

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS

City Council Minutes

April 15, 2002

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed. The semi-monthly meeting, held at City Hall, was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, April 15, 2002 by Mayor Marjorie Rogers.

ROLL CALL:

Answer Roll Call: Chuck Bartlett, Marty Betz, Dewey Dark, Scott Paul, Louisa Relyea, Tom Paul and Jack Stroup.

Also Present: Joan Romans, Secretary Pro-Tem

Absent: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer, Ray Torbit and Tom Garner, City Attorney

MINUTES: Motion to approve the April 2 minutes as presented was made by Mr. Stroup and seconded by Mrs. Relyea. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Romans read a Thank You note for wood chips from Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jetton.

REPORTS:

Airport: Ray Maynard reported that construction of the new four-bay hangar is almost complete. They have been approved for a self-service fuel terminal grant, which will be their next project.

Roads: Mr. Maynard said they plan to chip and seal approximately 20 miles of roads this summer with S.I.D. Mr. Bartlett asked if Highland would help with the cost of the Pontiac project. They previously have stated that they would. Mr. Dark asked if utility poles would be moved. Utility poles are in correct place, but the road will have to be relocated in some places. Mr. Stroup asked is the state would help with costs. Mr. Maynard responded that as far as he knows there is no State money available. Mr. Bartlett asked if S.I.D. would start chip and seal earlier this year than last year. Mr. Maynard stated that the intent was to begin earlier. Mayor asked if the road inventory had been completed. Mr. Maynard stated that the inventory is in process but has not been completed.

Animal Control: Mr. Weisman reported that everything is under control.

Emergency Services: Mrs. Relyea reported the state weatherman and FEMA would be here Tuesday to determine grant for weather reporting equipment.

Environmental: Mr. Betz announced the citywide cleanup went well. Six roll-offs were filled. Dumpsites were cleaned up on Friday by Village Pride and volunteers.

Mayor Rogers updated us on the franchise fees. There has to be a thirty-day waiting period after they have been published before they go into effect. They have already been published. Tom Paul suggested if Cherokee Village property is not included in the study (or settlement) it should be taken to a higher court.

Municipal Development and Planning: Discussion was held regarding the sewer and septic system, property Highland claims but is in Cherokee Village, South Entrance sign, and the Farmer's Market. The power company will set poles for the Cherokee Village banners along the four-lane highway. Political signs were discussed. There seems to be a loophole in the ordinance on the size of signs, and one candidate will not change his signs. Mr. Betz announced that Russ Stokes had asked him if the City would purchase flowers and plants for the signs at the South Entrance, and Village Pride would do the work. Motion to approve the estimated \$200 cost to purchase plants for the South Entrance signs was made by Mr. Betz and seconded by Mr. Stroup. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Planning and Zoning: Mr. Bartlett reported for Mr. Hrezo. Barbara Blough, from the audience, asked if the Farmer's Market vendors would be required to obtain a business permit. Mr. Bartlett said yes, they will need a permit, but at no cost.

Police: Mayor Rogers reported on police business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Romans read Resolution No. 2002-01, "A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE TO UTILIZE FEDERAL AID MONIES FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY PROJECTS:" Traffic Signals, Intersection Improvements, City projects programmed but not let to contract. Motion to approve the Resolution as presented was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mrs. Relyea. With a roll-call vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Due to a conflict with the Community Chorus Program, Mr. Bartlett asked if the May 6th Council Meeting could be changed to May 7. Motion to change the Council Meeting to May 7th, was made by Mrs. Relyea and seconded by Mr. Betz. With a voice vote of five ayes, 2 nays, motion carried.

Mr. Bartlett reiterated that organizations should notify the City Hall if they have an upcoming event in order to avoid events scheduled on the same date.

Mr. Betz announced that the Council members were invited to Camp Kia Kima for a tour and cook out.

Mrs. Relyea reported that the artwork for Village Pride was donated by LaDonna Bailey and suggested that a thank-you note should be sent to her.

Mr. Scott Paul ask if anyone had any comments about the for sale signs of the Town Center Complex and King-Rhodes and Associates. No comments. He stated the price was listed as \$1 million and change.

