

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 20, 2007**

The Honorable Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the regular monthly meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. Thursday, December 20, 2007.

Mayor Hefley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Endrihs called the roll: Present were Newman, Martin, Oberding, Paul, Stokes, Thone and Viers; Petersen was absent. Also present was Attorney Jon Abele.

Martin questioned as to why Dispatch was not on the agenda. Since there is a bit of controversy as to which county gets CV Fulton County turnback, shouldn't all of Cherokee Village be under Sharp County regarding turnback? Mayor said it was on agenda as "911" and would be discussed this evening.

Martin moved that the three Ordinances under New Business be tabled until January so there would be more time for discussion. Oberding seconded. Discussion followed. Roll call was taken. Stoke and Newman voted NO; all others voted YES. Passed.

Martin moved that we accept the agenda; Oberding seconded; passed unanimously. There were no public comments on agenda items.

Martin moved that we accept the November 15, 2007 minutes; Oberding seconded. Viers requested that where DeLoach is listed as Chubby, this be changed to Charles; passed unanimously with requested name adjustment. Thone requested that minutes be received shortly after the meeting, if possible. He would prefer it earlier than the Friday before the meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Hefley reported that he had attended a meeting with Highland on December 11th where sewer information was discussed. Although there are no present plans for a sewer system in Cherokee Village, Highland Mayor Norwood would share his knowledge with our Council members if one is ever desired.

The meeting in Batesville on December 13<sup>th</sup> was in reference to the disposal of electronic items.

A list of 4 Members to be appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission was presented. Much discussion followed. Martin moved we wait until February, interview the applicants, make sure all Wards are represented, that the applicants are qualified to be on this Commission, and report back to Council at next meeting. Stokes seconded. Oberding asked if there was a time limit. Viers replied that they should be in place the first of the year. Roll call was taken – Martin and Stokes voted YES; all others voted NO. Motion failed for lack of quorum. DeLoach intervened and indicated we need to elect by the first of the year; can't wait until February. Stokes questioned appointments – none from Ward 2, no one from related trades; and suggested that if the Committee

could meet at a later hour during day or early evening, it might interest more volunteers who are working during the day. It was also pointed out that only the total of 7 members be appointed; no alternate. Mayor Hefley indicated that the applicants were all interviewed by the City Building Inspector, Planning & Zoning members and himself. He further added that they were all well qualified individuals and an alternate ( with no voting rights) was important in that he/she could attend all meetings and be available should someone drop out along the way. Newman requested that only 7 members be appointed; no alternate. Thone moved that Council accept the three appointments of Jerry Adams, Peter Oberding and Jim Stovall with no alternate; seconded by Newman. Roll call was taken: YES votes were Newman, Oberding, Paul, Thone, and Viers. Martin voted NO; and Stokes abstained. .

911 calls were also discussed. Mayor Hefley indicated that he had spoken to Sheriff Dale Weaver about this. We want all of Cherokee Village (including Fulton County portion) to be under jurisdiction of Sharp County. Martin moved that we draft a letter to Fulton County regarding this issue. Newman seconded; unanimously passed.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Clerk Endrihs reported that she and Romans had attended the ARML Health Benefits Meeting in Little Rock December 12, 2007. She also attended the CVBA Lighting Ceremony on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and the CVBA monthly meeting December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT:** Romans gave the Financial Report for the month. In answer to some questions raised, he was able to give the answers by using his computer screen to point to questioned areas of concern.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Not read.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

**FIRE:** Due to the illness of Chief Taylor, Pendarvis reported that the Department responded to 15 calls during the month of November. The Firefighters trained for a total of 210 hours on various subjects. The volunteers trained for 2 hours on Apparatus and 2 hours on Fire Ground Safety. He also indicated that the new geothermal unit was now in operation. (Report on file.)

**POLICE:** Chief Goodwin reported that 20 violations and 36 incidents took place within the City last month. (Report on file.) He also further reported that the Kiwanis Club had given Distinguished Service Awards recently to Fire Chief Taylor, Road Superintendent Cherry and himself.

**STREET:** Jimmie Cherry gave his report on street activity during month of November 2007. (Report on file.)

**ANIMAL CONTROL:** Billy Hamrick, Animal Control Officer gave a slide presentation of the Animal Shelter which offered slides of the grounds, buildings, etc.

He answered many questions that came up. This report was given in detail and presented a clear picture of the activities taking place at the animal shelter, the work being done, the actual building and set up for the animals as well as a FEMA trailer for volunteers to work in and handle the details of adoption, etc. The electricity, water, septic system, phone lines, etc. are all in and working. When opened, it is planned to have the shelter open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Arkansas Workforce will supply two volunteers to be paid by them. Each volunteer is to work 20 hours per week on alternate days. The shelter is contemplating charging \$25 to reclaim an altered animal and \$50 for an unaltered animal. Charge will be \$10 a day for the time the animal is held plus licensing fees. Viers suggested that interested persons should stop by and take a look at what has and is being done. An Open House is planned for later date. The Temporary Special Use Permit for the animal shelter was unanimously approved by Council and will be good for two years. The council was pleased with the presentation and Thone praised Hamrick and Chief Goodwin and others for the great job they have done

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ordinance 2000-3 – Stokes indicated that all businesses in the city should be required to obtain a business license to conduct business in the city. He felt that we should notify the public **ALL BUSINESSES – EVEN THOSE WHO NEVER HAD ONE BEFORE** – be required to obtain a permit from City Hall. If someone advertises, it is a business. No action taken at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BUDGET:** Verna Mae Newman

Newman presented the 2008 Operating Budget and moved that it be passed. Motion was withdrawn when Martin indicated that he had a number of questions. He questioned and moved that the \$3000 on computer expense, Line Item 41 be lowered to \$500. No second. He questioned Line Item 46 and all that led up to it that did not materialize and someone else was hired at higher salary. No seconds on motion to reduce salary and possibly make up with suggested donation from mayor's salary. Line 106 re salary of Animal Control Officer. This is to be divided between Animal Control and P&Z. He motioned that Line item 133 re security locks and alarms be dropped from \$5000 to \$1000. Line item 345 ACIC was dropped per request and Chief Goodwin indicated he saw no need to keep it in. Question re Line item 461 – Repair & Maintenance Equipment was answered by Cherry as it referred to parts for his equipment; i.e. mowers, plows, etc. Martin indicated that his biggest concern was that he felt that all big purchases should be presented to the Council before money is spent and reasons leading up to the purchases; and it wasn't being done.

Newman moved that we accept the 2008 budget as presented; Thone seconded. Roll call taken: YES Martin, Oberding, Stokes, Thone, Viers, Newman and Paul. Newman moved we accept Resolution 2007-05, Approval of 2008 Operating Budget, seconded by Thone. Martin voted NO; others all voted YES. Stokes commented that he liked what was being done by Romans and hoped it was possible to continue.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Question was raised as to why correspondence was not read.

Reply made that the letters from Mr. & Mrs Blackwell re deer thinning and the Highland School District Activity Center were not read as the City received carbon copies only of Letters to the Editor which were published in the local paper.

ADJOURNMENT: The Council unanimously voted to adjourn.

DATE APPROVED:

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Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phyllis J. Endrihs, Clerk/Treasurer