

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
City Council Minutes
May 18, 2006

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM Thursday, April 20, 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: Peter Martin, Petr Oberding, Angela Petersen, Russ Stokes, and Kent Viers

Also Present: Susan Maynard, City Clerk/Treasurer

Absent: June Chelsvig, Jan Torbit and Scott Paul

AGENDA: Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mr. Oberding. Discussion. With a voice vote of five ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: None

MINUTES: Motion to approve the April 20, 2006 minutes as presented was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Viers. With a voice vote of five ayes, motion carried unanimously.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Maynard read letters from Jill Anderson wanting to help with animal control, and a thank you note from Cheryl Marshall thanking the City for the drinks for the spay/neuter clinic.

REPORTS:

Fire Dept.: In packet. Mayor Maynard reported that the new fire truck should be here in another month. It will be a Pierce pumper on a Kenwood chassis. There was \$400 difference between the Pierce bid and the Rosenbauer bid, but the Pierce had a better light bar.

Planning & Zoning: In packet.

Police Dept.: In packet

Street Dept.: In packet. Mayor Maynard reported the new backhoe should be here next month.

Strategic Planning: In packet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Animal Control: Mr. Stokes presented his report on the costs of a facility and employee. The building would be 1,700 to 2,200 sq. ft. and fully furnished construction cost could range from \$102,000 to \$145,000. Projected costs of an Animal Control officer would be \$24,200. Start up

costs, including training, equipment, incinerator, vehicle and supplies are estimated to be \$41,500. Total estimated project cost, including first year expenses, would be \$178,200. Projected annual costs are \$41,700.

A one-cent sales tax could bring in \$28,000 to \$32,000. This is an estimated figure as we have no information on actual sales. It may be necessary to use some turnback funds, and we may receive financial donations as well as volunteer labor. We have sufficient reserve funds to construct the building and start operations.

Mr. Martin made a motion to place the one-percent sales tax on the general election ballot in November. Mr. Viers seconded. Discussion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Kent Viers, yes; Peter Martin, yes; Petr Oberding, yes; Angela Petersen, yes; and Russ Stokes, yes. With a vote of five ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Maynard asked Mrs. Maynard to read **An ordinance providing for the levy of a one percent sales and use tax within the City of Cherokee Village, Arkansas; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto.** Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the first reading of the ordinance. Mr. Viers seconded. Discussion. The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Kent Viers, yes; Peter Martin, yes; Petr Oberding, yes; Angela Petersen, yes; and Russ Stokes, yes. With a vote of five ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Maynard asked Mrs. Maynard to read **An ordinance calling a special election in the city of Cherokee village, Arkansas, on the question of levying a one percent sales and use tax.** Discussion. It was decided to table the ordinance to the June meeting as wording was not right.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Reschedule June meeting: Mr. Viers made a motion to change the June meeting from the 15th to the 8th due to the Municipal League's convention being at that time. Mr. Martin seconded. With a voice vote of five ayes, motion carried.

b. New phone system for City Hall: Mayor Maynard has been approached by several employees asking for a new phone system. He got a price from CenturyTel of \$9,096.84. Mr. Maynard felt this was rather high, and got a quote for equipment only from American Telephone Headquarters (New Jersey - online) of \$3,747. He would install this system for \$500 for a total cost of \$4,247. Mr. Martin made a motion to put the phone system in the 2007 budget. Mr. Oberding seconded. With a voice vote of five ayes, motion carried.

c. Record Retention Schedule: Mrs. Maynard presented a schedule which would set out the length of time certain records would be kept. Mr. Viers made a motion to change the June meeting from the 15th to the 8th due to the Municipal League's convention being at that time. Mr. Stokes seconded. With a voice vote of five ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Maynard said he had picked up 100 cubic yards of bags of leaves that people had left at the Lakeview site, and took them to the community garden site. A "No Dumping" sign has been put up at the old site and another sign tells where to take the bags in the future. Ruth has talked to Horseshoe Bend about their leaf vacuum. The project has gone over very well there. We may do this later.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Friday, May 19, 9:00 AM; District Court, City Hall

Monday, June 5, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning Commission, City Hall

Wednesday, June 7, 3:00 PM; Road Committee, City Hall

Thursday, June 8, 7:00 PM; City Council Meeting, City Hall

Monday, June 12, 6:00 PM; Sharp County Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse

Monday, June 12, 7:00 PM; Fulton County Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse

Friday, June 16, 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

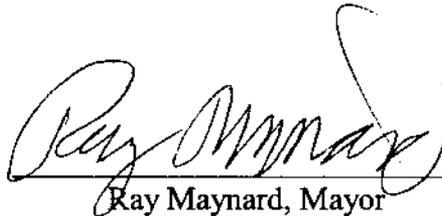
Re-cycling open every Wednesday 8:00 – 11:00 AM, weather permitting, City Hall Parking Lot

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned to adjourn was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Viers. With a voice vote of five ayes, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

DATE: June 8, 2006

APPROVED:


Ray Maynard, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan E. Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer