

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS

City Council Minutes December 21, 2006

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM Thursday, December 21, 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, Scott Paul, Russ Stokes, Jan Torbit and Kent Viers
Also Present: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer and City Attorney Jon Abele
Absent: Petr Oberding and Angela Petersen

AGENDA: Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mr. Stokes. Discussion. Motion to add discussion of a resolution for employee bonuses to "Old Business" was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried. With a voice vote of six ayes, the agenda was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: None

MINUTES: Motion to approve the November 16 and December 11, 2006 minutes as presented was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Maynard read a letter from the Arkansas Department of Economic Development and Renee` Doty congratulating the City on becoming an Arkansas Community of Excellence. She will contact Cy Bertram to schedule a date to present us the award.

REPORTS:

Fire Dept.: In packet. The Department responded to 14 calls; the firefighters trained for 174 hours; and the volunteers trained for two hours on fire apparatus and two hours on protective equipment.

Planning & Zoning: Mrs. Maynard read letters of resignation from Tom Thompson, Bob Curtis and Jim Boehmler.

Police Dept.: In packet. Chief Goodwin reported that Sgt. Ric Morris has been selected to attend Session XXIX of the School of Law Enforcement Supervision. He will be one of 24

participants. Training is for four weeks, one week each in January through April. Housing is provided.

Chief Goodwin presented Mayor Maynard and Clerk/Treasurer Maynard with plaques for their work with the Police Dept.

Street Dept.: In packet. Jimmie Cherry reported they are working on cleaning ditches. Many residents rake their leaves into the ditches and leave them there where they eventually clog the culverts. It is against the law to put debris in ditches, and we may start fining repeat offenders. They also cleaned storm damage. So far this has cost \$23,000 which we will be reimbursed from FEMA.

Strategic Planning (ACE Committee): No report. Mr. Bertram said they will continue implementing the program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Resolution for employee bonuses. Mrs. Maynard read **A resolution to authorize and appropriate a one-time payment to the employees of the City of Cherokee Village.** Motion to accept the resolution was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Martin. Mrs. Maynard wanted the minutes to reflect that she emailed the auditor and he replied that we needed to pass an ordinance first. Discussion. Motion to pay salaried employees \$200 and hourly employees \$150 was made by Mr. Martin. Motion dies for lack of a second. Motion to pay all employees \$50 was made by Mrs. Chelsvig and seconded by Mr. Martin. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Scott Paul, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Jan Torbit, yes; Kent Viers, yes; June Chelsvig, yes; and Peter Martin, yes. With a vote of six ayes, motion carried. It will be **Resolution 2006-04.**

b. 2007 Budget Discussion:

Administrative:

Motion to change "Advertising" from \$300 to \$500 was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mrs. Chelsvig. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to leave \$1,500 in "Engineering & Professional Fees" was made by Mrs. Torbit and seconded by Mr. Stokes. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to leave \$100 in "Homeland Security" was made by Mrs. Torbit and seconded by Mr. Viers. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to change "Insurance" from \$50 to \$75 was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to change "Salaries, Health Insurance" from \$12,681 to \$11,529 was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Paul. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Animal Control:

Motion to change "Boarding Kennel" from \$1,000 to \$4,000 was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Martin. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to add a line item called "Education" for \$300 was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mrs. Chelsvig. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to leave any salaries under the Police Dept. was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to add \$200 for "Travel" was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

City Buildings & Grounds:

Motion to add \$10,000 for "Capital Expenditures" was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mr. Stokes. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to add \$1,000 for "Furniture & Fixtures" was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

District Court:

Motion to add \$100 for "Advertising" was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mr. Stokes. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to change "Dues & Subscriptions" from \$100 to \$3,100 was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Viers. Discussion. This would include a monthly subscription fee for the new Court software. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Fire Dept.:

Motion to add \$3,500 for "Communications Equipment" was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mrs. Chelsvig. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to change "Insurance" from \$5,000 to \$5,750 was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Viers. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

L.O.P.F.I.:

Motion to accept changes for retirement contributions due to salary changes (Fire - \$109,726; Police - \$29,902) was made by Mrs. Torbit and seconded by Mr. Viers. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

PD Special Equipment Fund:

No changes.

Planning & Zoning:

Motion to change "Insurance" from \$50 to \$75 was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mr. Paul. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to leave \$1,000 in "Travel" was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mrs. Chelsvig. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Police Dept.:

No changes.

PD Auxiliary and VIPS:

No changes.

Street Dept.:

Motion to change "Insurance" from \$5,800 to \$7,500 was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Viers. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to change "Repair & Maintenance, Bridges" from \$1,000 to \$10,000 was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Paul. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to change "Uniforms" from \$3,500 to \$4,000 was made by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Viers. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to change "Website/Internet Access" to \$744 was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mr. Stokes. Discussion. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Court Automation Fund:

Motion to add a line item "Computer Equipment Expense" for \$1,500; and one called "Software" for \$2,500 was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. Discussion. This would be for a new laptop for the Court Clerk. Monies from this Fund can only be used for the automation of the District Court. With a voice vote of six ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the changes to the proposed 2007 Budget was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Paul. Discussion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Scott Paul, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Jan Torbit, yes; Kent Viers, yes; June Chelsvig, yes; and Peter Martin, yes. With a vote of six ayes, motion carried.

Motion to table the 2007 budget approval to next year was made by Mr. Martin. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion to recess for ten minutes while Mrs. Maynard printed copies of the budget ordinance was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. Discussion. With a vote of six ayes, motion carried.

Ten minute recess.

Mayor Maynard asked Mrs. Maynard to read **An Ordinance for the adoption of the municipal budget.** Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. Discussion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll. Scott Paul, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Jan Torbit, yes; Kent Viers, yes; June Chelsvig, yes; and Peter Martin, no. With a vote of five ayes, motion carried.

Motion to suspend the rules and read the Ordinance, title only, for the second time was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll. Scott Paul, yes; Russ Stokes, yes; Jan Torbit, yes; Kent Viers, yes; June Chelsvig, yes; and Peter Martin, no. With a vote of five ayes, motion failed. (Recorder's note: Must have had a 2/3 majority of the whole council, or six, affirmative votes.) Proposed 2007 budget was not passed and no checks may be paid out in January until a new budget has been approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Close credit card account:

Mrs. Maynard explained that she has been trying to close this account for most of 2006, and finally Mr. Scott Edmondson of FNBC called and said he needed the council minutes which

included its approval to close the account. Motion to close the FNBC Visa card account was made by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mrs. Torbit. With a vote of six ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 25 & 26; Christmas holidays – Offices Closed
- Monday, January 1; New Year’s Day – Offices Closed
- Monday, January 8, 6:00 PM; Sharp County Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
- Monday, January 8, 7:00 PM; Fulton County Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse
- Thursday, January 18, 7:00 PM; City Council Meeting, City Hall
- Friday, January 19, 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 AM - noon, weather permitting, City Hall Parking Lot

ADJOURNMENT:

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

DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis J. Endrihs, City Clerk/Treasurer