

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF
“ANIMAL CONTROL” SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 11, 2009**

The Honorable Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the special meeting of the City Council to order at approximately 6:30 P.M. on March 11, 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: VernaMae Newman, Peter Martin, Ray Torbit, Angie Petersen, Russ Stokes, Tom Thone and Lynn Maxedon. Absent was Billie Shelton.

Mayor Hefley then turned the meeting over to Chief Jason French who presented the pros and cons of animal shelters, animal centers, humane societies, etc. He handed out paperwork with comparisons of Batesville and Horseshoe Bend along with ours. He asked the Council to let him make his presentation, check the items they wanted to question and wait until the presentation was through to discuss. He indicated that Ms. Morris was being overworked and really did not have time to go around the Village and take care of the shop as well. The idea was to get her an assistant and some paid help to manage the office.

Questions and answers followed. Some felt the City cared more for animals than its citizens. Why were reported “barking” dogs not picked up? Some animals scared the neighbors. What can be done? Where does the Citation money go to? Others thought too much money was going out. Some thought our Animal Shelter was the way to go; however, additional employees would have to be considered as well as costs. Another question was raised as to where the donations go. Do they go to the specific spot requested or to general operating expenses?

Seeing there was no solution at this time, the Mayor called for another meeting and for the citizens and Council to go home and think of all the pros and cons and come back to the next meeting to be held on Monday, April 20th at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 P. M.

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Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis J. Endrihs, Clerk/Treasurer