

CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS  
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2007

The Honorable Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the budget work meeting of the City Council to order at 1:00 PM on Monday, December 10, 2007.

Mayor Hefley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Endrihs - Present: Newman, Paul, Petersen, Thone, Oberding. Viers arrived later. Absent were: Martin & Stokes

Newman then went into discussion of budget papers prepared by Terry Romans, Executive Assistant.

ADMIN EXPENSE:

Thone questioned as to whether we could make more interest elsewhere on the money we had in the various funds. Romans replied that we need 2-3 months operating expense cash on hand. Need to develop a policy where our funds are covered, protected, insured by next meeting. Same goes for Bonds.

Question was asked if others were paying for the Airport – Yes, it is tri-county.

Line 20 – Bank Fees – was explained (credit card fees, ACH, transfers)

Remove Line 30 and 33 re insurance and fuel for old Impala (1 was sold to the Senior Center for \$750 and the other can be sold if approved.

Line 38 – change Office Supplies from \$5000 to \$4500

Line 44 – Newman moved that we pay alderman \$100 per month (if present); seconded by Paul. Pat Just indicated that an ordinance is needed. Jagow indicated that we may get more willing to run for office if salary is offered. Thone disagreed. Just commented that we could start with a lower salary offer. She also indicated that we need a policy re pay raises.

Newman indicated we select a Salary Committee after the first of the year.

3.5% should be offered as COLA.

Regarding AD&D – should be offered to all deptment heads and elected officials or not at all. - scratched.

Line 51 – re Software – keep amount at \$2500 in case it is needed.

### ANIMAL CONTROL:

Lines 107 and 115 OK.

### POLICE:

Line 178 – replacement of all radios in police vehicles

Line 346 for Ammo – OK

Line 347 – need another police car to replace Durango and get on rotation schedule (every 2 years while on warranty). Two years prime time to resell. Purchase from state, sell and replace. Paul said we should think safety and needs.

Line 365 Accurint – scheduled lease expense

Line 374 – salaries – what about incentive pay?

Line 204 – salaries - Question asked as to what is overtime? Scott replied that it was something going on at end of shift such as court.

Line 381 re tasers – now have two which means signing out and bringing back at end of each shift; could use more.

Re LOPFI – Romans explained policy this year as opposed to previously. Covers both police and fire departments. Need to work on splitting the costs between the two departments in accord with percentages of each.

Line 404 – Neighborhood Watch Program. Is it working? Volunteers are needed.

Police Dispatch – needs help

Question re Defibs – Fire Dept has it on every piece of their equipment. PD should have one in each of their vehicles and there should be one in city hall. Possibility of FD volunteers having fund raiser for same?

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Plan to purchase a new fire truck in 2008. All 833 funds can go for truck. There will be no new hire until new truck comes.

FD employees are required to retire after five years once their name is on the list. Taylor said his starts in January.

### STREET:

Line 469 – add south to stop light at entrance

Line 415 - question on culverts.

Line 415 – pugmill will save time and labor and is not high maintenance or hazardous.

### CITY BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Line 133 – may have to replace an air conditioner – should it be under Capital Expenditures?

### DISTRICT COURT JUDGE:

Has been moved to employee status

