

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS**  
**City Council Minutes**  
**October 20, 2005**

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM Thursday, October 20, 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. He asked for a moment of silence remembering Jim Fenton.

**ROLL CALL:**

Answer Roll Call: Tom Henkels, Peter Martin, Scott Paul, Angela Petersen, Russ Stokes, Jan Torbit and Kent Viers

Also Present: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer

Absent:

**AGENDA:** Motion to add the Planning & Zoning issue with school buses to the agenda under new business was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Petersen. Discussion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Tom Henkels, yes; Peter Martin, yes; Scott Paul, yes; Angela Petersen, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Jan Torbit, yes; and Kent Viers, yes. With a vote of seven ayes, motion carried. Motion to adopt the agenda was then made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mr. Henkels. Discussion. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA:** None

**MINUTES:** Motion to approve the September 15, 2005 minutes as presented was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. Discussion. Mr. Martin made a motion to strike the recorder's note. Motion died for lack of a second. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Tom Henkels, yes; Peter Martin, no; Scott Paul, yes; Angela Petersen, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Jan Torbit, yes; and Kent Viers, yes. With a vote of six ayes, motion carried.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mrs. Maynard read the following:

1. A letter from the Office of Justice Programs regarding our selection as winner of the "You Drink & Drive, You Lose" incentive program, and our receiving \$2,000 for the purchase of safety related equipment. We would have no match for this grant.
2. A letter (9/14) from Judge Stidman contacting Mayor Maynard to meet with other Sharp County mayors to discuss the funding of Sharp County's central dispatch operation.
3. Another letter (10/3) from Judge Stidman requesting help from our city in funding the Central Dispatch Center, plus an invoice for \$7,282.74 for services rendered from October 1 through December 31, 2005. Mayor Maynard has a problem with paying \$7,000 so late in the year. By law the Center must dispatch our 9-1-1 calls. Chief Goodwin said the service has improved a little. Mr. Henkels asked why they are just now figuring out they will be short. Mayor Maynard went on to clarify his remarks that were printed in the *Villager Journal*. The people in Cherokee Village already pay into 9-1-1 through their telephone bills, and would actually be paying twice if the City were to pay

this invoice. The citizens rejected the raise from 5% to 12%, so wouldn't we be remiss in paying this? Mr. Martin suggested we reimburse them for costs incurred (we have budgeted \$606 for A.C.I.C. fees), and also asked if S.I.D. had been asked. We are already short on the proposed budget and \$29,300 would be a hardship. Mr. Stokes said they have to come up with a different way to fund because of cell phones. The mayor had asked the question before they started up of how they would fund the center after the 1½ years proposed budget. They said they would worry about that "when we get there." Mrs. Torbit motioned to move further discussion to New Business, Preliminary Budget Discussion. Mr. Martin seconded. Discussion. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously.

4. Mayor Maynard read a letter from Jim Fenton, resigning his position on the Council. He then announced the Ward 3 Position 2 aldermanic position vacancy. Mrs. Maynard will place an ad in the paper and follow the procedures set in Resolution 2005-08.

#### **REPORTS:**

**Fire Dept.:** Chief Mike Taylor gave the September report.

**Planning & Zoning:** In packet.

**Police Dept.:** Chief Goodwin gave the September report. He said the reduction in miles patrolled was due to the increase in gas prices. Officer Monte Lane was trained in the use of the Thermo Vision Scout device, which provides night vision capabilities. He could set up a demonstration if we would like to see how it works. Chief Goodwin attended the Association of State Uniform Crime Reporting Programs' 2005 National Conference in Little Rock. He announced the resignation of Sgt. Jim Creameans to work in the hurricane zone, and the hiring of Ken Guidry who is an investigator with 20 years experience.

**Street Dept.:** In packet.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution for Northeast Arkansas Regional Airport:** Mayor Maynard asked Mrs. Maynard to read **A Resolution supporting a feasibility study to determine the economic impact of a regional airport on northeast Arkansas.** Mrs. Torbit made a motion to accept the Resolution. Mr. Viers seconded the motion. Discussion. Mayor Maynard feels this is an excellent location for the airport, and the people in Cherokee Village would benefit by being only 40 minutes away from airline commuter service. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll. With a vote of seven ayes, motion carried.

**Amend Ordinance 99-10, Purchasing & Bidding:** 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.** Mrs. Torbit made a motion to accept the first reading of the ordinance. Mr. Stokes seconded the motion. Discussion. Mayor Maynard said that as the ordinance reads now, we should be taking bids for (example, every load of road oil) anything that is over \$5,000. This is very time consuming (could take up to a month) and awkward. Mr. Martin sees no reason we

need to; that \$5,000 should be more than adequate. Motion to amend the \$20,000 figure to \$10,000 which could be raised in the future if need be was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Martin. Discussion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll. Tom Henkels, yes; Peter Martin, yes; Scott Paul, yes; Angela Petersen, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Jan Torbit, no; and Kent Viers, yes. With a vote of six ayes, motion carried. Vote to accept the first reading of the ordinance: The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll. Tom Henkels, yes; Peter Martin, yes; Scott Paul, yes; Angela Petersen, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Jan Torbit, yes; and Kent Viers, yes. With a vote of seven ayes, motion carried.

**Preliminary Budget Discussion:** Mayor Maynard feels it is premature to adopt a reading of the municipal budget ordinance now. Motion to hold a special meeting for budget discussion on Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 PM was made by Mr. Stokes. Mr. Henkels seconded the motion. Discussion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll. Tom Henkels, yes; Peter Martin, yes; Scott Paul, yes; Angela Petersen, no; Russ Stokes, yes; Jan Torbit, yes; and Kent Viers, yes. With a vote of six ayes, motion carried.

**Planning & Zoning issue regarding parking of school buses in the city limits:** Mr. Martin would like to see us amend Ordinance 99-2, Section 4 to allow the parking of school buses in the city (copy of amendment attached). The buses are parked at the driver's residence overnight and on weekends. Mr. Viers said as long as the neighbors give permission, it should be OK. The mayor said the buses should be parked where it would have the least visual impact. Chief Goodwin said he would "continue" the tickets until such an amendment is passed. Mayor Maynard also suggested Planning & Zoning could issue "parking" permits to buses, motor homes, etc. Mr. Henkels and Mr. Stokes recommended the issue be submitted back to Planning & Zoning. Motion to table the issue until the November meeting, meanwhile submitting it to Planning & Zoning for review was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Paul. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried.

Chief Goodwin announced that Halloween will be celebrated on Monday, October 31 from 5 – 8 PM.

Motion to pay Sharp County Central Dispatch Center the budgeted \$606, and send a letter saying this is what we can afford now, and will consider budgeting for next year was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Paul. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

#### **MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Friday, October 21, 9:00 AM; District Court, City Hall  
Saturday, October 22, 5:00 PM; BBQ & Dance, Senior Center  
Wednesday, October 26, 4:00 PM; Strategic Planning Committee meeting, Townhouse Bldg.  
Wednesday, November 2, 3:00 PM; Road Committee, City Hall  
Monday, November 7, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning Commission, City Hall  
Monday, November 14, 6:00 PM; Sharp County Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse  
Monday, November 14, 7:00 PM; Fulton County Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse  
Thursday, November 17, 7:00 PM; City Council Meeting, City Hall  
Friday, November 18, 9:00 AM; District Court, City Hall

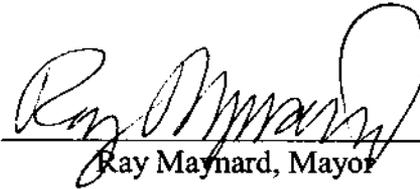
Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25, Thanksgiving holidays; Offices CLOSED  
Cherokee Lodge (Senior Citizen's Center) open,  
Monday through Friday, 9 – 2, unless otherwise noted; lunch at 11:30 AM  
Re-cycling open every Wednesday 8:00 – 11:00 AM, weather permitting, City Hall Prkg Lot

**ADJOURNMENT:**

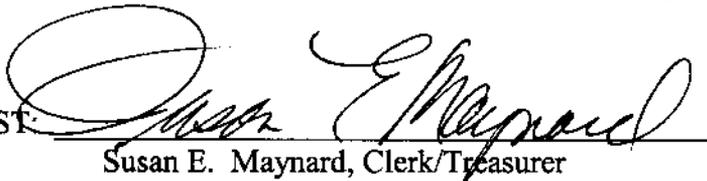
Motioned to adjourn was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

DATE: November 17, 2005

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Ray Maynard, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Susan E. Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer