

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
City Council Minutes
December 15, 2005

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM Thursday, December 15, 2005 by Mayor Ray Maynard. The meeting was held at City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited; he called for the roll and declared a quorum.

ROLL CALL:

Answer Roll Call: June Chelsvig, Peter Martin, Angela Petersen, Russ Stokes, Jan Torbit and Kent Viers

Also Present: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer

Absent: Tom Henkels, Scott Paul and R.T. Starcken, Attorney

AGENDA: Motion to add the Planning & Zoning issue with school bus parking to "Unfinished Business, d."; and disposition of one police car and two mowing tractors to "New Business, b." to the agenda was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Viers. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried. Motion to adopt the agenda was then made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: None

MINUTES: Motion to approve the November 17, 2005 minutes as presented was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to accept the November financial report was made by Mrs. Chelsvig and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously. Reports will be filed for audit.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Maynard read a letter from Tom Henkels resigning his position on the Council. Mayor Maynard then announced the Ward 1 Position 1 aldermanic position vacancy. Mrs. Maynard will place an ad in the paper and follow the procedures set forth in Resolution 2005-07.

REPORTS:

Fire Dept.: Chief Mike Taylor gave the November report. He said the firefighters fought four structure fires, with little damage occurring and no injuries.

Planning & Zoning: In packet. Construction costs in 2004 – 290 permits with a construction cost of \$1,273,989; 2005 – 346 permits with a construction cost of \$5,432,529.

Police Dept.: Chief Goodwin gave the November report. The officers are coming together to make a good team. There have been no major accidents since the opening of the new South Entrance intersection. Lyndal Waits, AHTD Dist. 5 engineer, has said the stop light would be in the January bidding cycle.

Street Dept.: In packet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Amend Ordinance 99-10, Purchasing & Bidding: Motion to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance, title only, was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Viers. Discussion. With a roll call vote of six ayes, motion carried. Mayor Maynard asked Mrs. Maynard to read **An Ordinance to amend ordinance**

99-10 establishing a procedure for the purchasing, sale or exchange of property in the City of Cherokee Village, Arkansas; and for other purposes. Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mrs. Chelsvig. Discussion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Peter Martin, yes; Angela Petersen, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Jan Torbit, yes; Kent Viers, yes; and June Chelsvig, yes. With a vote of six ayes, motion carried. Having been read three times, this Ordinance is declared passed. It will be **Ordinance 2005-07.**

2006 Budget Discussion: Motion to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance, title only, was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried. Mayor Maynard asked Mrs. Maynard to read **An Ordinance for the adoption of the municipal budget.** Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Torbit and seconded by Mr. Viers. Discussion. Mr. Martin has heard that Sharp County would shut us off from general dispatching at the first of the year. He feels we should alter the budget to add \$30,000 and pay it to them quarterly. Mayor Maynard thinks it criminal to pay \$30,000. They cannot cut off emergency dispatch (9-1-1). Mr. Stokes wonders why Judge Stidman hasn't sent a letter. Motion to remove the amount of \$1,500 for computer equipment was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Petersen. Discussion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll. Peter Martin, yes; Angela Petersen, yes; Russ Stokes, no; Jan Torbit, no; Kent Viers, no; and June Chelsvig, no. With a vote of two ayes, motion failed. Mr. Stokes would like to see an official communiqué from Sharp County. There has always been a communications problem. They have a responsibility to us.

The cleaning up of burned out homes was discussed. They are a health hazard to the community. They need to be cleaned up and put a lien on the property, and we need to at least break even on the costs. Motion to change the amount of \$40,000 for Planning & Zoning to clean up burned-out houses to \$10,000 was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Petersen. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried.

Motion to transfer \$750 from the General Fund "contract services" to the Street Fund "contract services" was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Viers. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried.

Motion to remove \$1,500 from each elected official's salary was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Stokes. Discussion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll. Peter Martin, yes; Angela Petersen, yes; Russ Stokes, no; Jan Torbit, no; Kent Viers, no; and June Chelsvig, no. With a vote of two ayes, motion failed.

Motion to transfer \$117,403 from the General Fund to the Street Fund to balance the Street Fund budget was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Stokes. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried.

Shall this ordinance pass? Mayor Maynard asked for a roll call vote: The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Peter Martin, no; Angela Petersen, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Jan Torbit, yes; Kent Viers, yes; and June Chelsvig, yes. With a vote of five ayes, motion carried. Having been read three times, this Ordinance is declared passed. It will be **Ordinance 2005-08.**

Mr. Martin's Meetings: Motion to table this issue indefinitely as long as the format remains only to discuss the up-coming agenda was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Stokes. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried.

Planning & Zoning issue regarding parking of school buses in the city limits: Motion to allow buses to be parked per Mr. Martin's previously proposed amendment of Ordinance 99-2, Article 19-B, Item 4

(copy of amendment attached) was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Petersen. Discussion. Mr. Stokes read a resolution he had made (copy attached). Mr. Martin withdrew his motion. Motion to accept Mr. Stoke's amendment was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Chelsvig. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Peter Martin, yes; Angela Petersen, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Jan Torbit, no; Kent Viers, yes; and June Chelsvig, yes. With a vote of five ayes, motion carried. This will be **Resolution 2005-10.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Employee Christmas bonuses: Mayor Maynard presented an article from the *Trumann Democrat* which reported that the City of Trumann gave its employees a Christmas bonus. The Mayor asked that the Council consider giving our employees a bonus. Motion to table this issue indefinitely was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried.

Disposition of equipment: Motion to advertise for competitive bids, in the media and on Ebay, the disposition of one police car and two mowing tractors was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Martin. Discussion. We would get approximately \$5,000 for the police car and \$2,500 - \$4,000 for the tractors. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Viers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stokes to make a resolution to make the purchasing and installation of a culvert the responsibility of the land owner. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Friday, December 16, 9:00 AM; District Court, City Hall

NO RE-CYCLING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26; Christmas holidays; Offices Closed

Monday, January 2; New Year's Day holiday; Offices Closed

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

Monday, January 9, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning Commission, City Hall

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

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

Thursday, January 19, 7:00 PM; City Council Meeting, City Hall

Friday, January 20, 9:00 AM; District Court, City Hall

Cherokee Lodge (Senior Citizen's Center) open,

Monday through Friday, 9 - 2, unless otherwise noted; lunch at 11:30 AM

Re-cycling open every Wednesday 9:00 - noon, weather permitting, City Hall Prkg Lot

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned to adjourn was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Petersen. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

DATE: January 19, 2006

APPROVED: _____

Ray Maynard, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Susan E. Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer