

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
City Council Minutes
November 16, 2006

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM Thursday, November 16, 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

Absent: Jan Torbit

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA: None

MINUTES: Motion to approve the October 19, 2006 minutes as presented was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Oberding. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to accept the October financial report was made by Mr. Viers 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 a letter from the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Volunteerism, congratulating us for being chosen as one of the twelve communities to receive the 2006 Arkansas Volunteer Community of the Year Award. Mayor Maynard thanked all the volunteers and Cy Bertram, who compiled all the data.

REPORTS:

Fire Dept.: In packet. The Department responded to 13 calls; the firefighters trained for 155 hours; and the volunteers trained for two hours on fire prevention and two hours on fire hose. They also completed the painting and pressure washing of the Baseheart and Waketa Stations. They have started refurbishing the overhead doors at the three older fire stations. The Department presented a Fire Prevention Program to the kindergarten classes at the Cherokee Elementary School during Fire Prevention Week, and passed out materials at Oktoberfest.

Planning & Zoning: None

Police Dept.: In packet. Citations issued, 58; miles patrolled, 8990; and hours volunteered, 143. Chief Goodwin presented the Sgt. Collar brass and badge to Ric Morris. He also introduced the other officers present.

Street Dept.: In packet. Leaves in ditches are a continuing problem.

Strategic Planning (ACE Committee): In packet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

2007 Budget Discussion: It was decided to discuss the budget line by line.

Administrative:

Motion to add a line item called "Repair & Maintenance, Computer" for \$3,000 was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mr. Martin. Discussion. This was added to compensate for the computer repair and maintenance that Mayor Maynard did. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Vehicle insurance for the Impala was increased from \$50 to \$75 due to increased rates.

Motion to add a line item for a private audit was made by Mr. Oberding and seconded by Mr. Martin. Discussion. Mayor Maynard said that once you quit having the Legislative Audit division do the audit (no charge), it is hard to get back onto their list. (Reference Highland). The Clerk/Treasurer called the roll: Scott Paul, no; Angela Petersen, no; Russ Stokes, no; Kent Viers, no; June Chelsvig, no; Peter Martin, yes; and Petr Oberding, yes. With a vote of two ayes, motion was defeated.

Animal Control:

Motion to add \$1,000 for "Boarding Kennel" was made by Mr. Viers and seconded by Mr. Paul. Discussion. This was added as we now have an Animal Control Officer. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to add a line item called "Capital Expenditures" for \$20,000 was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Oberding. Discussion. This will be used to purchase a small pickup truck such as a Ranger. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to establish a committee to review salaries of the Mayor, Clerk/Treasurer, Court Clerk, department heads and all other employees was made by Mr. Stokes and seconded by Mrs. Chelsvig. Discussion. With a voice vote of seven ayes, motion carried unanimously. Mayor Maynard appointed Mr. Stokes, Mrs. Petersen and Mr. Paul to be on the committee.

City Buildings & Grounds:

No changes.

District Court:

Judge Mark Johnson pled his case, asking for two part-time court clerks and paying them a total of \$16,640. He also said that the line item "District Court Fines" could probably be increased to \$55,000.

Fire Dept.:

Mr. Oberding reported that SID had proposed a budget of \$610,000 for our Fire Dept.

Chief Taylor asked that we consider adding one firefighter to start training as there are technically three firefighters who will be retiring within the next two years. He would also like to start a fund to replace the remaining old fire engines.

L.O.P.F.I.:

Appropriate changes will be made according to Fire and Police budgeted salaries.

PD Special Equipment Fund:

No changes.

Planning & Zoning:

No changes.

Police Dept.:

No changes.

PD Auxiliary and VIPS:

No changes.

Street Dept.:

Mr. Oberding reported that SID had proposed a budget of \$360,000 for our Street Dept.
No other changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Friday, November 17, 9:00 AM; District Court, City Hall
- Thursday & Friday, Nov. 23 & 24; Thanksgiving holidays – Offices Closed
- Monday, December 4, 1:00 PM; Planning & Zoning Commission, City Hall
- Monday, December 4, 6:00 PM; Christmas Lighting Ceremony
- Wednesday, December 6, 3:00 PM; Road Committee, City Hall
- Monday, December 11, 6:00 PM; Sharp County Quorum Court, Ash Flat Courthouse
- Monday, December 11, 7:00 PM; Fulton County Quorum Court, Salem Courthouse
- 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 eyes, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

DATE: December 21, 2006

APPROVED: _____
Ray Maynard, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Susan E. Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer