

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS

City Council Minutes

January 20, 2003

The semi-monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Monday, January 20, 2003 by Mayor Ray Maynard. The meeting was held at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and he called for the roll call.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer

Absent: Tom Garner, City Attorney

Mayor Maynard gave his "State of the City" speech. Copy attached.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the January 6, 2003 minutes as corrected was made by Mr. Torbit and seconded by Mr. Bartlett. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the January 15, 2003 minutes as corrected was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mr. Torbit. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to accept the December financial report as it stands until all December transactions are recorded was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Thompson. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Maynard read a letter from Governor Huckabee saying we had been approved for a technology grant of \$6,042.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

36 Acres: In the absence of the city attorney, Mayor Maynard said Mr. Garner had talked with Kathy Nix on exactly which parcel had back taxes. It should be done shortly.

Mr. Torbit had received a letter from Pioneer Auction saying there would be no more antique sales and asked if the business had been sold. No one had heard anything.

Budget recommendations: Mayor Maynard made a recommendation to apply the \$14,000 budgeted for Street Dept. vehicle leases towards site preparation of the 36 acres. Mr. Bartlett made a motion to accept the recommendation to apply \$14,000 to site preparation instead of vehicle lease in the Street Dept. Mr. West seconded the motion. Mayor Maynard asked for discussion. Mr. Bartlett asked that we not start the site preparation until we have a clear deed in hand. Mayor Maynard concurred. With a roll call vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mayor Maynard asked Mrs. Maynard to read **An Ordinance for the adoption of the Municipal budget.** Mayor Maynard declared the Ordinance open for discussion. Mr. Thompson made a

motion to waive the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading, title only. Mr. Fenton seconded the motion. With a roll call vote of eight ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

2nd Reading – Mrs. Maynard read the Ordinance, title only.

Discussion –

Mr. Stokes made a motion to waive the rules and place the Ordinance on its third and final reading, title only. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote of eight ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

3rd and Final Reading – Mrs. Maynard read the Ordinance, title only, for the third time.

Discussion –

After discussion – Shall this ordinance pass?

The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll:

Chuck Bartlett, yes; Jim Fenton, yes; Scott Paul, yes; Wally Schultz, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Tom Thompson, yes; Ray Torbit, yes; and Jim West, yes.

Having been read three times, this Ordinance is declared passed.

It will be **Ordinance 2003-01**.

Lien on S.I.D. Fulton County Assessments: Mayor Maynard explained this was the lien against the S.I.D.'s Fulton County Assessments guaranteeing payment of the 13% of assessments to our Street Dept. It has been recorded at the Fulton County Courthouse.

S.I.D. Sharp County portion: Motion to table this business until Mr. Garner is present was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Schultz. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Historical Society: Mr. Schultz reported the steering committee met to discuss its purpose and will meet again Friday to determine the space needed, etc. He will give an update at our next meeting.

Personnel Policies: Mr. Stokes said there is nothing in concrete yet, but will have a draft to give to the Council at the second February meeting.

Building Inspector Resignation: Motion to accept Tom Hrezo's resignation as Building Inspector was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mr. Torbit. With a roll call vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

CenturyTel Franchise Fees: Mrs. Maynard said she has been told by residents that some are still not being charged the fee, and that we have not received any payment as yet. Mayor Maynard said he will continue checking on this.

Meetings: Mr. West is still talking with people regarding this, but so far having a meeting as late as possible in the afternoon on a Thursday has been popular.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee appointments: Mayor Maynard handed out a list of committee appointees to the Council. Copy attached.

Lower speed limit through Highland: As there has been an accident involving fatalities, Mayor

Maynard has talked with Mayor Shackelford, and if needed, would like to support Highland's request for a lower speed limit with a resolution. Former Mayor Rogers had written a letter in 2000 supporting Highland's request to the Hiway Dept. for a lower speed limit.

Recorded minutes: Motion to wait to destroy video-recorded minutes until after the next regular meeting after they had been approved was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Stokes. With a roll call vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously

Mr. Bartlett expressed concern, and said more people were needed on various committees. Mayor Maynard agreed, and has asked on several occasions for people with expertise in the various areas to volunteer, but none have come forward.

Mr. Schultz said usually an alderman was on each committee to act as a liaison. The mayor agreed, and said anyone wanting to be on a committee to get with him after the meeting.

Mr. Bartlett again expressed concern that there be a better checks and balances on city government, and wanted to register his opposition to the way things are going.

Public Comments: Marty Betz said he would like to continue his position as representative to Keep Arkansas Beautiful, but does not want to be chairman of the Environmental Committee.

Hobie Weisman asked that the minutes of the January 15, 2003 special meeting be read aloud. Mrs. Maynard did so.

Mr. Torbit questioned the validity of Mr. Thompson's and Mr. West's votes on their being on the Planning & Zoning Commission, and asked for a legal opinion. The mayor explained that even if their votes weren't counted, the vote would have been a 3 - 3 tie, and he would have had to broken the tie which would have had the same effect.

Mr. Bartlett asked if local banks had been asked for their interest rates. Mayor Maynard stated he has looked at this to some extent, and that if we could get some short-term CD's, we would get a much better interest rate (3% as opposed to .9%). He will have more information at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, January 21, 1:30 PM; Planning & Zoning Meeting, City Hall

Wednesday, January 22, Noon; Camber of Commerce lunch, Hong Kong Cafe

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

Monday, February 3, 2:00 PM; Council Meeting, City Hall

Tuesday, February 4, 1:30 PM; Planning & Zoning Meeting, City Hall

Monday, February 10, 6:00 PM; Sharp Co. Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse

Monday, February 10, 7:00 PM; Fulton Co. Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse

Tuesday, February 11, 2:00 PM; HPOA, Omaha Center

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 PM; Municipal Planning & Development, City Hall

Thursday, February 13, 9:00 AM; District Court Plea Day, City Hall

Thursday, February 13, Noon; CVBA Luncheon, Loujo's Deli

Monday, February 17, President's Day; OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, February 17, 2:00 PM; Council Meeting, City Hall
Wednesday, February 18, Noon; Chamber of Commerce lunch, Fountain Place
Wednesday, February 27, 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.

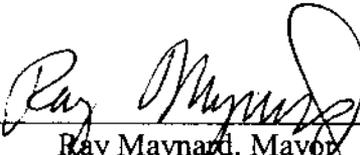
Re-cycling open every Tuesday 9:00 – Noon, weather permitting, City Hall Parking Lot

ADJOURNMENT:

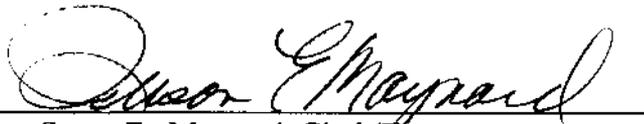
Motioned to adjourn was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. West. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

DATE: February 3, 2003

APPROVED:


Ray Maynard, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan E. Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer