

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS**

**City Council Minutes**

**October 1, 2001**

The semi-monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, October 1, 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, Ray Torbit and Jack Stroup.

Also Present: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer and Tom Garner, City Attorney

Absent: None

**MINUTES:** Motion to approve the August 20 minutes as presented was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mr. Torbit. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Minutes for September 10 were passed out for review.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you letter from Diamondhead.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Act 543, "Staggered Four-year Terms for Aldermen" was discussed. Mrs. Maynard will call Tommy Estes and Mark Hayes regarding ordinances, etc.

Mr. Bartlett reported on his presentation to Ozarka College. He and Steve Thompson presented our proposal of up to 20 acres directly behind the hospital on September 20. There are three accesses to the property and all infrastructure is already in place. The Ozarka committee was very receptive, but has not made their decision. We are still in the running.

Tom Paul's motion to have the Mayor appoint a voting member from the Spring River Home Builder's Assoc. to the Planning & Zoning Commission was tabled until October 15 in order to receive an opinion from the Municipal League in writing. Mr. Garner's written opinion was discussed in length.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Tom Paul reported that Mr. Stroup has attended a state conference for the committee. Virginia Schmidt has met with Irene Baker and others regarding operations of the Senior Citizen's Center. An open meeting was held this morning at the Thunderbird Center for volunteers and people who will use it. S.I.D. representatives were there also, and said there will no charge to the City for the facilities. The City will furnish plates, silverware, etc. Lunches will be prepared at the Ash Flat Center. November 5 has been chosen at the tentative opening date. People should call S.I.D. if they plan to attend. Mrs. Schmidt is asking churches for volunteers to help organize the Center. Ann Mosier explained there will be no bussing to the Center, and that lunches will cost \$2.00

because we aren't in their budget yet. Busses will be available once a month for trips to Jonesboro, Branson, etc. The Center will tentatively open Mondays and Wednesdays at 11:30 AM.

Mrs. Relyea told us the FEMA maps for flooding will be done Wednesday. There will be an open hearing in 60 days. She will be in Hot Springs October 15 to moderate a panel.

Mr. Torbit reported on the Police Dept. and it's budget progress. An officer has resigned and has been replaced by Mike Baldwin of Cherokee Village. Mr. Baldwin has been an Auxiliary Officer. We will be losing the COPS More Grant of \$ 10,000 for the executive assistant. This year we received \$93,400 from our original COPS Grant for five officers. 2002 will be this grant's final year. We need to be thinking of new avenues of revenue to make up for this. Many options were discussed including cutting operations of the department. Also, we are the only first-class city in Arkansas that doesn't collect franchise fees on phone, electric and cable TV. To date, operations of the City have not cost the citizen's a penny. No other taxes (property or sales) have been levied. Another topic discussed was the Lake View School case. Judge Kilgore ruled that Arkansas's system for funding public schools was both inequitable and inadequate under the state constitution -- and therefore unconstitutional. The schools feel they need \$450 - 900 million to support the state's schools. Approximately \$500 million is collected in sales taxes. The case is on appeal in the Supreme Court. If the decision is upheld, the case will have major implications for education, the state and local tax systems, and possible other programs serving low- and middle-income families. There was discussion regarding sales tax and general turn backs.

Hobie Weisman reported that the animal problem is currently under control. We have received many generous donations in the past weeks. Animals are still kept at the North Arkansas Boarding Kennel, but we now use Shaw Veterinary Clinic for euthanization and disposal.

Mrs. Maynard reported on the First-Class City's Advisory Committee's meeting she attended in Little Rock. She has distributed materials she received there and ethics booklets which she received at the Clerk's Institute in Fayetteville.

Mr. Torbit discussed ward redistricting for the City. He is waiting for block maps. Redistricting needs to be done 90 days before the next election. The four wards have to be within 10% of each other.

Motion to close the office October 8 for Columbus Day was made by Mrs. Relyea and seconded by Mr. Bartlett. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. The extension of our business hours to 3:00 PM starting January 1, 2002 was discussed. Motion to extend office hours five hours per week (times to be determined) was made by Mr. Betz and seconded by Mrs. Relyea. With a roll call vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Jim Linville will put it in his column.

Mr. Betz reported that two large dumpsites have been cleaned up. Jim Cherry of S.I.D. brought a backhoe and Ray Maynard used the City's dump truck to take the garbage to the landfill. He's very appreciative of this effort and was done quickly and efficiently. Seven new sites have been discovered. He is missing two small signs and one large one. Total amount of \$13,500 paid by

Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality was spent to clean up three original sites. This is actually taxpayer's money. We need more surveillance and help from the public. Mr. Betz made a motion to Planning & Zoning to look into including tree trimmers in their business permit Ordinance 2000-03. Mrs. Relyea seconded the motion. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Relyea said she has set up a meeting with Mike Taylor of the S.I.D. Fire Dept. regarding back burning in January or February, depending on weather.

Mayor Rogers asked the Council to think about funds for Tri-County Recycling.

Mrs. Rogers announced that she would be going to Little Rock Wednesday to meet with Governor Huckabee and receive \$2,000 from his emergency fund. This is to be put toward repairing the parking lot. Boyd House will spray the cracks to prepare it.

Mr. Betz said he has talked with Sarah from White River Development regarding the grant for the wood chipper. The state computers have been down, and that is why she hasn't heard of anything exactly. Later this month we should know. We will then make up a restrictive bid and advertise for bids.

Mr. Dark expressed there is no reason a stoplight can't be put at the North Entrance. The Mayor will be talking with Mr. Miller Wednesday and will discuss it then with him.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Wednesday, October 3, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning meeting, City Hall
- Monday, October 8, 6:00 PM; Fulton Co. Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse
- Monday, October 9, 6:00 PM; Sharp Co. Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
- Tuesday, October 9, 6:30 PM; Municipal Development & Planning, City Hall
- Thursday, October 11, Noon; CVBA Luncheon, Elks Club
- Monday, October 15, 2:00 PM; City Council Meeting, City Hall
- Thursday - Friday, October 18 & 19 7:30 PM; CV Players "S' Wonderful", Village Playhouse
- Saturday, October 20, 2:00 and 7:30 PM; CV Players "S' Wonderful", Village Playhouse
- Thursday, October 25, 9:00 AM; District Court Trial Day, City Hall
- Friday, October 26, 4:30 - 7:00 PM; Chili Supper, Methodist Church
- Saturday, October 27, 9 AM - 3 PM; Octoberfest, Town Center

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

DATE: November 5, 2001

APPROVED: Marjorie Rogers  
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

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