

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2009**

The Honorable Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the regular monthly meeting of the City Council to order at approximately 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 19, 2009.

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

ROLL CALL: Present were: Peter Martin, Lynn Maxedon, Verna Mae Newman, Angie Petersen, Russ Stokes, Tom Thone and Ray Torbit Absent was Billie Shelton. Also present was Attorney Jon Abele

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Newman moved that the Agenda be accepted as printed; seconded by Torbit and unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 15, 2009 MINUTES: Maxedon moved that these minutes be passed; seconded by Newman and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 4, 2009 “WORKING MEETING” MINUTES: Thone moved that these minutes be passed; seconded by Stokes and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (limit 3 minutes per speaker): None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Hefley reported that an application has been submitted to White River Planning Division for an Emergency Siren System. They will write the grant for this. Cost will be \$30,600 with SID to pay half. Not definite yet but looks good!

He reported that 233 deer were killed during the bow hunt this month and there is still a month to go.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Romans asked if there were any questions re the report. Newman asked if the report is now being done on the new computer system. Romans replied that it was but he still plans to “tweek” it a bit. Newman said the budget looked good; and even if certain areas were a little over, the total was under.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE: Chief Taylor reported that his Department responded to 11 calls during the month of October. The Firefighters trained for a total of 162 hours on various subjects and the Volunteers trained for 2 hours on Rescue and 2 hours on Apparatus. Firefighter Jason Griffin successfully completed the Firefighter Standards Training at the Arkansas Fire Academy located in Camden, AR. The Department participated in the Sharp County

Emergency Exercise which simulated a dam breach in Hidden Valley that would affect Lake Cherokee and Lake Sequoyah Dams. This exercise showed areas for improvement as well as the procedures that are working well. Chief Taylor added that if anyone would like to look at the maps or plans laid out they should stop by his office and he will go over them with the individual. In answer to Torbit's question re dam inspections, Chief Taylor replied that they are inspected each year by the State. These inspections are mandatory.

POLICE: Chief Crook reported that:

- a. The Dodge Durango is back, looks good and is working well. Cost of repairs \$2003.00.
- b. The new in-car video system has been installed in the new Charger; however, it has proven to be lower in quality video and unfriendly to the user. Steps are being taken to return to the L3 Communications currently in use in other police vehicles.
- c. Deer elimination at airport is still ongoing.
- d. Jason Martin is moving with family to another state and has given his two week notice. An ad will be run in the local paper for two weeks for replacement.
- e. Do to much turnover in the department this past year, officers were unable to use all of their vacation time; however approval has been given to carry it over. Reimbursement for our half of the cost of bulletproof vests has been applied for. Chief Crook has proposed to pay the officers for unused vacation time and apply 60% of the cost from this refund. He added that as many days as possible between now and the end of the year that could be worked in would be taken. **Newman moved that this be done; Torbit seconded; unanimously passed.** Chief Crook reported that there were 41 Citations Totals by Violation and 56 Incident Primary Offense Totals. (Report on file)

ANIMAL CONTROL: Chief Crook reported 34 Strays/Surrenders and 2 Owner Relinquish for a total of 36. Total Outgoes was 53. Total income from Adoptions, Relinquish/Surrenders, Reclaims or Cash/Check donations amounted to \$691.00. Donations of food, litter, other goods and cash are down considerably. They are working with a couple of businesses and the Library Club President of Highland High School to do food drives for the animal shelter. There were 259 volunteer hours reported. Mike Eash has been hired to replace the former kennel assistant; 2 female community service workers helped at the shelter for 7 hours during the week. It would be beneficial to the city if we could devise a program where CV prisoners would be available to work at the shelter during the year. There are still some ongoing projects/needs to be met regarding leaks, electricity, heating, leveling, etc. **Stokes moved that an additional \$6,000 be approved for these projects; seconded by Newman; unanimously passed.** (Report on file)

STREET: David Crayne reported on the debris removal, burn site, FEMA and ADEM, as well as the work being done by his regular crew on potholes, ditches, culverts, mowing, etc. He added that they made 425 tons of cold mix and dredged 1500 tons from the river. He commented that SID was a big help in the removal of this gravel. Maintenance was busy with repairs and oil/filter changes. Allegheny Park waterway clean out scheduled to start December 1 has already been completed; and another state grant for 4 employees for 8 weeks has been received. (Report on file)

Crayne asked for the appropriations to pay for the hot mix overlay that was done on Cherokee Road and a section of Pontiac Drive. Should it come out of the millage or? **Stokes moved that the road millage be used first and the rest to come out of the General Fund; seconded by Thone and unanimously passed.** Torbit questioned the use of the rock which came out of the dredging and is now piled up near the Dinette. Crayne replied that they will sell to anyone who wants to buy it and has own vehicle to haul; however, the Street Department will do the loading on each order. The Street Department has been using it in the areas that were hard hit by the last rain storms, out at the debris burn center, etc. In fact we now qualify for FEMA for our flood damage and the paperwork will get underway shortly.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION: Due to absence of Jerry Adams, Tom Hrezo reported that there were 384 construction permits issued this year as opposed to 426 in 2008. Cost in 2009 was \$1,298,053 as opposed to \$2,002,774 in 2008. Current roofing permits total 93 in 2009 for total cost of \$361,181. Twenty permit jobs were inspected and 16 permit jobs were completed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT FOR OCTOBER: Twenty-five complaints were taken in October; there were 6 old complaints. Fifteen letters were mailed, 1 citation issued, 40 personal contacts made and 108 verifications (verified complaints/while driving discovered violations). Thirty-three were completed. (Report on file)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: Newman reported that they had met November 2nd and had 5 departments working on the EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. It is moving slowly but they plan to pull it together in the near future.

ABCV (A Better Cherokee Village): Maxedon reported that the main purpose of his meeting was to begin preparation of a Needs Assessment Questionnaire for input from CV citizens to the ABCV. He shared some applicable highlights from the Grants Workshop he previously attended and handed out a chart from the Workshop that listed areas needing assessment vs. assessment methods, also a suggested Questionnaire developed from the chart. More work will be done on this at the next meeting. (Report on file)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Rezoning of the Animal Control property only from R-1b Parks to District A – Agriculture. There was an open hearing in July which no one attended to question the rezoning. Much discussion followed. **Maxedon moved that this rezoning change be made; seconded by Newman. Roll call was taken. YES votes - Newman, Martin, Torbit, Petersen, Stokes, Thone and Maxedon.**

NEW BUSINESS: Highland Elks Lodge has requested a Temporary Special Use Permit for a Turkey Shoot on December 12, 2009. **Stokes moved that this be passed; seconded by Martin and unanimously carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Mayor read the announcement that there will be a public hearing at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, December 7, 2009 at the Cherokee Village City Hall to consider adding a Rec-1-A District and a Rec-1-B District-Privately Owned Recreation-District to the zoning code.

ADJOURNMENT: Newman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 P.M.; seconded by Martin and unanimously carried.

DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis J. Endrihs, Clerk/Treasurer