

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
City Council Minutes
May 20, 2004

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM Thursday, May 20, 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: Jim Fenton, Scott Paul, Wally Schultz, Russ Stokes, Tom Thompson and Ray Torbit

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

Absent: Chuck Bartlett, and Lew Hagerman

MINUTES: Motion to approve the April 15, 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 April financial report was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Thompson. With a voice vote of six ayes, 0 nays, motion carried unanimously. Reports will be filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

Police Dept.: In packet.

Street Dept.: In packet – meeting changed to Wednesday, June 9 at 3:00 PM.

Homeland Security: Bill Racette had attended a meeting in Batesville May 6 where he learned that the \$29,000,000 the state was receiving for HazMat would instead be used to purchase a new two-way radio system for the entire state. 2005 and 2006 money will also be used for this cause. Sharp County will still receive \$120,000, but it will have to be spent on these radios.

Municipal Planning & Development: Mr. Fenton reported on the progress with Highland on their sewer project. We will need to draw up a franchise agreement. We have received a draft agreement from Highland, but it is very vague. Mr. Stokes asked that drawings and/or a description be attached to the agreement. Mr.'s Torbit and Fenton asked for further clarification in the language before we sign it.

Cherokee Lodge has been completed. There is now a "Wall of Honor" with plaques naming all volunteers and donees. The Center now serves up to 80 meals per day for five days a week. The menus will be listed on the radio.

ASU has finished our "strategic plan", and copies are available to the public. It identifies our strengths and weaknesses and is geared toward bringing more revenue into our community.

Tom Paul will be attending training to help us become a "Fire Safe Village".

Planning & Zoning: Mr. Thompson reported an increase in perc test permits, which may mean an increase in new homes being built this summer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Animal Control: Mayor Maynard feels there is a need for animal control in the City, and asked the Council to collectively come to a conclusion and go forward on this issue. We now have an ordinance we cannot enforce as we have no officer. We don't have facilities in place. We need a full time officer to enforce the provisions of the ordinance and be licensed to euthanize. Mr. Torbit said anything should be done through an Interlocal Agreement with all four cities. Mr. Maynard said a citizen had called in a good idea – to rent the riding stable property. He will look into doing this. Everyone agrees we have a problem, but it is difficult to find the revenue for a solution. Motion was made by Mr. Fenton to amend Ordinance 99-4 to bring the City into compliance. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. With a roll call vote of six ayes, 0 nays motion carried. Mayor Maynard said he would entertain putting a one percent sales tax on the ballot this November to fund the project.

Street cut ordinance: Mr. Schultz said the draft ordinance was a compilation of our information along with ordinances from other cities. Mayor Maynard 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 first reading of the Ordinance: The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Jim Fenton, yes; Scott Paul, 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: As the Council passed a resolution last month to support this project, a copy of the letter sent to Sharp County Sheriff Dale Weaver giving our support was read. Each Alderman was given a copy of the fax sent by Mr. Weaver describing how the program would work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution for Subsidized Senior Citizen housing: Mayor Maynard asked Mrs. Maynard to read **A resolution supporting low-income housing for the elderly.** He explained this is not the "typical" HUD housing, but would be similar to that of Homewood Village in Ash Flat. Participants over the age of 55 would pay 30% of their income and maintenance and basic utilities would be furnished. These would be one bedroom units, 540 sq. ft., and managed by White River Planning & Development. Darlene Wilson said they are very strict with their rules, and people will be removed if not compliant. Mr. Schultz made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Torbit seconded the motion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Jim Fenton, yes; Scott Paul, yes; Wally Schultz, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Tom Thomson, yes; and Ray Torbit, yes. With a vote of six ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Announce Fire Dept. Committee: Mayor Maynard announced his committee to investigate the possibility of taking over the Fire Dept. from the SID to consist of Mr. Fenton, Mr. Stokes, Scott Paul and Bill Racette.

Change June meeting date: Mr. Schultz made a motion to change the June meeting date from the 17th to the 10th, due to the Arkansas Municipal League Convention's being on the regularly scheduled date. Mr. Stokes seconded the motion. Discussion. With a voice vote of five ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.

Mr. Starcken announced that the Municipal League has drafted a bill which will allow our District Court to continue after January 1, 2005. Mayor Maynard said Senator Miller will support it also. We would share a judge with Ash Flat.

Mr. Torbit asked Mrs. Maynard to draw up a resolution to supporting the "Bottle Bill" and to put it on next month's agenda.

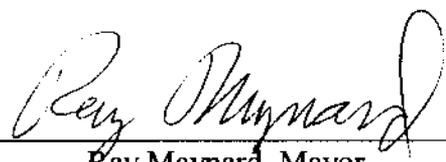
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- May 29, 6:30 – Noon; Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, City Hall Grounds
 - May 29, 7 – 10 PM; CVBA Street Dance, Town Center
 - Friday & Sat, June 4 & 5; Rummage Sale, Peace Lutheran Church
 - Monday, June 7, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning Commission, City Hall
 - Tuesday, June 8, 1:00 PM; Historical Society, Omaha Center Library
 - Tuesday, June 8, 4:00 PM; Municipal Planning & Dev. Committee, City Hall
 - Tuesday, June 8, 6:00 PM; Cancer Support Group, City Hall
 - Wednesday, June 9, 3:00 PM; Road Committee, City Hall
 - Thursday, June 10, 9:00 AM; District Court, City Hall
 - Thursday, June 10, 6:00 PM; Ice Cream Social/Band Concert
 - Monday, June 14, 6:00 PM; Sharp County Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
 - Monday, June 14, 7:00 PM; Fulton County Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse
 - Thursday, June 17, 7:00 PM; City Council Meeting, City Hall
 - Saturday, June 26; Tommy Bolt Classic Golf Tournament
- 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:

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

DATE: June 10, 2004

APPROVED: 
Ray Maynard, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Susan E. Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer