

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS

City Council Minutes

September 23, 2002

The semi-monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, September 23, 2002 by Mayor Marjorie Rogers. The meeting was held at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and she called for the roll call.

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

Absent: Tom Garner, City Attorney

MINUTES: Motion to approve the September 9, 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: None. Mrs. Maynard will be getting the budget papers out soon.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Maynard read a letter from the Arkansas Municipal League in response to Mayor Roger's request. David Schoen has talked with Don Zimmerman, and they agree the "law may not currently adequately deal with the inconsistency of having two governmental entities responsible for the same streets at once." They indicated this may be an issue the Municipal League could address in the upcoming legislative session as there are two more cities that have to deal with this.

REPORTS:

Airport: Ray Maynard reported contractors are in the process of moving dirt for the runway widening project. He feels this will be a great asset for the future of our community. The airport has sold \$9,000 worth of fuel in the past six weeks since the installation of the self-service fuel farm. This is equal to or more than has usually been sold in a year.

Roads: Mr. Maynard said we are working with the S.I.D. on Pottawattamie Dr. next to the new shopping center. Mr. Daggett and S.I.D. have said we can use their present shop for equipment maintenance. The Road Committee may need to come to the Council and ask to spend money on snow and ice removal equipment.

Mayor Rogers reported on a meeting she had with the Arkansas Hiway engineers in regards to the low water bridges in town. Mr. Hughley said he would work on something, and asked for figures, accident reports, etc. We may need to give 10 - 20% (of what?) for the project. They were very receptive of the idea. The stop light at the South Entrance is supposed to be installed next year. They have ordered a Cherokee Village sign for Hiway 289.

Animal Control: None. Mr. Weisman reported they are trying to work out a better schedule of transporting the animals to the kennel. H.E.A.R.T. will end its services with the City on September 30. The committee plans to talk with the kennel.

Emergency Services: Mrs. Relyea said Terry Gray is sure we will be getting the weather radios within two-three weeks.

Environmental: Mr. Betz reported that dump-site and street cleanup is set for October 25 & 26, but as the Octoberfest is the 26th, these dates may have to be changed. We get credits for this from "Keep Arkansas Beautiful."

Municipal Development and Planning: None.

Planning and Zoning: The Committee has received a complaint from a resident regarding door-to-door vacuum sales. The company is out of Missouri and has no license to work in Arkansas. It is not registered with the Better Business Bureau, either. The parent company is out of Florida. The Committee is reviewing the contractor's list, and may add tree service companies and door-to-door sales to the list of businesses to be permitted.

Police: Mayor Rogers stated as there had been personnel problems, the Council would go into executive session. They were in session for 15 minutes and returned with a news release asking for the following changes: Lt. Scott Goodwin to assume the Chief of Police duties, due to Chief Smith's resignation; and Patrolman Michael Baldwin to be promoted to Lieutenant, replacing Goodwin. A motion to accept the Police Advisory Committee's recommendation to promote Scott Goodwin to the Chief's position and Michael Baldwin to the Lieutenant's position was made by Mr. Betz and seconded by Mr. Bartlett. With a roll call vote of eight ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Rogers asked Mrs. Maynard to read **A Resolution Governing Public Comments**. Mayor Rogers declared the resolution open for discussion. After much discussion, a motion to table this resolution was made by Mr. Betz and seconded by Mr. Stroup. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

Mrs. Rogers then asked Mrs. Maynard to read **A Resolution Opposing the Passage of Proposed Amendment 3**. Mayor Rogers declared the resolution open for discussion. A motion to accept this resolution was made by Mr. Betz and seconded by Mrs. Relyea. With a roll call vote of eight ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

State funded mosquito control was discussed. Money has been given to the counties, and the County Judges will disburse this money to the cities. Mayor Rogers will call Judge Everett to see how Fulton County funds will be disbursed.

Public Comments:

Yvonne Saeger asked about the investment of the City's money – is it invested outside the Village and why. Mayor Rogers explained that the Council had voted by ordinance to use a Municipal League Cash Management Trust plan offered to us. Quite a few other cities were in this and recommended we join. The fund pools several cities' monies together, and there is now \$35,000,000 in assets. We have all the road money in one and the extra General Fund money in another. The accounts are not penalized for withdrawing funds early. Mayor Rogers has all the reports and minutes of the Committee, and is on its board. They meet every three months. There are Attorney General's Opinions also, and she thinks it is a

safe investment. Tom Paul feels we should keep the money in our community. We may need to look at this again. Mr. Bartlett thought we should ask the banks to give a proposal of what they can offer. Mayor Rogers said there are some restrictions for government investing.

Mr. Dark told about the Cherokee Village Players Club and how there has not been much support of it lately, and we may lose it. The area needs different kinds of entertainment, and we should have great pride in this. Please pass the word around.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Tuesday, September 24, 10:00 AM; Ceremony for Chief Smith, City Hall
 - Thursday, September 26, 9:00 AM; District Court Trial Day, City Hall
 - Friday, Sept. 27 through Sun. 29, two one-act plays at the Village Playhouse
 - Wednesday, October 2, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning Meeting, City Hall
 - Friday, October 4; filing deadline for NEW candidates Statements of Financial Interest
 - Sunday, October 6; Community Chorus, 2:00 PM Omaha Center
 - Monday, October 7, 2:00 PM; Council Meeting, City Hall
 - Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 PM; Municipal Development & Planning, City Hall
 - Tuesday, October 15, 6:00 PM; Sharp Co. Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
 - Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 PM; Fulton Co. Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse
 - Thursday, October 10, 9:00 AM; District Court Plea Day, City Hall
 - Thursday, October 10, Noon; CVBA Luncheon, Loujo's Deli
 - Monday, October 21, 2:00 PM; Council Meeting, City Hall
 - Thursday, October 24, 9:00 AM; District Court Trial Day, City Hall
 - Saturday, October 26, 10 – 4; CVBA Octoberfest, Town Center
 - Saturday, October 26, 6:00 PM; Street Dance, Town 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 3:15 PM.

DATE: October 7, 2002

APPROVED: _____

Marjorie Rogers
Marjorie Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

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