

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
City Council Minutes
December 11, 2006

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM Thursday, December 11, 2006 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, Petr Oberding, Scott Paul, Angela Petersen, Russ Stokes and Kent Viers

Also Present: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer; Jon Abele, City Attorney

Absent: Jan Torbit

AGENDA: Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Viers. Discussion. With a voice vote of seven ayes, the agenda was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Salary/Welfare Committee Report Discussion: Mr. Stokes reported the committee (Scott Paul, Angela Petersen and he) met and reviewed salaries of elected officials, department heads and full-time employees of cities having a population of 3,500 to 5,000 based on the Municipal League's Salary Survey. The committee recommended a 5% raise for department heads and a 3.3% cost of living raise for the rest of the employees. They recommended salaries of \$9,600 for the Mayor and \$15,360 for the Clerk/Treasurer. They also recommended budgeting \$16,500 for two part-time Court Clerks.

Mayor Maynard said some of the department heads had told him they would be more comfortable with a 4% raise for everyone, than the 5% raise for themselves.

Mr. Stokes said the committee felt the department heads deserved more as they have much more responsibility, and they are trying to bring the salaries up to a higher average to match cities of our size.

Motion to accept the committee's recommendations was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mrs. Chelsvig. Much discussion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Scott Paul, yes; Angela Petersen, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Kent Viers, yes; June Chelsvig, yes; Peter Martin, yes; and Petr Oberding, no. (Recorders Note: Mr. Oberding later told me via email, "I voiced my objections solely about reducing the Mayor's annual salary and never objected to the raises for the other departments." He wanted this reflected in the minutes.) With a vote of six ayes, motion carried.

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Friday, December 15, 9:00 AM; District Court, City Hall

Thursday, December 21, 7:00 PM; City Council Meeting, 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 Parking Lot

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned to adjourn was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Chelsvig. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

DATE: December 21, 2006

APPROVED: _____
Ray Maynard, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Susan E. Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer