

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS

City Council Minutes

February 4, 2002

The semi-monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, February 4, 2002 by Mayor Marjorie Rogers. The meeting was held at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed.

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
Absent: Tom Garner, City Attorney

MINUTES: Motion to approve the December 17, 2001 and January 7, 2002 minutes as corrected was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mrs. Relyea. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Maynard had passed out the December financial statement. She reported that with news today of I.E.S.I.'s paying of their franchise fees, this will be amended and reviewed at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Rogers had Mrs. Maynard read a thank you letter from Tri-County Recycling for the grant we gave them. The total poundage recycled for 2001 was 1,020,186 pounds.

OLD BUSINESS:

Franchise Committee: Mayor Rogers has contacted the telephone company several times, and has been told they would make up a new ordinance regarding franchise fees. She then said we could possibly make up a telephone ordinance similar to the electrical ones and fax it to the telephone company for them to OK.

Cherokee Village Promotion Committee: Bill Watson brought us up to date on what the Committee has been doing. Mr. Watson is in charge of business donations. There are nine others who make up the Committee. Two of them, Sharron Mathis and Joyce Schultz went to a trade show in Chicago. Approximately 537 names of people who are interested in coming to Cherokee Village signed up for a free weekend here. Charles T. Wilstein of Chicago was the winning ticket. Anyone can be an "ambassador" by taking brochures, etc. and distributing them along the way as they are traveling on vacation business trips or visiting relatives. Mr. Watson said the Committee was pleased to have Mayor Rogers as liaison between the City and the Committee. Wally Schultz gave a report on the trade show, itself. The ladies took with them 3,600 Cherokee Village brochures; 150 letters from the Mayor; 4,000 King-Rhodes brochures; 6,000 car museum brochures; 1,500 SID schedules for 2002; 300 Spring River visitor guides; a TV showing Cherokee Village and Spring River Area videos, etc.; a Cherokee Village flag, two

Cherokee Village history scrapbooks; a Village Pride scrapbook; and a Sportsmen's Club scrapbook.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Torbit reported on the 2002 police car dilemma. Should we pay \$25,000 for one new police car each year for four years, leaving older cars having over 100,000 miles each; or should we lease four new cars starting this year, for three additional years at less than the allotted \$25,000 per year? If we only got one new one, all the officers would want to use that car, and it soon would have high miles on it. If we got four new ones to replace the two Luminas and one Crown Vic, each officer then could have his own individual car. Officers tend to take better care of the car is he's the only one responsible. Also this way, we could determine which officers, if any, are harder on the cars. The lease for four new Chevy Impalas, four-month delivery, would be approximately \$20,379 per year. The lease for four new Ford Crown Vic's, in stock, would be approximately \$23,275 per year. Each lease would have a \$1.00 buyout. The equipment (radio, light bar, etc.) which is presently used on the other cars could be transferred to the new ones. There is a 36,000-mile warranty. Motion to approve the action in committing money for leasing four new cars for \$25,000 per year for four years was made by Mr. Betz and seconded by Mr. Bartlett. With a roll call vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Mayor Rogers also wanted to put an end to the rumor that she tell the officers how many tickets to give out. She does not do this.

Wally Schultz, District Court Bailiff, made a presentation to the Council regarding a second seat for the Police Dept.'s CrimeStar software. Ms. Kerrigan must have access to the program most of the day as she writes up the officer's reports, etc. When Ms. Theriault, the Lt. or Mrs. Leuder needs to input their information, Ms. Kerrigan must get out of the program and cannot use it until the other person is finished with their work. He asked the Council to add \$1,700 to the Court budget for this additional seat, as it would be for the good of the Court to have this. The Court is now bringing in approximately \$3,500 per month compared to \$550 per month when it was first started. For the year 2001, \$25,516 was deposited into the City Offices Revenue Fund. The Court has approximately \$17,000 on the books in defendant contracts. They have saved money by amending old receipt books to fit their current needs. Chief Smith is now looking into charging for warrants served and bonding fees. Motion to approve the increasing of the District Court budget by One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700) for the purchasing of an additional seat to the CrimeStar Program was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mrs. Relyea. With a roll call vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

It was decided to close the office for President's Day on February 18, but go ahead with the Council meeting at 2:00 PM.

Mrs. Maynard asked the Council how often she should have the floors cleaned. N & S Floor Service charges \$50 to wax and buff the asphalt tile floors, and Cherokee Carpet Cleaning Service charges \$375 to clean the carpeted halls and walkways. It was decided to have the tile done every quarter, all the carpet - including offices - done once a year, and the halls and walkways one additional time per year.

Mrs. Maynard reported getting a phone call from Rod Smith of I.E.S.I. saying we would be getting a total of \$5,100 for the 2001 Franchise Fee on trash service.

Mrs. Maynard also said she had attended an Election Ethics workshop in Jonesboro. She has a book, with instructions, for filling out all the reports the candidates need to do for the election in November.

Mrs. Relyea reported on the Fire Dept.'s back-burning of five circles since the first of the year. They will continue as weather permits, and hope to do 20 circles this year. FEMA has said this is a most dangerous situation, with the underbrush, and should be handled.

Mr. Dark said he has had several calls regarding the "Highland" sewer. It is owned by the school and the hospital, but is located within the Cherokee Village city limits. We have had a joint meeting with Highland already, and they indicated they would notify us of any other meetings. It was noted that Highland would have to get the necessary permits and inspections through the Cherokee Village Planning & Zoning Commission. Tom Paul stated that Mr. Dark has a good point. We should ask the Municipal League what control does a city have over someone else's sewer?

Mr. Bartlett has taken the purchase proposal to Mr. Daggett for the trade of 36 acres in return for back rent. He has not yet responded. We have had the land appraised and called to schedule a surveyor.

Ray Maynard gave an update on the airport. They have received a 50/50 grant to construct a four-bay hangar. It will be full when it is finished. They also will be receiving \$450,000 in grant money for the runway widening and lighting project. The lights now used on the runway cost \$75 each from an electrical contracting store, but can be purchased off a state contract for \$9. He is expecting the wood chipper to be delivered by the end of the month. He has gotten a box-type cover so the dump truck can be used for the chippings.

Mr. Betz reported that Tom Garner is making up an amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance. He has also received a call from Mr. Arnold. Mr. Betz asked if Steven Taylor and Ross Cardin of the State Wildlife could come to a meeting. He will go ahead with the details.

Mayor Rogers commended the Paul's for their involvement in the Senior Citizen Center. They now have an average of 40 - 45 people for lunch.

There have been questions raised regarding why the District Court and Police Dept. records and reports have not been in the newspaper. We give them to the paper every month, but they are not always printed. Jim Linville has agreed to do a one-page newsletter each month for the residents. Copies will be available at City Hall and other spots around town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday, February 6, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning meeting, City Hall
Monday, February 11, 6:00 PM; Sharp Co. Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
Monday, February 11, 7:00 PM; Fulton Co. Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse
Tuesday, February 12, 6 - 8:00 PM; Gov. Huckabee at Elementary School
Thursday, February 14, 9:00 AM; District Court, Plea Day, City Hall
Thursday, February 14, Noon; CVBA Luncheon, Loujo's Deli

Thursday, February 14, 7 – 10:00 PM; CV Sweetheart Dance, North Rec. Center, \$5.00 at door
Monday, February 18; President's Day, OFFICE CLOSED
Monday, February 18, 2:00 PM; City Council meeting, City Hall
Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 PM; Municipal Development & Planning, City Hall
Thursday, February 28, 9:00 AM; District Court Trial Day, City Hall
Monday, March 4, 2:00 PM; City Council meeting, City Hall
Thursday, March 7, 10:30 AM; SID Budget hearing, Omaha Center
Senior Citizen's Center open every Monday and Wednesday, 11 – 3,
Unless otherwise noted; lunch at 11:30 AM, Thunderbird Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

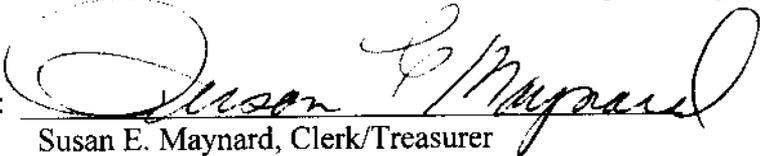
Motioned to adjourn was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mrs. Relyea. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

DATE: February 18, 2002

APPROVED: _____

Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST: _____


Susan E. Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer