

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
City Council Minutes
March 19, 2001

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, March 19, 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 and Ray Torbit.
Also Present: Penny Lauer, Secretary Pro Tem; Tom Garner, Attorney
Absent: Louisa Relyea, Jack Stroup and Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer

MINUTES: Motion to approve the February 26 minutes as corrected was made by Mr. Torbit and seconded by Mr. Bartlett. With a voice vote of six ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial reports were passed out. Any questions, call Mrs. Maynard.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

REPORTS:

Airport: As Mr. Maynard was absent, Mayor Rogers announced the awarding of a 75% - 25% grant that will be used to purchase property on the west side of the landing strip needed for a safety zone.

Roads: None.

Animal Control: No report. Pet license renewals are being sent out.

Building Committee: Mr. Bartlett reported electricians are working on the leaseback portion of the building. Ceiling fans were installed last week in the Council Chambers. Lighting in the parking lot will be forthcoming. Mayor Rogers said a young man from the Boy's Ranch, an Eagle Scout, approached her with doing something for City Hall. She asked Tom Hrezo, who brought in Russ Stokes of Village Pride. It was decided that he would make outside benches if the City could get him the lumber. A motion was made by Mr. Dark to purchase any necessary materials so the young man could make these benches for City Hall. Seconded by Mr. Bartlett. With a voice vote of six ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Stokes will oversee the project.

Census: Ray Torbit reported he has checked the census website and Cherokee Village is listed with 4,628 people. We have been getting paid for a population of 3,716, per the tabletop census taken when we incorporated. The 1990 census figure of 4,415 included Hidden Valley. Our new total shows an increase of 932 people with an increase in funding of approximately \$60,000. For more information look up www.census.gov Home Page, American Factfinder, Arkansas. This gives all population breakdowns.

Cherokee Village Promotion: Oral Henderson passed out information regarding the committee's finances, pledged and unpledged, and bills payable. The estimated payment for the KAIT promotion is \$6,310 due March 23. Second payment of \$10,410 due April 23 and final payment of \$8,360 due May 23. Brochure proof has been made. The net cost to be \$6,320.42 after a \$1,000 grant from Ozark Gateways. First estimated payment of \$2,106.81 due the end of May, second payment of same due end of June and third payment of same due the end of July. Total pledged and donated contributions since February 28 is \$2,575. The City's 25% portion due is \$643.75.

Emergency Services: No report.

Environmental: Mr. Betz announced a spring cleanup day on Saturday, April 7, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There will be a dumpster at the Onaga Fire Station as well as in the lower City Hall parking lot. They will need more volunteers to work these locations. They are still looking into liabilities regarding burned out homes.

Investigation Committee for Election of S.I.D. Commissioners: No report.

Municipal Development and Planning: Tom Paul reported they would be meeting to discuss sewer systems on April 13. They are also looking into getting an Arkansas Tourist Center inside the City limits. Denise Smith of the Arkansas Communities of Excellence program gave a presentation to the Council, telling of what they can do to help us. They helped Walnut Ridge get its industrial park. There would be no cost to the City. She would be our representative. She invited the Council to be a part of the whole process.

Planning and Zoning: Barbara Hrezo reported they are working on a public town meeting to be held Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 PM for contractors and realtors. Discussion regarding number of bedrooms, size of septic and permit costs.

Police and Security: Mayor Rogers reported we still have one officer in the police academy at Pocahontas. Two Reserve Officers have finished their 100-hour program to become Auxiliary Officers. There is now a total of 17 Auxiliary and Reserve Officers. Officer Schultz will be making up the list of Municipal Court convictions.

Website/Internet: Ray Torbit is the new Webmaster. All references to P.O.A. have been deleted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bartlett made a motion that the Cherokee Village Promotion Committee be removed as a standing committee of the City of Cherokee Village, and that the Committee would assume full financial responsibility for its advertising campaign. Mr. Torbit seconded. Many concerns were discussed. Bank balance of \$8,125. KAIT bill \$ 7,760 and brochures \$ 7,320.42. Mr. Torbit was concerned about the City's becoming involved in selling and distributing brochures. Mr. Bartlett voiced his concerns about the area covered by this campaign; it's being more local (Jonesboro) versus more widespread, i.e., other states. He felt that weekenders wouldn't spend as much money as those who come to stay. With a roll call vote as follows: Mr. Bartlett, yes; Mr. Betz, yes; Mr. Dark, no; Scott Paul, no; Tom Paul, no; Mr. Torbit, yes; vote tied. Mayor Rogers voted no to break the tie.

Mrs. Rogers asked Mrs. Lauer to read Resolution 2001-03, **A resolution to recommend an agreement to manage and distribute funds for the Cherokee Village Promotion Committee.** Mr. Betz moved to accept the resolution. Scott Paul seconded. Discussion. Mrs. Lauer called the roll: Mr. Bartlett, no; Mr. Betz, yes; Mr. Dark, yes; Scott Paul, yes; Tom Paul, yes; Mr. Torbit, yes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Monday, April 2, 2:00 PM; Working Session, City Hall
- Wednesday, April 4, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning, City Hall
- Wednesday, April 4, 2:00 PM; City/SID meeting, City Hal
- Saturday, April 7; Citywide Clean-up
- Monday, April 9, 6:00 PM; Sharp County Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
- Monday, April 9, 7:00 PM; Fulton County Quorum Court Salem Courthouse
- Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 PM; Town Meeting with Planning & Zoning, Contractors and Realtors, City Hall
- Thursday, April 12, Noon; CVBA Lunch, Elks Club
- Thursday, April 12, 1:00 PM; Municipal Court Plea Day, City Hall
- Monday, April 16, 2:00 PM; Council Meeting, City Hall
- Thursday, April 26, 9:00 AM; Municipal Court, City Hall

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

DATE: April 23, 2001

APPROVED: Marjorie Rogers
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

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