mr. Johnson would deliver this letter to Mr. Rose personally. Mr. Bartlett said Mr. Betz's plan for part-time residents looked like a good plan. Mr. Bartlett motioned to accept the plan to bill all part-time residents \$52.00 per year, giving them a card and letting them use a dumpster behind the new City Hall Building and seconded by Mr. Dennis. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Betz explained the waste bid/contract. The price went down from \$12.00 per month to \$8.97 per month. The contractor (I.E.S.I.) based their bid on collecting from all residences.

Mr. Betz attended a session at the Municipal League concerning illegal dumpsites. There are grants available. He will be working to apply for a grant to clean up at least 30 sites.

Municipal Development Tom Paul reported his new committee has five sub-committees. They hope to have some recommendations for the Council by this fall.

Planning & Zoning: The Commission has been continuing to issue permits. There have been three new home permits and 143 remodel permits. It was reported that Mr. Johnson would serve as prosecuting attorney for any municipal cases we may have.

Police and Security: Dan Dennis reported the 4th of July traffic flow went well with the help of our Auxiliary and Reserve officers. The City is preparing certificates to give to them. We have purchased a 1995 Ford Crown Vic from the State Surplus Center with 80,000 miles for \$5,000. We will track expenses for comparison to the Luminas. The Fulton County Sheriff has said he is ready to deputize our officers. A grant has been approved for us to obtain bulletproof vests at 50%. Grant papers have been filed to receive help to hire an office assistant.

Website: Webmaster Curtis Bratcher will remain after the meeting to take pictures of the Councilmen for our website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Radebaugh will continue working on the employee retirement system.

Committee objectives should be turned in to Mrs. Maynard. Planning & Zoning have their's done.

Mayor Rogers is still working on setting up a meeting with S.I.D. to acquaint ourselves with the new manager and Commissioner. More room will be needed than available in our office. Announcements will be made later.

Mr. Bartlett is working on an ordinance to annex all "Islands" within the City limits. At the Municipal League convention, attorney Mark Hayes advised this be done as soon as possible. This can be done through an ordinance. We have asked Mr. Zimmerman for more information.

Ray Torbit is looking into an ordinance to establish a municipal court. We need to get this done by the end of the year, or we will be unable to ever have one.

Hobie Weisman and Mr. Dennis are working on an amendment to the animal control ordinance to limit the number of domestic pets per residence.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Radebaugh asked to work on an ordinance pertaining to holding more efficient meetings.

Planning & Zoning will be reviewing all procedures and charges for city business permits and make their decision later this year. What were the ramifications of this year's permits? Some cities have a floating fee, based per employee.

Mr. Bartlett motioned we cancel the September working session date due to Labor Day, seconded by Mr. Dennis. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We bought eight new file cabinets in boxes from Federal Govt. Surplus for \$40.00 each.

Thursday, August 3, 1:00 PM; Municipal Court, Ash Flat Courthouse

Monday, August 7, 2:00 PM; Working Session

Wednesday, August 9, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning

Thursday, August 10, 6:30 PM; Ice Cream Social

Monday, August 14, Sharp Co. Quorum Court; 6:00 PM, Ash Flat

Monday, August 14, Fulton Co. Quorum Court; 7:00 PM, Salem

Thursday, August 17, 1:00 PM; Municipal Court, Ash Flat Courthouse

Monday, August 21, 2:00; Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, August 24, 1:00 PM; Municipal Court, Ash Flat Courthouse

File petitions for election; August 19 through Noon, September 8 – "At Large Election"

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned to adjourn was made by Mrs. Relyea and seconded by Mr. Paul. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

DATE: September 18, 2000

APPROVED: Marjorie Rogers
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

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