

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS

City Council Minutes

June 4, 2001

The semi-monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, June 4, 2001 by Mayor Marjorie Rogers. The meeting was held at City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Betz announced the bid opening for dumpsite removal contractor would be Wednesday, June 6 at 10:00 AM. Sarah Sexton, ADEC of Batesville, will be here to open them. There have been five contractors here to look at the sites. If the bids come in as we hope, we may be able to purchase signs to post at these and other potential dump sites; i.e., "No Illegal Dumping" and "If You Trash, You Pay Cash." Steel signs 18" x 24" (permanent, with post) would be \$15.00 - plastic (temporary) \$8.00.

Mayor Rogers asked that Ray Maynard be appointed Street Superintendent. Motion to do so was made by Mr. Betz and seconded by Mr. Stroup. With a voice vote of six ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Maynard reported on his meeting with S.I.D. A road grader is needed very badly. S.I.D. has only one, and it is used to mix the "cold mix." The procuring of another grader would make the process more efficient. S.I.D. had budgeted to chip and seal 16 miles of road, but in our combined effort, they will do 26 miles. We will purchase the material (\$110,000), and they will provide the labor. We would also try to overlay 1½ miles of Okmulgee, from Iroquois Dr. to the twin culverts. S.I.D. and the City are in agreement as to how the prep work should be done. Mr. Maynard then explained the proposed amended Street Dept. budget.

Tom Paul reported on the radio ad done by Hardy Merchants Assoc. His committee will meet on June 12 at 6:30. They are in touch with people who do not want to be annexed into Ash Flat. A Health and Welfare representative will meet with us in regards to a Senior Citizen's Center. ACE is on hold for now - Mr. Fenton is involved with the Sharp County 2010 Committee.

Mayor Rogers announced the Animal Control Officer has resigned as of May 31. The Police Dept. would like to hire a new full time police officer whose main duty would be animal control. They would like to purchase a small used pickup truck to be used to pick up the animals and for other City duties. Mr. Maynard is looking for one within the \$2,000 - \$5,000 range. AC officer's salary was budgeted as \$13,086.45 plus \$5,000 mileage. Full time police officer would be \$25,000, for a difference of \$6,913.55 plus the truck. From January 1, 2001 to May 31, there has been an increase of 51% in police calls. In April and May there were 250 calls from 9-1-1, including 101 animal control calls. Raine Kerrigan and her husband, as well as Hobie Weisman and Dwayne Merritt, are volunteering to handle the calls until an officer is hired. This officer would be able to issue citations and would have the same authority as a regular officer. Motion to accept these suggestions, to hire a new officer and obtain an Animal Control vehicle was made by Mr. Betz and seconded by Mrs. Relyea. With a voice vote of six ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Street Dept. budget at this meeting, but publish it with the rest of the amended budget at the next meeting was made by Mrs. Relyea and seconded by Mr. Stroup. With a voice vote of six ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Maynard explained that the road grader we get would be leased to S.I.D. annually for a minimal fee and to be used only on streets and S.I.D. property within the city limits. S.I.D. would be responsible for the maintenance.

Motion to adapt the amended Street Dept. budget as attached was made by Mr. Betz and seconded by Mr. Dark. With a roll call vote of six ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mr. Stroup obtained information from S.I.D. – they spend \$5,000 per mile to chip and seal a road. They have spent \$10,500 over the last three years for street and information signs.

Correspondence has been received from the Attorney General regarding burnout homes. The City can bill the state for the cleanup or put a lien on the property. Cleanup costs could total \$3-5,000 per home. We will seek other information at the Municipal League convention. Are grants available?

Motion to appoint Chuck Bartlett to work with Tom Garner on conforming to the “Americans with Disability Act” was made by Tom Paul. Mrs. Relyea seconded the motion. With a voice vote of six ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mr. Bartlett will be Mayor “Pro-Tem” during the Municipal League convention.

Tom Hrezo reported meeting with five state officials regarding septic. We now go by “Bulletin 9.” A new “Act 402” has been established and the state recommends we adapt this. We are waiting for written information on this. It wouldn’t affect existing systems other than inspections and permits if they were repaired. Tom Paul asked that Mr. Fenton be invited to future meetings because of his experience in these matters. Mr. Hrezo responded that the state had asked only city officials be present at this meeting, but that Mr. Fenton would be invited to future meetings.

Announcements:

Wednesday, June 6, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning, City Hall
Monday, June 11, 6:00 PM; Sharp Co. Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
Monday, June 11, 7:00 PM; Fulton Co. Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse
Tuesday, June 12, 6:30 PM; Municipal Planning & Development, City Hall
Thursday, June 14, Noon; CVBA Luncheon, Elks Club
Thursday, June 14, 1:00 PM; Municipal Court Plea Day, City Hall
Thursday, June 14, 5:00 PM; Ice Cream Social, Town Center
Monday, June 18, 2:00 PM; Council Meeting, City Hall
Wed. June 27 through Fri. June 29, Municipal League Convention
Thursday, June 28, 9:00 AM; Municipal Court Trial Day, City Hall

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

DATE: June 18, 2001

APPROVED: Marjorie Rogers
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

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