

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2008**

The Honorable Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the regular monthly meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 P.M., Thursday, March 20, 2008.

Mayor Hefley led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent prayer.

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

AGENDA: Newman moved that we accept the Agenda, seconded by Thone; unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Newman moved that we accept the February 21, 2008 minutes; seconded by Oberding; passed unanimously.

Stokes moved that we accept the minutes of the Work Meeting held on March 5, 2008 with the following corrections:

1. 2nd page – Line out F.D. Chief Taylor’s vehicle could have a “C.V.F.D. front plate. (Already has one.) Police Chief’s vehicle needs one C.V.P.D.
2. 1st page, line 6, Coal mixing truck is really the PugMill which has been ordered.
3. 1st page, 4th line up from bottom of page correct spelling of defibrillator.

Viers seconded; unanimously carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT: The Mayor reported that work is being done on City emergency plans; however, there is much to do.

The Controlled Deer Hunt has been added to the May ballot for the citizens of Cherokee Village to vote Yes or No.

The Mayor and Chief Goodwin checked on the dog situation in Chuck Wolff’s area. They visited the neighbors, found the dogs in question not out running around; however, Chief Goodwin will be following through on this.

The Mayor reported that Frank Fitzgerald may be asked to add his expertise to the website proposed for Cherokee Village.

CLERK’S REPORT: Clerk Endrihs reported that she had attended the Cherokee Village Business Association monthly meeting Thursday, March 13, 2008. David Webb presented plans for the upcoming 2 person scramble golf tournament to be held on April 26-27, 2008 at the South Golf Course. The stripes in the Village Mall parking area will be painted as soon as the weather gets better.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/FINANCIALS: Terry Romans gave the Financial report. Questions raised were answered with the use of computer screen set up in court room. Stokes moved that the report be accepted as presented; Newman seconded; motion was carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Endrihs reported that an e-mail was received from the CV Golf Shop this afternoon. In essence, due to the recent flooding and the damages done, the North Course will be closed indefinitely as will the tennis courts. Citizens will be kept up to date on progress being made. The Cherokee Road bridge, as well as the golf cart bridge, will have to be checked for safety. The CV Mens' Golf Association opening day event, Thursday, March 27th, has been moved to the South Course. The only place to sign up will be the South Golf Shop. Breakfast will be served by LaCajuns Par 4 Restaurant.

WATER: The Mayor then called on Steve Rose, Water Department, to explain the water situation. Rose indicated all his employees had been doing since the flood waters came in. The pumps had to be shut down when water filled the pumping stations, electricity had to be turned off, State Health Department had to be contacted, samples taken, etc. Because of this, it was necessary to call the radio station regarding the "boil order" request. In answer to question why only the radio, he replied that this was a precautionary request. Had it been more involved, every means of communication would have been used. He is hoping for results of lab tests taken on the water to be completed by the weekend. If they do not call him, he will call them and then announce on the radio – the three stations here in our area and the one station from Thayer will be notified.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE: Chief Taylor reported that his Department had responded to 19 calls during February. The Firefighters trained for a total of 197 hours on various subjects. The Volunteers trained for 2 hours on Fire Streams and 2 hours on Ventilation (Report on file). Regarding a question raised as to smoke scare, the Chief replied that it was the end of the burning season and people were no longer using fireplaces or wood stoves but had turned on electric/gas heat; and it was result of dust burning off when first turned on. In reply to question as to how long he had had a defibrillator in the fire vehicles. He replied that they have had them for four years and he feels that they are of vital necessity. The Chief went on to say that they are in the process of scheduling CPR Training for all city employees during the month of April. City Clerk has the schedule. Because of this he requested that a new line item be added to his budget for \$1500 to cover the cost of this training.

