

MINUTES
CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
CITY COUNCIL
JULY 19, 2007
7:00 P. M.
(MEETINGS ARE VIDEO RECORDED)

RUSS Stokes, Mayor pro-temp, called the regular meeting of the Cherokee Village City Council to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor pro-temp Stokes led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then requested a moment of silence in memory of Alderman Thone's wife, who passed away recently. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM, Tuesday July 30th at the Church of Christ in Ash Flat.

City Clerk Endrihs called the roll: Present were Council members Newman, Martin, Oberding, Paul, Petersen, Stokes, Thone and Viers. A quorum was present. City Attorney Abele was also present. A roster of others in attendance is filed with the minutes.

Agenda: Martin moved that we adopt the agenda as printed, with the addition of deer thinning and Central Dispatch be added to Old Business. Seconded by Newman. Motion carried.

Minutes: Oberding asked why his item on par largo was not in the minutes for June 21st. Discussion followed. As minutes were not approved, motion was made by Oberding, seconded and passed that the following be added: "When ever any event is planned within the city of Cherokee Village by an Organization with estimate of 100-300 or more individuals, that the mayor be notified of such event in advance." Martin moved that we table these minutes to next month and the item be added. Newman seconded. Motion carried.

The minutes of the working meeting on July 12th were unanimously approved.

Mayor pro temp reported on the hospital situation. He indicated that the Mayors of the Tri-County Area, some aldermen, the County Judge, etc. attended the meeting in Little Rock at UAMS regarding a hospital. The issue is not dead yet; however, The Urgent Care Center is working on getting 24/7 emergency room care. Funding will be critical. There needs to be staffing fully 24/7. As of now, if individual wants to go to Urgent Care Center for treatment, he/she has to find own transportation or pay if an ambulance is called. The ambulance EMTs are required by law to transport an individual to the nearest hospital with an emergency room. Right now that is the Fulton County Hospital in Salem. Insurance will not cover otherwise.

Clerk Endrihs reported on her attendance at an Income Tax & Social Security Seminar in Huntsville, AR on June 26th.

Financials: Although the financials do not have to be approved, Thone motioned that they be made available; seconded by Viers. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire – Chief Taylor was absent; however, his report indicated that his department had responded to 16 calls during the month of June, the firefighters trained for a total of 202 hours on various subjects; the volunteers trained for 2 hours on Fire Streams and 2 hours on Salvage and Overhaul. The dept also burned the house at the Circle C in preparation for the Animal Control Facility. Report on file.

Police – Chief Goodwin reported 67 citation totals by violation and a number of incident primary offense totals. Question was raised as to the location of the old police cars. The Chief replied that one is at the airport to be used as a courtesy car. Newman indicated that if the car sits too long, the battery could be dead; and it should be checked on now and then. One is in use as a city car. Of the other 2, one is planned to be sold and the other will be kept for winter use because of 2 wheel drive and studded snow tires. Viers asked about the Community Rescue Teams to which reply was that further work needs to be done with Civil Defense workers to get our area prepared for emergencies. Police report on file.

Chief Goodwin also reported on the work being done out at the former Circle C property on Hwy 289. SID has agreed to lease the property to the City for animal control, temporary housing and disposal. This would eliminate costs of Boarding Kennel for the required 5 days of housing as well as trip to Batesville for disposal of the animals. Much discussion followed as to the taxes (will Sid be paying all taxes?). Is there electricity, water, possibility of another building to be put up and used as office with heat and air. Should we check on other property that the City could purchase and own? Newman suggested we get going on a temporary basis and lease agreement for \$10 a year. After a lot more pros and cons were indicated, a motion was made by Martin to lease the property for 5 years, amend the budget, check liabilities, costs etc and have available for the August meeting. Hamrick is at present euthanizing the animals rather than transporting them to Batesville. Thone reminded the group of the CD for use in building an animal shelter. Viers indicated that this property might be the best solution for the time being.

Streets/Roads – Jimmie Cherry reported on the work being done in the Village on completing overlay work on Cherokee Road. Lines are due to be painted. Atlas will be in to finish up some problems on the bridge area near north golf course and elsewhere if necessary. (Report on file.)

Planning & Zoning Committee. Allen Maxedon.

Martin asked if approval had been given to construct a parking lot on Lake Sequoyah by boat slips. Maxedon indicated that this was being done by S.I.D. and no permit has been given them. Martin indicated that was a rather dangerous intersection for such a plan. PZ to check this out. (Report on file)

Oberding indicated he wrote a letter to PZ to request a construction moratorium be issued on the building of spec homes in the area as some are sitting vacant, others have been left with only foundations completed, etc. Discussion followed Stokes suggested that Oberding wait for a response from PZ.

Regarding Central Dispatch, the Council unanimously voted to have after hour calls to the police department forwarded to Sharp County Central Dispatch. Chief Goodwin agreed he was in favor of this.

The first reading of Ordinance 2007-5 was read by Clerk Endrihs. This Ordinance amends previous Ordinance which requires individuals wanting to put in a septic system to have the site inspected, designed, and reinspected after installation by the State Health Dept. As to WHY, Maxedon stated that it is required by the State. DeLoach indicated that it is currently up to the County DHS as the city does not have anyone qualified to do the work. This Ordinance just makes the process official. Viers motioned to approve, Newman seconded, Martin abstained, and Oberding, Paul, Petersen, Stokes, Thone voted for the motion.

Ordinance 2007-06 pertaining to maintenance and repair of sewage septic systems was read by Clerk Endrihs. City Attorney Abele indicated he would like to rewrite the Ordinance. Martin moved, Oberding seconded for Atty Abele to rewrite. Rest of the Council approved unanimously.

Resolution on Committee Appointments was read by Clerk Endrihs. Thone asked if the Mayor had seen it and Stokes replied that he had discussed it with the Mayor. It was suggested to change Section 5, and take out word "equal" and to add Section 7 – Resolution to be reviewed annually each January by the Board. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept with changes.

Stokes requested PZ make a requirement that all tree trimmers have to obtain a business license. Since the dump site does not receive tree limbs and few have chippers, much of their haul has been dumped illegally. This requires a lot of work by the Environmental Committee to clean up. PZ to follow through.

In regard to deer thinning, Martin said he will contact Bull Shoals and Heber Springs about a controlled deer hunt in the city to thin out the deer population. He needs to talk with someone knowledgeable in order to determine what would work best for our City.

Other Public comments on City-related issues (three minute limit per speaker).

Lisa Bearden, Manager of Golden Care Services, introduced its two owners. She also reported on the services offered at the Center. The Center is licensed by Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services and covered y Medicaid, some private insurances, private pay and next year Medicare. Ratio of staff to patients is 1 to 5. This is an adult day care center. They will welcome an informal visit at any time with the best time being between 10:00 AM and noon and 1:30 and 4:00 PM. Phone # is 870-856-2090. Stokes thanked the ladies for their presentation.

Motion to adjourn was made and passed unanimously.

DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis J. Endrihs, Clerk/Treasurer