

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
City Council Minutes
February 26, 2001

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, February 26, 2001 by Mayor Marjorie Rogers. The meeting was held at City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Answer Roll Call: Chuck Bartlett, Marty Betz, Scott Paul, Tom Paul, Louisa Relyea, Jack Stroup and Ray Torbit.
Also Present: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer
Absent: Dewey Dark, Tom Garner, Attorney

MINUTES: Motion to approve the January 22 minutes as corrected was made by Mr. Betz and seconded by Mr. Torbit. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

Chief Smith stated we will be allowed to report the disposition of Municipal Court cases to the press. Judge King has given his approval, and Jim Linville will report these in his column.

Mayor Rogers gave a report of the Open House. Approximately 600 people toured the building during the two hour function. Positive comments were received. People liked the Indian/southwestern decoration theme. She also thanked the people who donated and served the refreshments.

REPORTS:

Animal Control: No report.

Building Committee: Mr. Bartlett reported that we are in and operational. Outside lights will be installed and/or repaired. A "Community Service" worker working off a Municipal Court sentence will be doing the outside painting.

Census: No report.

Cherokee Village Promotion: Mr. Henderson reported that he has received checks of the following: Pocahontas Federal, \$1,500; King-Rhodes, \$1,000; Patterson Insurance, \$200 for a total of \$2,700. He has additional checks of \$500 in his possession and a potential \$13-15,000 pledged. The committee will view the final version of the KAIT commercial which is to start airing mid-March. Ozark Gateway Tourist Council would help with a \$1,000 grant for brochures and would loan them the actual cost of the brochures. If collections do not match expectations, the length of airing time can be shortened. They will charge 35¢ a piece for the brochures.

Website: Mr. Henderson said Mr. Bratcher will come to one of our meetings to update alderman and new City Hall pictures.

Emergency Services: Mrs. Relyea reported she attended FEMA training the week of February 3 – 10 in Conway.

Environmental: Mr. Betz announced sites have been toured by Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Control. Many sites were visited. He has been almost assured we will get the grant to clean up three of the nine sites, all in Fulton County. While they were out touring it was mentioned we could apply for a grant to buy a chipper to dispose of the various brush piles. Application has been made for a \$7,500, 50% - 50% grant, of which our portion may come out of the Street Fund as they will be using the chipper also.

Mr. Betz is still concerned about mandatory garbage. I.E.S.I. has given us a list of 126 names to which they have cancelled service. Eleven have since been taken off. Mr. Garner is researching collection, etc. There is a rumor of toxic waste going into the landfill. A news release was placed in the newspaper denying this. There have been five to six unannounced inspections of the landfill and no toxic waste has been found.

Investigation Committee for Election of S.I.D. Commissioners: Oral Henderson reported he is still in contact with Senator Miller and Representative Boyd Hickinbotham.

Municipal Development and Planning: Tom Paul announced Victor Vaughn and Virginia Schmidt are talking with people regarding annexation. The committee has been discussing sewer systems. There presently are two separately owned systems in the City. Scott Paul is working on youth programs.

Jim Fenton reported on the "Arkansas Community of Excellence" program. Denise Smith attended one of their meetings and encouraged us to participate. He said it is important to be involved in this. We could get help with getting various grants. To be eligible, one has to be an incorporated city and have a list of goals and objectives. It allows us to make up a development program and to set standards. We would have to make a commitment – first year, a planning stage, and implement it the next two years. After that we would be re-evaluated. Horseshoe Bend will become a certified community. Pocahontas is one already. We could build a spec building to entice business and industry to come here. Mrs. Smith feels the building could be filled within six months. Mr. Fenton recommended becoming involved with this program. We must meet the following guidelines/requirements: Letter of commitment, contact person (Jim Fenton has volunteered), planning committee, establish a business and industry program, site development and follow-up documentation. All this would be very valuable to the community, and there would be no financial commitment. Motion to adopt the Arkansas Community of Excellence program with Jim Fenton as contact person was made by Tom Paul and seconded by Mr. Stroup. With a roll call vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Tom Hrezo from the audience said he and Mr. Bartlett have met with an engineer from Newport to discuss sewer grants. Are we interested in this for long term? They will be working closely with the Development Committee. There would be no cost for the engineering firm unless and until we would get a grant.

Planning and Zoning: No report.

Police and Security: Hobie Weisman reported there are fourteen Auxiliary and Reserve Officers. Two of the Reserve Officers are attending a 100-hour certification school in Mountain Home. Upon completion, they will be promoted to the Auxiliary. One full-time officer is attending certification school in Black Rock.

Airport: Ray Maynard announced the airport will be sponsoring a private pilot ground school starting Thursday, March 1. They are in the acquisition phase of obtaining additional land for airport improvements.

Roads: Mr. Maynard reported steps are being taken to finish the shoulders of Pottawattamie Dr. The committee is in the process of deciding it's summer project: (1) Allegheny Dr; (2) part of Okmulgee Dr.; or (3) chip and seal. We will need to work with the S.I.D. Drainage and ditch work must be done before any work is attempted; i.e., chip and seal or asphalt. We are having problems getting the personnel and equipment needed to do this.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Torbit asked again about road right-of-ways, etc. Mrs. Maynard is putting together a packet to send to the Attorney General for an opinion.

Mr. Torbit asked the status of the lease for the property at the South Entrance for two signs. Mrs. Relyea said Mr. Daggett is getting the paperwork done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Rogers reported discussion of combining Sharp and Fulton Counties for E9-1-1. A meeting with both judges, Marc Goings, Mel Coleman, David Kiesch and others is being planned.

Mrs. Rogers asked Mrs. Maynard to read Resolution 2001-02, **A resolution to recommend the appointment of Larry Dean Kissee to the newly created Circuit/Chancery Judgeship created in the Third Judicial District.** Mr. Betz moved to accept the resolution. Mr. Bartlett seconded. Discussion. With a roll call vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A resolution recommended by David Schoen of the Municipal League regarding the Cherokee Village Promotion Committee was discussed. Several negative comments were made. Upon which, Mr. Henderson stated he would open a checking account for his committee. This stated, no reason for the resolution was found. A motion was made by Tom Paul to release 25% of the total presently pledged or donated to the Committee today, February 26, 2001. On March 19 we will release 25% of any additional monies pledged or donated, not to exceed a combined total of \$5,000.00. Mrs. Relyea seconded. Much discussion. The first payment of \$8,000 is due KAIT the end of March. With a roll call vote of six ayes, one nay, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monday, March 5, 2:00 PM; Working Session, City Hall
Thursday, March 8, Noon; CVBA Lunch, Elks Club
Thursday, March 8, 1:00 PM; Municipal Court Plea Day, City Hall
Monday, March 12, 6:00 PM; Sharp County Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
Monday, March 12, 7:00 PM; Fulton County Quorum Court Salem Courthouse
Wednesday, March 14, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning meeting, City Hall
Monday, March 19, 2:00 PM; Council Meeting, City Hall
Thursday, March 22, 1:00 PM; Municipal Court, City Hall

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

DATE: March 19, 2001

APPROVED: Marjorie Rogers
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

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