POLICE: Chief Goodwin reported that 38 citations were issued for violations and there were 30 Primary Offense Incidents during the month of February. (Report on file) He and Sgt Morris are taking care of the animal control shelter with the help of volunteers. He indicated that he is in the process of hiring an individual but wanted

Council to be aware of plans. He has a female that has prior experience and has been a big help out at the shelter, has euthanized when necessary but is not certified. He would like to work her 30 hours a week and have someone else hired as Code Enforcement Officer on a part time basis of 20 hours a week. 30 hours a week is considered full time for benefits. She would be eligible, but Code Enforcement Officer would not. Martin indicated that when she goes to school for euthanasia training, that another officer also attend as back up. Goodwin agreed. Martin asked Goodwin if the Animal Control Officer would also keep a log of calls received and the locations. The Chief replied that this would be done.

Regarding questions on Central Dispatch, Goodwin felt that all calls after hours be directed to Central Dispatch rather than go through cell phone to officer on call. Martin moved that dispatch be used for after hours calls received; Thone seconded; unanimously passed.

Stokes stated that he felt that the Police Department and Fire Departments be praised for all their good work during our trial periods – tornado, flood, etc.

Mayor also indicated a big thank you for all the help given in getting the Village Center evacuated and people moved to the Methodist church; and for the church's help in taking care of the situation.

STREETS: Cherry reported they his people had pushed snow twice in February. They had cleaned ditches, trimmed trees, washed out 3 culverts with help from the Fire department, helped clean up trees in Highland area following tornado, put up 13 street signs, etc. (Report on file)

He stated the pug mill is on order and it will take 6-8 weeks for delivery.

Stokes commented that he had ridden around with Cherry and reported that the bridges on Flathead and North Golf Course both need work. He further added that if citizens didn't dump their leaves in the ditches, they would not plug up and flood over when it rained.. The Street Department crew did their best to unplug these areas during the storm.

Planning & Zoning is to look into this.

PLANNING & ZONING: Tom Hrezo reported on the comparison in construction requests from last year at this time to this year. (Report on file) He went on to say that if a citizen has a complaint about his neighbor or someone else in area, he is to put it in writing with P&Z as nothing can be done otherwise.

Motor homes are only allowed to be parked on property owned by by an individual who lives in a home on lot next to this parked area. Neither cars nor trailers are to be parked on the grass of any home; but rather on a concrete slab or gravel.

Registered letters have been sent to all homeowners living in the area that is to be re-zoned, so that they are aware of what is being done and can attend the Public Hearing for it.

No Committee Reports were given.

OLD BUSINESS:

Martin moved that we only read the title of Proposed Ordinance 2008-2, Careless or Inattentive Driving Within the City Limits of Cherokee Village. Stokes seconded; motion carried. Clerk Endrihs read the title. Stokes moved that we accept the Ordinance, Martin seconded, roll call taken; motion unanimously passed. Clerk Endrihs indicated that now that this was passed it would become Ordinance 2008-1 (no longer a proposal).

Stokes moved that we read title only on Proposed Ordinance 2008-3, Establishing Permit Costs and Penalties for Violation Thereof and for Other Purposes. Martin second; motion carried unanimously. Newman moved that we accept the 2nd reading, Viers seconded; roll call vote taken and motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor indicated that volunteers are needed to work the Home & Garden Show on March 28-29 at Sharp County Fair Grounds. (We will have a booth set up and be receiving donations for Animal Control Shelter).

Stokes indicated that King Rhodes, SID, and Village Pride are joining together for city-wide pickup on Saturday April 5th; rain date April 12th. Volunteers are to sign in at the Senior Center by 8:00 AM. King Rhodes will serve lunch to all volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A concerned citizen spoke up regarding the deer hunt and wanted to know why no training has been done, etc. The Mayor referred his question to Peter Martin who replied that the first step is to place it on the ballot which will be done in May. Then, depending on the results, action will be taken. If it passes, we will meet with Game & Fish Commission and go from there. The citizen thanked the Council for this information.

ADJOURNMENT:

Stokes moved that we adjourn, Martin seconded, unanimously passed.

DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____

Mayor Lloyd Hefley

ATTEST: _____

Phyllis J. Endrihs, Clerk/Treasurer