Morris H. Arnold, resident of Cherokee Village, addressed the Council and audience on options to improve the quality of life in Cherokee Village and increase the desire to own property in Cherokee Village. Mr. Arnold made comments and suggestions as follows:

- He moved here for peace and quite and because he was a nature lover. He didn't want to see hunting and trapping allowed in the City.
- Commented about how the City was becoming trashy and what was the City doing to clean it up.
- Wanted to know what the City was doing to promote the Cherokee Village.
- Thought Cherokee Village had a lot to offer but felt it was becoming run down.
- He didn't want to get involved in volunteer work because he was "retired."
- Kept comparing Cherokee Village with retirement communities in California in that he felt the ones in California were kept up better than Cherokee Village. Stated he did feel that Cherokee Village had more to offer especially mentioning the nature and wildlife areas.
- Suggested that the City create a logo, which would entice people to want to come here. Stated that wherever he goes, no one has heard of Cherokee Village.
- Talked about why so many lots were tax delinquent and going back to the State.

It was suggested that Mr. Arnold might want to get involved in volunteer work to promote the City and to become more aware of what the City is doing on promotions and clean up. Mr. Arnold stated he didn't want to get involved as he moved here to retire.

Tom Paul asked Mr. Arnold to come to the Municipal Development meeting on May 14, 2002 and have items listed he would like to suggest that could be done to promote the City and any slogans he would like to suggest. Mr. Betz related the history of Cherokee Village to Mr. Arnold, stating that Cherokee Village was originally promoted as a place where hunting, fishing, and trapping was abundant.

Mr. Bartlett asked Mr. Arnold for suggestions to improve the Cherokee Village logo or "slogan."

Barbara Blough responded to Mr. Arnold on tax delinquent lots that lots were bought by people who have now expired and heirs don't want to keep property.

Dick Gammie responded to Mr. Arnold's statement that no one has heard of Cherokee Village - stated that wherever he's been, Little Rock and other surrounding areas, that all have heard of Cherokee Village.

Mayor Rogers responded to Mr. Arnold that she felt we couldn't compare Cherokee Village with areas in California since the economic structure was so different. She also reported on the recent promotion of Cherokee Village at the trade show in Chicago.

Alan Kimber commented on Mr. Arnold's suggestion to entice people to move to Cherokee Village. His statement was that one basic and undeniable fact when you look at the way Cherokee Village originally proceeded from a few thousand acres to a larger 15,000 acres, to become a City of 20,000 with no structure (housing) but continue building 100 houses per year it would take about 200 years to complete. He feels this community cannot support the infrastructure of that size and that we must decrease vs. increase in order to survive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Friday, April 19, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, District I Clerks Meeting, Councilmen invited, RSVP to Sue or Joan by April 1 for lunch reservations.

Monday, April 22; Earth Day

Wednesday, April 24; Secretary's Day

Thursday, April 25, 9:00 AM; District Court, Trial Day, City Hall

Friday, April 26; National Arbor Day - plant a tree!

Monday, May 6; Community Chorus, Omaha Center

Tuesday, May 7, 2:00 PM; City Council Meeting, City Hall

Wednesday, May 8, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning meeting, City Hall

Thursday, May 9, 9:00 AM; District Court, Plea Day, City Hall

Thursday, May 9, Noon; CVBA Luncheon, Loujo's Deli

Sunday, May 12; Mother's Day

Monday, May 13, 6:00 PM; Sharp Co. Quorum Court meeting, Ash Flat Courthouse

Monday, May 13, 7:00 PM; Fulton Co. Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 PM; Municipal Planning & Development, City Hall

Monday, May 20, 2:00 PM; City Council Meeting

Thursday, May 23, 9:00 AM; District Court, Trial Day, City Hall

Monday, May 27; Memorial Day, OFFICE CLOSED

Senior Citizen's Center open every Monday and Wednesday, 11 - 3,
unless otherwise noted. Lunch at 11:30 AM, Thunderbird Center

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned to adjourn was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mrs. Relyea. With a voice vote of seven ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____

Marjorie Rogers
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

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