

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS

City Council Minutes

January 6, 2003

The semi-monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, January 6, 2003 by Mayor Ray Maynard. The meeting was held at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

Answer Roll Call: Chuck Bartlett, Jim Fenton, Scott Paul, Wally Schultz, Russ Stokes, Ray Torbit, Tom Thompson and Jim West

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

Absent: None

MINUTES: Motion to approve the December 16, 2002 minutes as presented was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Torbit. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

36 Acres: We have signed the contract and have received a deed. Tom Garner has all the documents at his office. The Sharp County Assessor made an error on the taxes, and is correcting it.

2003 Budget: As we now have the 36 acres project, the road budget will have to be reconsidered. Motion to adjust the 2003 budget was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Stokes. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. There will be a road meeting to decide what to do with the land. We have bought two new trucks out of the Road CMT money as we couldn't get a very good lease rate, and will have to adjust the 2002 budget as a result. Mayor Maynard asked the Council for approval to purchase a computer for his office at a cost of approximately \$1,900. Motion to discuss the purchase was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Torbit. Two thousand dollars had been budgeted in 2003 for such a purpose. Mr. Bartlett suggested this be brought to bid. Motion to table this action was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Thompson. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bartlett asked about the bank's lien on the Fulton County portion of the assessments in regard to the S.I.D./City of Cherokee Village road contract. Mayor Maynard said it is in the works. Mr. Garner will research the Sharp County portion. The titles of all the equipment given to us in the contract were received last Friday.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vern Tyree gave a presentation regarding the formation of a historical society for Cherokee Village. A meeting will be held Thursday, January 9 at 165 Okmulgee Dr. at 1:30 PM to discuss

the possibilities. It will consist of all volunteers. Mr. Schultz will represent the City at the first meeting and bring back to the Council what the society would need from us.

Mr. Stokes suggested we hold the Town Meetings on a Thursday evening at 6:00 or 7:00 PM as some of the new council have conflicting evening schedules. Mr. Bartlett said we had tried evening meetings in the past, but were poorly attended. Motion to appoint an alderman to research and get feedback about evening meetings was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Bartlett. Mr. West volunteered to do this. Mr. Torbit asked Mrs. Goings if it might be possible to ask that question in the *Villager Journal's* "Weekly Poll". She said she would check with Mr. Cox. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stokes said he has reviewed our present personnel policies and would like to form a committee to revamp them. Motion to form a Personnel Policies Committee was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. West. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. They will review, revamp and return to the Council a rough draft of such policies.

Motion was made to have Mrs. Maynard research better interest rates was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Bartlett. Roger Radebaugh had previously contacted the banks and was told the only thing available would be a Certificate of Deposit. With the Cash Management Trust Account we are able to have access to our money immediately and with no penalty for early withdrawal. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Maynard asked if she should continue purchasing office supplies from the state contract with Office Depot or use the local vendors only. Motion for Mrs. Maynard to continue as she has been doing was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Schultz. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Maynard introduced Bill Racette, who has 20 years with the Dept. of Defense. Mr. Racette has made the recommendation to combine the Emergency Services and Flood Committees and have them all under a Homeland Security Committee. He will be volunteering his services and researching Federal, State and Local grants, along with Hazard Mitigation and new technologies. Mayor Maynard has appointed Mr. Racette as chairman of the committee. Motion to change the committee name to "Homeland Security" with Mr. Racette as chairman was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mr. Thompson. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Torbit asked if the new weather radio tower would provide 100% coverage of the whole city. Mayor Maynard answered that it would. The antenna will be located on the Reeves Propane tower at Agnos.

Mayor Maynard recommended the appointment of Mr. Thompson as director of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mr. Bartlett stated we should research the ordinance forming the Commission to see how this would be done.

We need a volunteer to be in charge of changing the Papoose Park sign.

Mayor Maynard announced the resignation of Tom Henkels from the road committee, and Wally Schultz from the District Court as a signator and paid employee. All future services he performs will be on a voluntary basis with no pay. Mr. R. T. Starken has been appointed by the Governor to be our District Court Judge.

As our checking accounts now require two signatures and the Mayor does not wish to be a signator, motion to approve Mr. Stokes, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Torbit and Mr. Schultz, along with Mrs. Maynard as signators of the accounts was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Fenton. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Any two of the mentioned will be able to sign a check.

Mayor Maynard thanked all the police auxiliary and reserve officers for volunteering 9,232 hours for 2002.

Mr. Bartlett announced a total of \$3,058,192 worth of new construction and remodeling for the year 2002.

Christmas trees may be taken to the property by the Dinette (where the leaves are stored) and left to be chipped by the Road Dept.

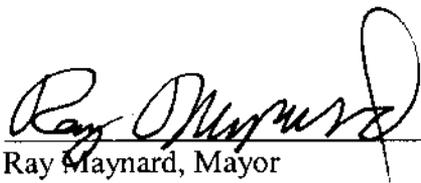
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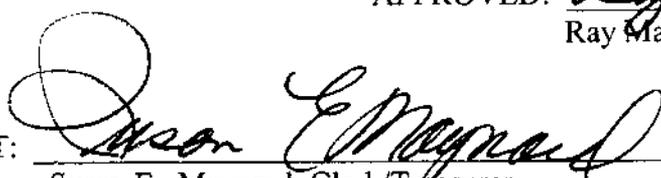
- Monday, January 6, 6:00 PM; Sharp Co. Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
 - Wednesday, January 8, 9:00 AM; Joint S.I.D./City meeting, City Hall
 - Wednesday, January 8, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning, City Hall
 - Thursday, January 9, 9:00 AM; District Court Plea Day, City Hall
 - Thursday, January 9, Noon; CVBA, Loujo's Deli
 - Monday, January 13, 7:00 PM; Fulton Co. Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse
 - Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 PM; Municipal Development meeting, City Hall
 - Wednesday, January 15, Noon; Chamber of Commerce lunch
 - Monday, January 20; Martin Luther King, Jr./Robert E. Lee Day; OFFICE CLOSED
 - Monday, January 20, 2:00 PM; Council Meeting, City Hall
 - Thursday, January 23, 9:00 AM; District Court Trial Day, City Hall
- Senior Citizen's Center open every Monday and Wednesday, 11 – 3,
unless otherwise noted; lunch at 11:30 AM, Thunderbird Center.
Re-cycling, every Tuesday 9 – 12, weather permitting, City Hall parking lot.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned to adjourn was made by Mr. Torbit and seconded by Mr. Fenton. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.

DATE: January 20, 2003

APPROVED: 
Ray Maynard, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Susan E. Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer