City of Cherokee Village, Arkansas
City Council Minutes
MAY 17, 2007

In the Courtroom of the Cherokee Village City Hall, Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the regular meeting of the Cherokee Village City Council to order at 7 P.M.

Mayor Hefley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Hefley asked for a roll call vote. City Clerk Endrihs called the roll. Present where Council members Oberding, Thone, Viers, Petersen, Stokes, Newman, Paul, and Martin. A quorum was present City Attorney Abele was present. A roster of others in attendance is filed with the minutes.

Agenda: Newman made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Seconded by Petersen. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Minutes: Viers made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 19, 2007 City Council Meeting. Seconded by Thone. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report: Hefley reported that a National Day of Prayer service held May 3, 2007 in City Hall was well received. He attended a meeting in Batesville on recycling grants. He also attended a meeting of the mayors of our 4-city area on Tuesday, May 15 to discuss similar issues; after which all the mayors attended the monthly Spring River Area Chamber of Commerce meeting held at Clyde's.

Clerks Report: Endrihs reported that she attended a Clerks' training meeting in Paragould on April 20, 2007, the National Day of Prayer meeting on May 3rd, the Cherokee Village Business Association Meeting on May10th and the Area Chamber meeting on May 15th.

Financial Report: Income Statement by Department for April 2007 was given to Council. Pat Just to speak later on budget.

Correspondence: Clerk Endrihs read a letter from Senator Blanche Lincoln to Chief Scott Goodwin congratulating him & the Police Dept on receiving a $5,657.04 grant from the U. S. Dept of Homeland Security's Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program. She also stated that a letter had been

received from the Municipal Health Benefit Fund indicating that there is to be no increase in cost for the City or its employees for 2007.

Reports: No report from the Police Department as Chief Goodwin was out of town. Report is on file.

Fire Department-Chief Taylor reported that they had received 12 calls, taken 192 hours of training; and applied for an AFG grant for $113,152 to be used to update the protective equipment used by the department. The grant is a 95/5 grant with our share to be $5,657. Report on file.

In answer to questions raised by Council Members regarding some expenses, Chief Taylor replied that he had 28 firemen which included the volunteers and some of the protective equipment was purchased in 1974. A De-fib is on all rescue vehicles and trucks. Thone questioned him on the $6,000 in utilities already used with a $15,000 budget as to reason why it was so high. Stokes asked him if this was broken down by station to which the answer was "yes." The major reason for heat and air costs should be helped with the addition of insulation in the living/sleeping areas. The Chief plans to look into a living area heat/cool unit costing $20,386.78 AGS – 6 ton-inground source. Newman then asked what else. He replied that the boat cost $10,352.96; however, the County paid $4000 of this. Newman motioned that the boat be paid for, seconded by Martin. Motion carried. Stokes suggested that he should get more bids regarding the inground heat/cool unit.

Chief Taylor indicated that they would be going door to door to talk with homeowners on care needed around individual homes in case of fire. This will be done during Wildfire Week. Citizens can come to Baseheart and look at the fire department map which indicates help available in respective areas.

Thone asked about the fire contracts. Clerk Endrihs replied that Sharon, our receptionist sent them out; however, Sharon indicated that Clerk is to send them out the end of the year and she follows up on them. If a citizen in the area does not send in money, the Fire Department will bill them for any expense due to fire.

Martin indicated that Quorum court charged a $25 fee – has contract with white areas and does not cover outside CV. $100 year for fire protection being done by Pete Riley.

Planning & Zoning – Alan Maxedon. Martin said complaints have been made with no name given. The person being complained about should be given the name of the complainer. Stokes stated that if they come to P&Z, the code enforcement officer will decide if complaint is valid. Torbit indicated that once the city receives a complaint, it becomes public record. Martin indicated selective enforcement seems to be the case. Alan replied that each complaint is reviewed. . Sharon indicated that the Ordinance states that a complaint not be taken without the name of person who makes the complaint. Alan is to look into this.

Road – Jimmy Cherry. He indicated that they are just starting to do road repair. Martin asked about bids; said they should come before Council. Much discussion followed; nothing solved. Cherry replied that the bids were put in paper as needed; however, only one bid was received from Atlas (who have done work in Sharp County before). They went to work right away.

BUDGET: Pat Just indicated that we need to work on policy and procedure to follow, develop a plan as to when we do the budget. She indicated that the budget has meaning and dollars have to be there. She requested we approve the April financials as January, February and March have all been taken care of. Stokes motioned that we approve, Newman seconded. Motion carried. Pat also suggested training for council for understanding and that Excel may be easier to understand Martin indicated that it would be nice to know what is being paid for and before it is paid. The Mayor and Paul indicated that the Dept Heads should have the right to decide to purchase items already budgeted.
The mayor has permission to approve purchases under $10,000.00.

Unfinished Business:

Clerk Endrihs read the Planning and Zoning Ordinance 2007-2 for the third reading by Title only as motion to do this was made by Martin and seconded by Oberding. Role call taken; motion carried unanimously. The code will be placed in the building for all contractors to see.

Martin requested that the Deer Thinning problem be postponed until next year. He asked about the Trash Variance Cards to which reply was made that letters were sent out. Martin and Thone to get together to discuss trash pickup.

New Business:

Updating phone system is to be checked out with Centurytel. Martin suggested that we open for bids.

Public Comments:

Chuck Bartlett indicated he thought that the Council had improved.

Torbit suggested a 2nd working council meeting be held.

Someone suggested that items be picked up before they sit for two weeks.

At 8:50 P.M. Stokes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Martin. Motion carried.

DATE: June 21, 2007

APPROVED: _____
Mayor Lloyd Hefley

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis J. Endrihs, Clerk/ Treasurer