

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
“SHARP COUNTY, AR HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN”
APRIL 20, 2009**

The Honorable Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the special meeting of the City Council to order at approximately 6:15 P.M., Wednesday, April 20, 2009.

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

ROLL CALL: Clerk Endrihs called roll. Present were: Peter Martin, Lynn Maxedon, Angie Petersen, VernaMae Newman, and Russ Stokes. Absent were: Billie Shelton, Ray Torbit, Tom Thone, and Attorney Jon Abele.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To vote on proposed resolution and inform Judge Brown of results.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-3 – A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO
PARTICIPATE IN NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION AND TO WORK
TOWARD BECOMING A SAFER COMMUNITY.**

Clerk Endrihs read the Resolution. Martin moved that we pass it; seconded by Newman. Roll call taken – YES votes from Newman, Martin, Petersen, Stokes and Maxedon. Resolution passed. Judge Brown will be informed of results.

ADJOURNMENT: This meeting adjourned at approximately 6:25 PM which was followed by a short recess prior to second called meeting.

DATE PASSED: _____

APPROVED: _____
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis J. Endrihs, Clerk/Treasurer

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
“ANIMAL CONTROL”
APRIL 20, 2009**

The Honorable Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the second special meeting to order after a brief recess at approximately 6:40 P.M., Wednesday, April 20, 2009.

Since the Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer took place in the earlier meeting, they were not repeated at this time.

Aldermen present were: Peter Martin, Lynn Maxedon, Angie Petersen, VernaMae Newman, Russ Stokes and Ray Torbit. Absent were: Billie Shelton and Tom Thone, as well as Attorney Jon Abele.

PURPOSE OF MEETING – Animal Shelter Plans.

Chief French presented his Animal Control Proposal. He indicated that the City does understand the need for proactive animal control as well as the desire of the citizens for humane treatment of animals within the city limits. In order to do this and still maintain financial responsibility, he recommended that an animal control fee of \$1.95 be added to the water bill of all residents of Cherokee Village. An administrative cost of .25 cents would be paid to Cherokee Village Water Works for billing and collection of the fee. The remaining \$1.70 would provide \$5,100 monthly for the part-time positions of Facility Manager, Administrative Assistant and two (2) kennel workers. This would allow our current Animal Control Officer to focus solely on proactive enforcement of animal control issues. Supervision of this facility would be removed from the Police Department with direct reporting being made to the Mayor.

Alderman Martin opposed the tax addition as he felt it was unfair to further tax the city residents, many of them who do not own an animal or are responsible for any pets.

Alderman Russ Stokes had a second proposal. He indicated that there is a need to make the facility A.D.A. compliant. There is a need to construct a ramp to the office and grade and improve the parking lot to make it wheel chair accessible. His plan would separate the shelter and control features of the shelter and permit the volunteers to create a new non-profit organization in order to obtain tax deductible donations. The City would pay all utility bills except telephone. The Police Department would be removed from supervision and the work load turned over to a newly hired salaried office manager with the current Animal Control Officer serving as liaison between the facility and the Mayor and City Council.

While striving to make the shelter A.D.A. compliant, the Council tabled the vote on either proposal and recommended that a third proposal be worked up to include the contents of the first two proposals and be ready for vote at next city meeting. Alderman Martin objected to the cost of building a ramp and asked to see a plan for its construction. DeLoach drew up a plan to show Martin his ideas. After further discussion and the allocation of up to \$5000 for the construction, Newman voted that we proceed with the ramp; Stokes seconded. Roll call was taken: Yes Votes – Newman, Torbit, Petersen, Stokes, and Maxedon. Martn abstained.

Helga Lange, part time administrative assistant at the shelter stood up and explained to the audience and the council the tremendous success the shelter has experienced due to the large number of many volunteers who work there. She added the importance of spaying and neutering and responsible pet ownership. She felt there should be more ordinances to punish those who do not abide by the laws governing animal ownership in the Village.

ADJOURNMENT: Stokes moved that we adjourn; Martin seconded; unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 P.M.

DATE PASSED: _____

APPROVED; _____
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis J. Endrihs, Clerk/Treasurer

