

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

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM Thursday, July 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, Wally Schultz, Russ Stokes, Ray Torbit and Tom Thompson

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

Absent: Lew Hagerman and Scott Paul

MINUTES: Motion to approve the June 10, 2004 minutes was made by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Fenton. With a voice vote of six ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mrs. Maynard read a letter from the Criminal Justice Institute rewarding our VIPS unit as a winner of the "Click It or Ticket" program. We will be receiving \$1,000 with which to purchase equipment for the Department.

Mrs. Maynard read a letter from a citizen commending Officer Wendell Lane and our staff for going "way above his call of duty to help us out.We are very impressed."

REPORTS:

Homeland Security: Bill Racette reported that Sharp County received a \$131,050 grant from the Office of Domestic Preparedness for a new fire truck for the Cherokee Village Fire Dept. The grant will pay 90 percent of the cost with SID paying the final 10%.

Municipal Planning & Development:

- Mayor Maynard and Cy Bertram will be continuing to update the City's website.
- Tom Paul has been working on the Fire-Wise Community project. There will be public workshops to learn how to protect one's property.
- The Master Gardeners will work on landscaping the City Hall grounds to be finished for the 50th Anniversary celebration.
- The City of Highland applied for and received a grant for sewer facilities years ago. The current sewer plant is owned by the Highland Schools and Eastern Ozarks Hospital. The proposed plan is to build a new treatment facility next to the old one. The school has already given its half of the old plant to Highland.

The Hospital plans to keep and operate the old one. The City of Highland has agreed to provide sewer facilities from the Sharp/Fulton County line to the Arkansas Highway & Transportation Dept. grounds. There is to be no cost to the City of Cherokee Village, and billing rates will be the same for our commercial users that it is for theirs. The Cities of Cherokee Village and Highland will enter into a non-exclusive franchise agreement to provide these facilities to our commercial property along Highway 62/412. Further discussion of the Agreement was postponed to New Business.

Planning & Zoning:

- Representatives from White River Regional Housing Authority presented its plan for 20 units of Senior Housing. They will be applying for a grant which is contingent upon our getting sewer facilities. The Commission assured the Authority of its intent to rezone the land in question from R1 to R3.
- The Commission is in the process of revising several ordinances, and will bring them to the Council within the next few meetings.

Police Dept.:

- Both full-time officers and VIPS helped in the storm cleanup July 4th, and then worked traffic, etc. at the fireworks. They are all to be commended.
- Sgt. Shultz and Larry Cross are interviewing Joel Boyer for the open Auxiliary position.
- Officer Mike Baldwin resigned to work for the Sharp County Sheriff's Dept. Officer Ric Morris (formerly an Auxiliary Officer) has taken his place.

Street Dept.: Mayor Maynard reported we have purchased a new mower, and are looking for a person to work it full time. They are well into their summer program of repair. Dick Gammie is the new secretary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Animal Control: Mayor Maynard has looked at the SID "Ranch" to see if it could be used for an Animal Control facility. The buildings are as old as the Village. There are many structural problems with the buildings, and a lot of repairs are needed before they could be used. The cost of utilities alone would pay for new facilities. His thoughts would be of locating a new structure on our 36 Acres by the highway. David Cox published a non-scientific pole in the *Villager Journal* asking if people would support a Quad-City Animal Control. Votes were 100% against. Motion to table the Animal Control issue indefinitely was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Bartlett. With a voice vote of six ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

Street cut ordinance: Mr. Maynard highlighted the changes to the proposed ordinance made by Steve Rose and himself. Mr. Rose stated he didn't think such an ordinance was necessary, but he could live with this one. The Mayor asked Mrs. Maynard to read **An Ordinance to establish standards and specifications for the restoration of excavations or cuts in Cherokee Village streets or right-of ways; providing for a permit process; establishing fees and deposits prior to excavations or cuts; enforcement of the process; and for other purposes.** Mr. Schultz made a motion to accept the Ordinance. Mr. Torbit seconded the motion. Mayor Maynard

declared the Ordinance open for discussion. Discussion. Mayor Maynard asked for a roll call vote to accept the second reading of the Ordinance: The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Chuck Bartlett, yes; Jim Fenton, yes; Wally Schultz, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Tom Thomson, yes; and Ray Torbit, yes. With a vote of six ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

School resource officer: Copies of letters to the Sharp County Sheriff and his reply were reviewed. Ash Flat Mayor Hall is to set up a meeting with Judge Crawford, Sheriff Weaver and all four mayors. The mayors agree that this person should be under only one agency, but the cities need to have input into the program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Maynard informed the Council that paint on the building was peeling. The Mayor added that some siding needed to be replaced and the roof possibly extended over the walkway on the Senior Center side of the building. Motion to get costs to paint the City Hall building and repair the water drainage from the roof was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Stokes. With a roll call vote of six ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bartlett suggested speaking to SID to see from whom they had gotten quotes for their buildings.

The Mayor asked Mrs. Maynard to read the proposed sales tax ordinance which included a breakdown of the revenues into both the Street Fund and General Fund. Much discussion. Motion to change the breakdown to 100% of revenues to be deposited into the General Fund was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Bartlett. With a voice vote of six ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Maynard will amend the ordinance and bring back to the Council to pass at the next meeting.

Mayor Maynard asked Mrs. Maynard to the proposed Agreement between the Cities of Cherokee Village and Highland regarding the Highland Sewer facilities. Motion to accept the Agreement was made by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mr. Thompson. With a roll call vote of six ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Martin asked for an update on the Fire Dept. The Mayor said he had found out our cost for the Fire Dept. employees LOPFI retirement would be \$12,500 per year instead of the reported \$90,000. Mike Taylor is compiling a list of repair costs that need to be done to the infrastructure. We are now waiting for the SID Commissioners to come back with a proposed percentage. The Water Dept. contract should remain with the SID.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

July 15–Noon, August 4; Filing period of Aldermanic positions for the November election.

Monday, August 2, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning Commission, City Hall

Tuesday, August 3, 4:00 PM; Municipal Planning & Dev. Committee, City Hall

Wednesday, August 4, 3:00 PM; Road Committee, City Hall

Monday, August 9, 6:00 PM; Sharp County Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse

Monday, August 9, 7:00 PM; Fulton County Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse

Thursday, August 12, 9:00 AM; District Court, City Hall

Thursday, August 12, 6:00 PM; Ice Cream Social/Band Concert
Thursday, August 19, 7:00 PM; City Council Meeting, City Hall

Cherokee Lodge (Senior Citizens Center) open, Monday through Friday, 9 – 2,
unless otherwise noted; lunch at 11:30 AM

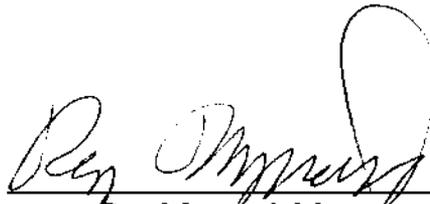
Re-cycling open every Tuesday 8:00 – 11:00 AM, weather permitting, City Hall Prkg Lot

ADJOURNMENT:

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

DATE: August 19, 2004

APPROVED: _____


Ray Maynard, Mayor

ATTEST: _____


Susan E. Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer