

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS

City Council Minutes

August 6, 2001

The semi-monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, August 6, 2001 by Mayor Marjorie Rogers. The meeting was held at City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Answer Roll Call: Chuck Bartlett, Marty Betz, Dewey Dark, Scott Paul, Tom Paul, Louisa Relyea and Ray Torbit.

Also Present: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer

Absent: Jack Stroup and Tom Garner, City Attorney

MINUTES: Motion to approve the July 9 minutes as corrected was made by Mr. Torbit and seconded by Mr. Betz. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Maynard again asked if Aldermen had a question on anything in the minutes, ordinances or financials, etc. that they contact her ahead of the meeting so she could research the question and be able to relay the answer in a professional manner at the next meeting.

Mrs. Maynard brought an invoice for the masonry work on the South Entrance signs before the Council to vote for payment. No one knew exactly the amount or to whom the check should be made. She will call Russell Stokes and bring it to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Paul asked for an explanation as to the tabling of the contractor's ordinance, and the dropping of the locksmith ordinance. Mrs. Lauer reported what had been discussed at the last meeting of Planning and Zoning.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Maynard reported the Street Dept. is finished with this year's project of the overlay on 1.1 miles of Okmulgee Dr. It finished at approximately \$13,000 under budget. "Low shoulder" signs and striping should be done this week. Striping will cost approximately 10¢ per foot. The shoulders will be done as soon as S.I.D. can work it in. The chip spreader that S.I.D. is using is inadequate. It is old and not suited to our streets. Mr. Maynard requested to revise the Street Dept. budget (see attached) to purchase a chip spreader, dump truck and street broom. The 50/50 grant for a brush chipper looks very good, and it would be nice to have a dump truck to use in conjunction with the chipper. Community service workers could be used to cut back brush, etc. on intersections to improve visibility with this setup. S.I.D.'s street broom is inadequate to use, especially in hot weather. Mr. Betz made a motion to approve the Street Dept. budget revision to purchase a chip spreader for \$87,500 (\$40,000 down, \$47,500 to borrowed at 6% interest and paid out of next year's budget; a dump truck for \$17,000; and a street broom for \$18,000. Mrs. Relyea seconded the motion. Discussion. With a roll call vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Maynard also wanted to thank the S.I.D. publicly for all it's helping with this project in a timely way.

Mr. Betz reported that three dumpsites have been cleaned up, but brush has been placed back in one of them. Two new "No Dumping" signs have been put up. He is finding it hard to get volunteers and trucks to clean up new sites. His committee has decided to pay the tipping fees to I.E.S.I. for Village Pride and 30¢ a mile for the workers to help with this project. Fourteen small "Trash/Cash" signs have been placed in various places. Mr. Dark questioned mowing unused streets to clean up an area so people would be less likely to dump there.

Tom Paul reported that Highland will set up a meeting regarding the Cherokee Village sewer system along the four-lane hiway. Mr. Fenton of his committee will represent the City. He also is working with Ozarka to permanently locate a campus in Sharp County, preferably in Cherokee Village.

Mayor Rogers asked to send our Animal Control Officer to a conference in Eldorado in September at a cost of \$235.00. This includes certification classes and membership fee for the Arkansas State Animal Control Association. Mr. Dark made a motion to approve the expenditure. Mr. Torbit seconded the motion. With a roll call vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Tom Paul announced he would like to have the Council think about his making a motion at the next meeting to ask the police to patrol our streets for littering, garage sale signs long past, and flags, etc. left out too long.

Scott Paul asked if a member of the Spring River Home Builder's Association was a member of Planning and Zoning. Mrs. Lauer said they had been asked to have a representative present at their meetings, but because of the conflict of interests, he could not be a voting member; much like a council member's abstention from voting on a business issue if he is a business owner. Mr. Garner will be asked to look into this again.

Fran Walker of Citistreet in Jonesboro gave a presentation of a defined (401a) and a deferred (457) compensation plan for city employees. Ordinances were handed out for review and voting on next meeting.

Mrs. Maynard passed out copies of Acts 1198 and 543 for review and discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Zimmerman of the Municipal League discussed these Acts at the AGOFA conference Mrs. Maynard attended at Fort Smith, and suggested they be implemented by the cities.

Mrs. Maynard has a video of Cherokee Village in 1970 and one from the National Arbor Day Foundation which are available for loaning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thursday, August 9, 10:30; E9-1-1 Committee Meeting, Salem

Thursday, August 9, Noon; CVBA Lunch, Elks Club

Thursday, August 9, 1:00 PM; Municipal Court Plea Day, City Hall

Friday, August 10, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM; Ozarka Open House, Remmington Plaza

Monday, August 13, 6:00 PM; Sharp County Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse

Monday, August 13, 7:00 PM; Fulton County Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse

Tuesday, August 14, 6:30 PM; Municipal Planning & Development Committee Meeting
Monday, August 20, 2:00 PM; Council Meeting, City Hall
Thursday, August 23, 9:00 AM; Municipal Court Trial Day, City Hall

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned to adjourn was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mr. Torbit. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

DATE: September 10, 2001

APPROVED: Marjorie Rogers
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

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