

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 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, September 17, 2009.

Mayor Hefley led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silent Prayer. Thone asked that all would remember in their prayers 1st Lt Tyler E. Parten who was killed in Afghanistan September 10th. Lt Parten's grandparents, Lowell and Charleen Parten, live in Cherokee Village.

ROLL CALL: Due to the absence of Clerk Endrihs, Sandy Fearman, a retired city clerk, called roll. Present were: VernaMae Newman, Peter Martin, Ray Torbit, Billie Shelton, Angie Petersen, Russ Stokes, and Tom Thone. Absent were Lynn Maxedon and Attorney Jon Abele.

Shelton inquired as to why the flag was not being flown at half mast. He said that WalMart as well as Ash Flat had received an e-mail that morning signed by Governor Beebe in which he requested that all American flags be flown at half mast in honor of the fallen servicemen killed in battle. The Mayor replied that no e-mail had been received in City Hall; however, he would check into this matter and get back with Council at October meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Thone moved that the Agenda be accepted; seconded by Martin and unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 20, 2009 MINUTES: Newman moved that the minutes be passed; seconded by Torbit and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2ND WORKING MEETING: Stokes moved that these minutes be accepted; seconded by Newman and passed. Shelton questioned this as it was his understanding that no legislation can be done at working meetings. Mayor Hefley replied that Attorney Abele stated that if there is a quorum a vote can be cast; however, he would look into this further.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Hefley presented Certificates of Achievement to the following individuals on behalf of the ABCV Committee. It is believed that this kind of promotion is beneficial to the City of Cherokee Village.

Jack Lowe and Jody Shackelford- for promoting and presenting **THUNDER ON LAKE THUNDERBIRD** Labor Day Weekend. This event was to raise money for Elk's Foundation Scholarships and was deemed a great success by those in attendance.

Item #2 was a "no show." Mayor Hefley indicated that Ms. Eisenberg may be at the working meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE: Chief Taylor reported that his Department responded to 14 calls during August. The Firefighters trained for 220 hours on various subjects and the Volunteers trained for 2 hours on Apparatus and 2 hours on Forcible Entry.

Lt. Zeiger, Lt. Tanner and Asst. Training Officer Sellers attended 32 hours of training in the Incident Command System (ICS) required by Department of Homeland Security.

The Department also performed routine maintenance on the Emergency Generator at City Hall, Repeater Tower and Baseheart Fire Station. They also assisted the Ash Flat Fire Department in putting out a fire in a commercial structure. (Report on file)

Chief Taylor added that his Department has applied for 3 grants. One for protective equipment; a second for a pumper brush vehicle; and a third which he has not received word on as yet.

POLICE: Chief Crook reported that he, Sgt. Thatcher and Mayor Hefley attended the ICS 300 and 400 training classes. The check for the Equipment grant has been received and expense reporting process will begin in October as required. Chief Crook also attended an Internet Investigation Training Course in Fort Smith. He is now working on next year's budget. There were 74 incident Primary Offense totals and 52 Citation totals by Violation. (Report on File)

ANIMAL CONTROL: Chief Crook reported that the horses left today. He further added that there were 65 intakes and 68 outgoes. Total income from adoptions, reclaims, donations, etc. was \$1183.00. Dog food, cat food and litter continue to be donated; but the amount has been down this month. There were 353 volunteer hours logged. (Report on file) He added that the sign is down and has been completed on one side and the company ran out of materials for the other side. It will be back up shortly. The Alpha Transport Service donated 800 lbs of dog food which was received after the monthly report was turned in.

STREET: Crayne reported that the debris removal is moving along on schedule; the burn site is working; and ADEM has been invoiced for \$236,250. His regular crew has been working on pothole duty, fixing soft spots, mowing and bush hogging, etc. The Maintenance Department has completed multiple repairs and oil/filter changes and tracked regular versus FEMA costs. In general he has advertised for hot mix for Cherokee Road and part of Pontiac; responded to 64 resident calls for repair and assistance and put in 14 driveway approaches. (Report on file)

PLANNING & ZONING: Adams reported that construction permits issued for 2009 was 337 for total cost of \$1,135,257 as opposed to 2008's totals of 338 for total cost of \$1,740,182. Current roofing permits were 86 for total of \$326,335. 23 permit jobs were inspected and 13 permit jobs were completed.

Code Enforcement complaints taken in August were 55 with 31 old complaints. 73 letters were mailed; 8 citation issued; 36 personal contacts made and 154 verifications Observed (verified complaints/ while driving discovered violations) 61 total completed in August.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ABCV Committee: Maxedon's report on the first meeting which was held on September 1st is on file as he was absent from this meeting.

PERSONNEL: Newman reported that 1 person has been hired for the Animal Control position. Employee handbooks have been passed out to each department for review. Job application forms are also being reviewed and reworked if needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **DECISION ON AIR EVAC LIFETEAM MEMBERSHIP:** Mayor Hefley commented that if we could get 50 individuals signed up, there would be a deduction of \$10 for membership. Will have to look into this further.
2. **ADVALORUM TAX.** No discussion at this time.
3. **SAMPLE ORDINANCE NO. 2009-D** – for wording purposes only.
4. **SAMPLE ORDINANCE NO. 2009-F** – for wording purposes only.
5. **SAMPLE LETTERS (2)** – Must be registered at least two weeks in advance.
6. **PUBLIC HEARING APPROVAL OF WORDING.**
7. **ADVANTAGES FOR CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE ON ANNEXING:**

Items 3-7 were presented to Council for their input/info. They have been checked by Attorney Jon Abele as to proper wording, etc. Letters were to be sent out in sufficient time for the Hearing on October 14th. Since the Ordinances must be presented at Council meeting on the 15th, Hrezo indicated that he wanted all of Council to see and understand what was being done. If any changes are needed, to please let P&Z know. Much discussion followed.

COMMENTS ON CITY REPLATED ITEMS (limit 3 minutes per speaker):

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Martin moved that meeting be adjourned; seconded by Newman. Meeting closed at 7:50 P.M.

DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis J. Endrihs, Clerk/Treasurer