

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
City Council Minutes
April 15, 2004

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM Thursday, April 15, 2004 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 Lew Hagerman.

Also Present: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer; R.T. Starcken, City Attorney

MINUTES: Motion to approve the March 18, 2004 minutes was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Thompson. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to accept the March financial report was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Stokes. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Reports will be filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Maynard read a letter from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children saying Police Chief Goodwin had been selected to attend a session for Chief Executive Officers at their national training center in Virginia.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER: Dwana Goings, Highland School Board member, made a request of the Council for assistance to obtain a School Resource Officer. The Board has received many calls regarding drugs in the school, and there have been various dangerous, if not life threatening, incidences occurring in the schools. The Board took the problem to the Sharp County Sheriff who was aware of resource officers in other cities, Independence County and Jonesboro, and that "COPS in School" grants were available.

These grants are for three year's salary only for a School Resource Officer – no equipment, no overtime, and requires a one-year retainment after the grant's end. The Board has projected costs for four years, including a vehicle the first year and maintenance thereafter. The cost would be shared by the six entities; i.e., Highland Schools, Sharp County Sheriff's Office and Hardy, Highland, Ash Flat and Cherokee Village Police Depts. Costs as follows:

First year	\$ 3,916
Second year	516
Third year	516
Fourth year	<u>5,600</u>
Total	\$ 10,548

Mrs. Goings stressed this is a very important job, with duties including maintaining a drug program, counseling students and investigating drug incidences. Seventy-five percent of their time is to be spent in school, with 25% being out in the community. May 17 is the deadline for applications. They are hoping to have the officer in place for the 2004-5 school year. The resource officer will assist all police departments. A drug-free school should help clean up our City and keep property values up.

The Board is asking the Council for a resolution of support. The Sharp County Quorum Court and Highland School District have made such resolutions. They need our commitment before they can go ahead with the grant application. There would be a committee with representatives from all six entities.

Motion to support the Highland School District's applying for a "COPS in School" grant and to fund our 1/6 share of the total (approximately \$10,550 over a four-year period) if the grant materializes was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Thompson. Discussion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Chuck Bartlett, yes; Jim Fenton, yes; Scott Paul, yes; Wally Schultz, yes; Russ Stokes, no; Tom Thompson, yes; Ray Torbit, no; and Lew Hagerman, yes. With a roll call vote of six ayes, two nays motion carried.

REPORTS:

Police Dept.: Chief Goodwin reported giving out 53 citations in March, including those for no liability insurance, speeding, two DWI and five public intox.

Street Dept.: Mayor Maynard gave the report. They are in the process of setting up fuel storage tanks, and have purchased a used truck. Mr. Torbit has had calls regarding the patches on Algonquin. The Mayor said he was aware of the problem and will have that taken care of.

Homeland Security: Bill Racette had no updates from his committee, but announced that Mayor Maynard will be awarded the "Mark Trail" NOAA Weather Radio Award. Mark Trail Awards are presented to individuals, local governments, organizations and corporations, highlighting their community actions, gifts and response to NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts, which exemplify the radio's lifesaving benefits. Only eighteen awards nationally (two from Arkansas) will be given June 3, 2004 in Washington, D.C. Mr. Maynard started researching our getting one for the area in 2002 and the station was on-line by fall of 2003, the fastest installation ever.

Municipal Planning & Development: Mr. Fenton reported that the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel Sports show booth was a success. Over six hundred people entered the drawing for one week-long rental, sponsored by Southern Pines, and two weekends (one with golf package, and one without golf) sponsored by King-Rhodes. It was a positive experience, and many contacts were made. Cherokee Lodge has been serving 50 plus meals and is only open Mondays and Wednesdays. It will be open five days a week after July 1. The VFW Auxiliary will be sponsoring a benefit dinner on April 23, 4 - 7 PM. An Open House is scheduled for May 2, to include the City Hall building bond retirement. The ASU strategic plan study is wrapping up and will be presented to the committee the end of this month. Mr. Fenton asked to recognize Tom Paul. The Cherokee Village signs on light poles along Hiway 62/412 were hanging by one connection, and some had fallen off the brackets, due to winds. He and his son repaired the signs and have developed a new installation to keep them on the poles.

Planning & Zoning: Mr. Thompson reported that Pioneer Auction has crushed and removed most of the junk vehicles that were cluttering the property. The State Dept. of Human Services is moving its offices to Cherokee Village.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Animal Control: The Council was given a copy of an agreement that Mr. Starcken made up to pay Mr. Gregory's lodging expenses while in Cherokee Village to give his Animal Control presentation. Mr. Schultz made a motion to approve the agreement to pay Sandra D'Arcy \$152.64 for Mr. Gregory's

lodging while in Cherokee Village. Mr. Stokes seconded the motion. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

Street cut ordinance: Mr. Schultz said the draft ordinance was a compilation of our information along with ordinances from other cities. Please look it over and give Mrs. Maynard any changes. Mayor Maynard suggested entering \$100 for the deposit fee with \$90 per cut refundable on Page one.

Flood control work around Flathead Bridge: Mayor Maynard explained that the State Hiway Dept. had written to say we had six months to remove the silt around the bridge for flood control. The Army Corps of Engineers wrote and said we didn't need a permit to clean underpinnings, and ADEQ stated the same. He is still corresponding with the Corps and ADEQ to bring this to a resolution.

NEW BUSINESS:

Due to Joe Waggoner's moving out of the City, the Planning & Zoning Commission asked the Mayor to appoint a replacement. The Commission recommended Bob Curtis. Mr. Schultz made a motion to approve the appointment of Bob Curtis to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mr. Stokes seconded the motion. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

Chief Goodwin said his 2000 Jeep Cherokee had been wrecked in March by another vehicle. The City received a check for to cover the damage, and the vehicle was sold at auction for \$2,400. The 1996 Chevy Blazer had over 100,000 miles on it (Over \$9,000 had been put into repairs for it over the last three years) and was auctioned for \$2,978. The 1994 Ford Crown Victoria uses oil and will be auctioned this week. The Chief proposes purchasing a four-wheel drive vehicle. There is a lack of such vehicles on state contract so we would have to let bids for this one. Such vehicles range in price from \$22,000 to \$28,000. Mr. Schultz made a motion to go ahead with the bidding process on a four-wheel drive vehicle. Mr. Bartlett seconded the motion. With a roll call vote of eight ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

Mrs. Maynard stated that since we have paid the bond for the City Hall building, we have no need for the City Offices Revenue and Bond Fund checking accounts. The auditor said these accounts could be closed per Council approval. Mr. Bartlett made a motion to close the City Offices Revenue and Bond Fund checking accounts. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. With a voice 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 accept the Ordinance. Mr. Schultz seconded. Discussion. Mayor Maynard asked for a roll call vote on the motion to accept the first reading of the Ordinance: The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll:

Chuck Bartlett, yes; Jim Fenton, yes; Scott Paul, yes; Wally Schultz, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Tom Thomson, yes; Ray Torbit, no; and Lew Hagerman, yes. With a vote of seven ayes, one nay, motion carried.

Mayor Maynard asked for a motion to waive the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading, title only. Mr. Stokes made a motion to waive the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading. Mr. Fenton seconded the motion. Discussion. Mayor Maynard asked for a roll call vote: The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll:

Chuck Bartlett, yes; Jim Fenton, yes; Scott Paul, yes; Wally Schultz, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Tom Thomson, yes; Ray Torbit, no; and Lew Hagerman, yes. With a vote of seven ayes, one nay, motion carried.

Mrs. Maynard read the Ordinance, title only, for the second time. Mr. Stokes made a motion to accept the Ordinance. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. Mayor Maynard asked for a roll call vote: The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll:

Chuck Bartlett, yes; Jim Fenton, yes; Scott Paul, yes; Wally Schultz, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Tom Thomson, yes; Ray Torbit, no; and Lew Hagerman, yes. With a vote of seven ayes, one nay, motion carried.

Mayor Maynard asked for a motion to waive the rules and place the Ordinance on its third and final reading, title only. Mr. Fenton made a motion to waive the rules and place the Ordinance on its third reading. Mr. Stokes seconded the motion. Discussion. Mayor Maynard asked for a roll call vote: The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll:

Chuck Bartlett, yes; Jim Fenton, yes; Scott Paul, yes; Wally Schultz, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Tom Thomson, yes; Ray Torbit, no; and Lew Hagerman, yes. With a vote of seven ayes, one nay, motion carried.

Mrs. Maynard read the Ordinance, title only, for the third time. Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the Ordinance. Mr. Fenton seconded the motion. Mayor Maynard asked for a roll call vote: The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll:

Chuck Bartlett, yes; Jim Fenton, yes; Scott Paul, yes; Wally Schultz, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Tom Thomson, yes; Ray Torbit, no; and Lew Hagerman, yes. With a vote of seven ayes, one nay, motion carried.

Having been read three times, this Ordinance is declared passed. It will be **Ordinance 2004-07**.

Mayor Maynard read a statement to proclaim the month of May, 2004 as "Flood Awareness Month".

Mayor Maynard announced his appointments of Irene Fenton, Joan Romans and Wayne Kron to a committee to oversee the operations of Cherokee Lodge.

Mrs. Maynard asked for ideas from the Council regarding City Hall grounds maintenance. She had received two verbal quotes; one for \$30, just for lawn mowing & weed eating and she would have to call him; and one for \$15/hour to do everything from mowing lawn, to fertilizing, to trimming bushes, etc. She received a written proposal from Reliable Lawn Care for \$100 to trim bushes, and \$75 each time to mow lawn, maintain bushes, use Round-Up on weeds in concrete and general upkeep, approximately every two weeks, or when needed. Mr. Stokes suggested waiting on this while he asked the Village Pride Committee what they could do.

Pest control for the Senior Center was also discussed. Mrs. Maynard would find prices and the Mayor said he would contact the Senior Center Director.

Mr. Maynard recognized Gene Peck for his donation of a 1984 Ford F350 cube van. It will be loaned to Tri-County Recycling for pulling the recycling trailer. The Center will provide gas and oil.

Mayor Maynard will form a committee to research fire department needs, etc. and bring its recommendation to the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Saturday, April 17; City-Wide Cleanup
Saturday, April 17; Spaghetti Supper for New Beginnings, Peace Lutheran Church
Tuesday, April 20, 9-3:30; AR Flood Plain Management meeting, City Hall
Friday, April 23, 6:00 PM; Senior Center Fund Raiser Chicken Dinner, VFW Hall
Sat & Sun, April 24 & 25, CVBA Golf Tournament – register with David Webb
Sunday, May 2, 2 – 4 PM; Senior Center Open House
Monday, May 3, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning Meeting, City Hall
Tuesday, May 4, 4:00 PM; Municipal Planning & Development, City Hall
Wednesday, May 5, 3:00 PM; Roads Committee meeting, City Hall
Monday, May 10, 6:00 PM; Sharp Co. Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
Monday, May 10, 7:00 PM; Fulton Co. Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse
Tuesday, May 11, 1:00 PM; Historical Society, Omaha Center Library
Tuesday, May 11, 6:00 PM; Cancer Support Group, City Hall
Thursday, May 13, 9:00 AM; District Court, City Hall
Tuesday, May 18; Primary Elections
Thursday, May 20, 7:00 PM; Council Meeting, City Hall

Senior Citizen's Center open every Monday and Wednesday, 9 – 3,
unless otherwise noted; lunch at 11:30 AM, Cherokee Lodge.

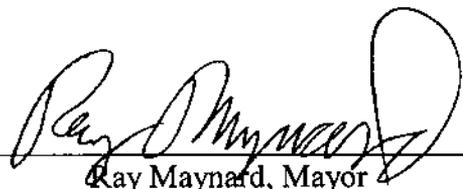
Re-cycling open every Tuesday 8:00 – 11:00, weather permitting, City Hall Parking Lot

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned to adjourn was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Stokes. With a voice vote of eight ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

DATE: May 20, 2004

APPROVED: _____


Ray Maynard, Mayor

ATTEST: _____


Susan E. Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer