

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

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM Thursday, September 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: Peter Martin, Scott Paul, Angela Petersen, Russ Stokes, and Kent Viers
Also Present: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer
Absent: Jim Fenton, Jan Torbit and Tom Henkels

Mayor Maynard reported that Jim Fenton had called saying he was not feeling well enough to attend the meeting.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the August 18, 2005 minutes as presented was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mr. Martin. With a voice vote of five ayes, motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Maynard read letters from Congressman Marion Berry regarding a Fire Dept. grant; Office of Justice Programs regarding a Bullet-proof Vest Program grant; and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children inviting Chief Goodwin to attend a two-day Safe School Forum.

REPORTS:

Animal Control: Committee has been put on hold due to Hurricane Katrina.

Fire Dept.: Chief Mike Taylor gave the August report. Mr. Martin asked about the Fire Dept. grant. Chief Taylor said the Fire Dept. had not applied for the grant, but the ambulance service had. Mayor Maynard thanked the department for adding insulation to the Baseheart Fire Station. This work will help tremendously to lower utility costs of the building.

Homeland Security: No report.

Municipal Planning & Development: No report.

Planning & Zoning: In packet. New housing construction is up over \$2,000,000 as compared to last year.

Police Dept.: Chief Goodwin gave the August report.

Street Dept.: In packet. Pontiac Drive Project – Arkansas One Call has marked the utilities, and they are in the process of engineering how that will be laid out to have the minimal amount of impact to those existing utilities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Planning & Zoning Amendment to Ordinance 99-2: Mayor Maynard asked Mrs. Maynard to read **An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 99-2 approving and adopting that certain zoning documents and technical codes known as the Cherokee Village Zoning Code, establishing permit fees and penalties for violation thereof and for other purposes.** Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mr. Paul. Mr. Martin again voiced his objections as follows: (1) Per State Law 14-55-201, ordinances should have only one subject which is expressed in the title. “--- which this one is not expressed”, said Mr. Martin. (Recorder’s Note – Zoning Codes is one subject); (2) Per State Law 14-56-416, “---shall consist of both a map and text.” Mr. Martin doesn’t feel the Council knows what properties are being affected by this; (3) The Planning & Zoning Commission has never made a presentation to the Council of the reasoning for this. “They’re just changing their whole basic plan.” and (4) No notice has been published in the newspaper. Other discussion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Peter Martin, no; Scott Paul, yes; Angela Petersen, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; and Kent Viers, yes. Mayor Maynard cast a positive vote. With a vote of five ayes, motion carried. Having been read three times, this Ordinance is declared passed. It will be **Ordinance 2005-06.**

Police Dept. Shooting Range: Chief Goodwin presented a drawing of the proposed range, a list of range rules and a budget. The dozer work will be done by a local dozer contractor, and cost approximately \$700. The Street Dept. will haul dirt from streets being repaired to help create the burn. No additional insurance is needed due to tort immunity. Mr. Martin asked that officers who use the range to check in with the Police Dept. secretary so we know when the range is in use.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Martin asked that we look into the Quorum Court’s charging us for 9-1-1 dispatching. He can see reimbursing them for something they are being charged for, but if we’re going to be paying a premium for service, we should have some input on how it’s being done. Mayor Maynard has not been officially informed on this, but has heard rumors of their charging us \$29,000 per year for dispatching service. The only city that that pays right now is Highland at \$7,000 per year. He also suggested that perhaps we could advertise that the Police Dept. phone number is answered by an officer after hours, and just use the cell phone to dispatch our own non-emergency calls.

The first budget discussion will be at the October meeting.

Mr. Stokes suggested that signs be placed at the three entrances to the City to let people know when a burn ban is in effect.

Steve Rose from the water department explained why water main breaks occur in hot weather, and how they inform the residents when they will be working on the water pipes in their area.

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Friday, September 16, 9:00 AM; District Court, City Hall
Friday, September 23, 12:30-4 PM; Sharp County Collector Charlotte Ratliff, Senior Center
Wednesday, September 28, 4:00 PM; Strategic Planning Committee meeting, Townhouse Bldg.
Monday, October 3, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning Commission, City Hall
Wednesday, October 5, 3:00 PM; Road Committee, City Hall
Monday, October 10, Columbus Day; Offices CLOSED
Monday, October 10, 6:00 PM; Sharp County Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
Monday, October 10, 7:00 PM; Fulton County Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse
Tuesday, October 11, 4:00 PM; Municipal Planning & Dev. Committee, City Hall
Thursday, October 20, 7:00 PM; City Council Meeting, City Hall
Friday, October 21, 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 8:00 – 11:00 AM, weather permitting, City Hall Prkg Lot

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned to adjourn was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Viers. With a voice vote of five ayes, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

DATE: October 20, 2005

APPROVED: _____


Ray Maynard, Mayor

ATTEST: _____


Susan E. Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer