

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS**

**City Council Minutes**

**October 14, 2002**

This special road meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, October 14, 2002 by Mayor Marjorie Rogers. The meeting was held at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

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

Absent: None

Mayor Rogers announced there had been a road committee meeting this morning at 10:00 AM and asked Mr. Torbit to report on it.

Mr. Torbit said the committee has reached a consensus on wages for the Street Dept. employees. They estimate hiring five people, at a cost of \$100 – 110,000 per year for salary and benefits.

Mr. Bartlett added the City would be getting some equipment from the S.I.D. We need snow removal equipment, a backhoe, and a pickup to transport people and tools and a one-ton dually utility vehicle with a plow. As used equipment is not reliable, we may need to lease such equipment as needed. He explained that now S.I.D. has four snow routes. We will be receiving two good trucks with plows from S.I.D.

Mr. Torbit again said we have no place to store or repair anything. He has asked Jimmy Chandler with S.I.D. if we could use their mechanic. Mr. Chandler replied he thought they would have to charge \$40 per hour, which would include the mechanic, tools and facilities.

Scott Paul asked if we could use our dump truck, but Mr. Maynard said it doesn't have the hydraulics for a snowplow.

Mr. Maynard explained that it might be less expensive to lease than to buy used equipment. We could save approximately \$40,000 on start-up costs.

Someone asked if we could go in with Sharp County to purchase diesel. It was said that that had been discussed.

Mr. Torbit said the committee needed Council approval to be able to offer salaries and hire people for January 1, 2003 and to buy the needed equipment.

Tom Paul suggested another option of not buying any equipment and take three to four days for roads to clear naturally.

The Street Fund balances as of September 30, 2002 were \$70,000 in the bank and \$125,000 in the CMT account.

Motioned to approve the hiring of five personnel chosen by the Road Committee for \$110,000 was made by Mr. Stroup and seconded by Mr. Dark. With a roll call vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Motioned to approve the ordering of road equipment as listed (attached) for \$100,000 or on a four-year lease to be decided at purchase time was made by Mr. Betz and seconded by Mr. Stroup. With a roll call vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

It was reported the Committee had not developed any plan for 2003 beyond snow and ice removal. They hope to get land for a building and yard, and the new employees can work on getting that all together. They may be able to do some road patching.

Mr. Garner said that Bob Evins of Union Planters Bank says everything looks good for our purchase of the "36 acres". He will let us know as soon as it is released, and within 30 days, it should be wrapped up.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motioned to adjourn was made by Mr. Dark and seconded by Mr. Bartlett. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.

DATE: November 4, 2002

APPROVED: Marjorie Rogers  
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

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