

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 29, 2008**

Mayor Hefley called this special meeting of the Cherokee Village City Council to order at 6:00 PM, on Monday, December 29, 2008. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a silent prayer.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and approve the proposed 2009 City budget.

Clerk Endrihs took roll-call. Present were Petr Oberding, Angie Petersen, Russ Stokes, Tom Thone, Kent Viers, VernaMae Newman and Peter Martin. Scott Paul was absent.

Newman moved that the budget be accepted; Thone seconded; however, he also wanted it open to discussion. Oberding questioned the Mayor's raise. He thought it would be \$1000 for the year; but then sees that it is \$2000. Newman explained the reason for this and indicated that it was a step in the right direction to bring his salary up to speed with other small Class 1 cities.

Martin questioned increases in the Police Department and then in Animal Control., computer expense, furniture and fixtures, health insurance, etc. He asked that high dollar amounts be presented to Council prior to purchase. He went on to say that just because the money is in the budget it does not give the department the go ahead to purchase. He indicated that the Fire Department does this very well in presenting their high cost items to Council, and he is expecting the same from the other departments. He further suggested that the next year's salaries be presented in July so that a great deal of time does not have to be wasted on them at the end of the year.

Martin also indicated that he is waiting to see the inventories from the different departments as there may be items that have been forgotten and are now being reordered. The Street Department has submitted an excellent one.

Newman pointed out that the bottom line indicates that the 2009 budget is \$7,000 lower than the 2008 budget.

As a motion had already been made prior to discussion, the Mayor asked that Roll Call be made. YES vote from Petersen, Stokes, Thone, Viers and Newman. NO votes from Oberding and Martin.

Clerk Endrihs then read RESOLUTION NO 2008-17 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2009 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE. Stokes moved that this be accepted; seconded by Viers. Roll call was taken - YES votes from Petersen, Stokes, Thone, Viers, Newman; NO votes from Oberding and Martin.

Stokes thanked all for coming to the meeting at 6:00 PM. He then thanked Council for their service to the City during 2008 and a special thanks to Viers and Oberding who were going off Council.

Stokes announced that a working meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 and asked that the Council check out the State Statues on spending amount for Mayors of 1st class cities, bids and maintenance costs.

Martin indicated that the regular council meeting scheduled for the 15th needed to be changed as the Mayor, Clerk and two aldermen would be attending the ARML Winter Conference in Little Rock January 14-16. Meeting was changed to Thursday, January 22nd.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM.

DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____
Mayor Lloyd Hefley

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis J. Endrihs, Clerk/Treasurer