

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS

City Council Minutes

September 10, 2001

The semi-monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, September 10, 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, Ray Torbit and Jack Stroup.

Also Present: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer

Absent: Louisa Relyea, and Tom Garner, City Attorney

MINUTES: Motion to approve the August 6 minutes as presented was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mr. Torbit. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Financials were reviewed and will be filed for audit.

REPORTS:

Roads: Ray Maynard reported on the chip spreader. There have been some operational problems. The company will repair them. This machine greatly enhances performance and less personnel is needed to operate it. Three miles of road, including the road by the Lakeview Dinette, were done with this machine while we were demoing it. The road crew is pleased with the way it works. The following streets will be swept and repaired so they can be chipped and sealed: Enid Cr., Enid Dr., Mena Dr. and Cr., Alfia Tc., Immokolee Tc., Opalochee Tc., Columbia Dr., Nameoki Cr., Chicot Dr., Pauite Dr., Papago Dr. west to Osceola Dr. and Osceola from Papago to Pottawattamie Dr. There was discussion regarding the purchase of the chip spreader. We could save 3% interest if we would pay cash. Mr. Bartlett made a motion to pay for the chip spreader by using \$40,000 from the Street Fund and to lend the Street Fund \$45,000 from the General Fund Cash Management Trust account until 2002 or as soon as they can pay it back. Mr. Betz seconded the motion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Mr. Bartlett, yes; Mr. Betz, yes; Mr. Dark, yes; Scott Paul, yes; Tom Paul, yes; Mr. Stroup, yes; Mr. Torbit, yes. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Maynard said they are halfway through with resurfacing the scheduled roads, and he thinks they will be able to finish all of them.

Animal Control: Hobie Weisman reported this to be a large project which is getting larger. Our officer only responds to calls coming into the office. He does not go looking for strays or at-large animals. Costs are getting out of control. Year-to-date we have spent \$4,359 for boarding and \$1,852 for euthanasia fees. We had budgeted \$10,000 for boarding and \$4,600 for vet bills. Mr. Weisman has started a new fund raising project. He has made special donation envelopes, and they are available at our office and several other businesses in the area. He will do other publicity also. These envelopes can be mailed out or picked up. Each police car also has them. The committee had discussed putting out donation cans, but there are so many other causes, so they decided on the envelopes. So far they have worked out well with no publicity. Up to this point, we have been using North Arkansas Veterinary Hospital for veterinary services. As of August 21, they no longer wish to contract with us. Mr. Weisman and Lt. Goodwin met with Dr. Roger

Shaw, Shaw Veterinary Clinic, who said he would be happy to work with us, and showed them the facilities, etc. Last week we took 13 animals to the kennel. We pay 1/3 of the spay/neuter charge to anyone living in the City who adopts one of our pets. During the period of August 1 through September 10, we received 76 complaints, euthanized 29 and adopted out eight animals.

Environmental: Mr. Betz said the committee is still getting organized and cleaning up dumpsites. Four steel signs are now placed. He reported reading an article from Missouri. They are going to have TV ads. Texas already spends \$2,000,000 for littering ads. Missouri spends \$6,000,000 cleaning up dumpsites and litter. We now have 15 small signs placed, but one has disappeared.

Municipal Development and Planning: Tom Paul reported the committee will meet at 6:30 on September 11. Virginia Schmidt has met with S.I.D. regarding using the Thunderbird Center for our Senior Citizen's Center. They have agreed. Mr. Weisman, from the audience, suggested contacting Irene Baker and Betty Eason as they are involved in similar projects at this time.

Planning and Zoning: Tom Hrezo reported they have four court cases coming up Thursday. ~~Peace~~ Lutheran Church has applied for a permit to add on to their present building. We have permitted five commercial buildings and 183 remodels/additions. We have received an application for a bulk propane tank storage area similar to the one on Hiway 289. The propane company says they were assured it would be all right to build in our industrial area on Hiway 62/412. Mayor Rogers asked for everyone to go look at the premises. Mr. Hrezo will check with Mike Taylor to see if it is classified as hazardous material.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Stroup made a motion for Mrs. Maynard to contact other clerks to get copies of ordinances regarding staggered terms for Aldermen. Mr. Bartlett seconded the motion. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Rogers made mention of a proposal to Ozarka College in the Aldermen's packet. This proposal will be presented in writing today and in person September 20. We received much help from Steve Thompson regarding this. Two or three people will present this with Mr. Thompson to Ozarka, and it will be faxed to Jim Fenton. Mr. Bartlett made a motion to present this proposal to Ozarka College. Tom Paul seconded the motion. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. At this time it is confidential.

Mr. Torbit made a motion to cancel the September 24 meeting and go back to the regular schedule in October. Mr. Betz seconded the motion. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Tom Paul made a motion that the mayor appoint a member of the local Home Builder's Association, who shall be recommended by the Home Builder's Board, to the Planning & Zoning Commission as a full voting member. The appointee shall be a resident of Cherokee Village. Discussion. The Mayor suggested we get an OK from the Municipal League and Mr. Garner in writing, as the Municipal League previously had said this would be a conflict of interest. Motion was tabled.

Doug Wortham of the Four Lane 412 Board presented a proposal for a traffic light at the South Entrance of Cherokee Village. He has met with the Hiway Commission in Little Rock. They can

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apply for a light. Use of the west part of the entrance would be discontinued. All traffic would go through the east part. There would be a three directional light. He has talked with the Mayors of Highland and Cherokee Village, and is working with Daggett Development and others. The plan is to turn back the west part of the entrance to Mr. Daggett in return for the needed additional land at the east part for a left turn lane, etc. Estimated cost is \$200,000. The light alone is \$80-90,000. #1: The cities could pay all the cost in cash and it would be installed within one and one-half years. #2: Papers could be filed for a grant where the Federal Government would pay 80%, the state would pay 10% and each city would pay 5%. We would be on a list and it should be installed within two and one-half to three years. This would cost the City of Cherokee Village approximately \$10,000, which could be budgeted over a two year period. The state would actually maintain the light, with the cities having to switch the power, etc. in an emergency. Highland Police Dept. would do this if they had an officer on duty. He needs a letter requesting the light, and stating that the cities would maintain it, from each City by September 20. There have been nine bad accidents there since November, 2000. Mr. Torbit made a motion to send a letter requesting they light and stating that we would maintain (reset) the light. Mr. Stroup seconded the motion. Much discussion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Mr. Bartlett, yes; Mr. Betz, yes; Mr. Dark, yes; Scott Paul, yes; Tom Paul, yes; Mr. Stroup, yes; Mr. Torbit, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monday, September 10, 6:00 PM; Sharp Co. Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
Monday, September 10, 6:00 PM; Fulton Co. Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse
Tuesday, September 11, 6:30 PM; Municipal Development & Planning, City Hall
Thursday, September 13, Noon; CVBA Luncheon, Elks Club
Thursday, September 13, 1:00 PM; Municipal Court Plea Day, City Hall
Thursday, September 13, 6:00 PM; Ice Cream Social, Town Center Gazebo
Saturday, September 15; Bike Rodeo, Cherokee Elementary School
Thursday, September 20, 10:30 AM; S.I.D. meeting, Omaha Center
Saturday, September 22, 5:00 PM; Annual Chamber Banquet, Arkansas Traveller Dinner
Theatre
Thursday, September 27, 9:00 AM; Municipal Court Trial Day, City Hall
Friday, September 28, 5:00 PM; CV Players Cook-Out/Social, Cedar Valley Park

ADJOURNMENT:

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

DATE: 10-15-01

APPROVED: _____

Marjorie Rogers
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

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