

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 4, 2010**

The Honorable Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the meeting of the City Council to order at approximately 6:30 PM, Wednesday, August 4, 2010. He then led in the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Clerk Endrihs called roll: Present were Aldermen Peter Martin, Lynn Maxedon, Verna Mae Newman, Russ Stokes, Tom Thone, Ray Torbit and Kent Viers. Absent was Angie Petersen. Also present was Attorney Jon Abele.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 15, 2010 MINUTES:** Stokes moved that these minutes be accepted as presented; seconded by Newman and unanimously passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-06** – A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO AND APPROVING OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE CABLE FRANCHISE AND SYSTEM TO COBRIDGE TELECOM, LLC – Clerk Endrihs read the Resolution. After much discussion of the pros and cons and how it compared with the previous Franchise, etc., Stokes moved that this be tabled until the next meeting and that during this time the previous Charter and Ordinance be studied prior to our signing the proposed Resolution.
2. **SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR NEXT ANNEXATION.** Planning & Zoning proposed September 1<sup>st</sup> as the date for the next public hearing. Attorney Abele indicated that 30 days prior notice was necessary. Maxedon motioned that this meeting be set for September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M; seconded by Viers and unanimously carried. As this is the same date as City Council Meeting, it is necessary to get back with PZ to see if this would work for them.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. **Airport Facility** – Stokes indicated that while Village Pride was working around the neighborhood near the airport, he noticed that it appeared no maintenance had been done on the outside of the buildings for some time; brush was growing around the buildings; the main area looked like a pasture; two older cars were sitting near the hangers; an old vehicle sat near the entrance to the airport as did a

white box truck similar to a former mail truck. There were also a couple of loaded trailers sitting behind some of the hangers, etc. Gary R. Harris, SCRAA, explained that he, too, was upset about the situation; however, things are changing. North Star Aviation's owner has retired. His group who used to do the mowing has since moved out. The two older cars belong to the pilots who fly in and out and need a vehicle for ground transportation once they fly in. The older vehicle belongs to him and will be moved as it was recently sold. The panel truck belongs to North Star Aviation. As for the trailers, some are his and the others belong to North Star Aviation. An individual was hired today that will take over the mowing as well as the maintenance of the equipment. He has promised to get the area cleaned up and in shipshape prior to the air show scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>. Martin then asked about using some of the community service people to do the mowing, etc. As they may be used county wide, it may be worth looking into. Harris added that a request has been made to take down 3-4 pine trees at one end of the field as they block the relay beacon for incoming flights. He further indicated that FAA had approved their grant request for construction and they will be hiring sub-contractors from the area. The Cities of Ash Flat, Cherokee Village, Hardy and Highland as well as Sharp County make up the Airport Board.

2. **Sales Tax/Hospital** - Larry Bronson spoke about the possibility of getting a county hospital with a proposed 1 cent county-wide sales tax; however, his main objective was to ask the Council to propose a resolution to have a hospital put on the ballot for next election. Martin wanted to know where the money would go and who would be handling the funds. Mr. Bronson replied that there would be a Board appointed by the County. Martin objected to that as he felt we had no say in the SID Board or the Water Board. Mr. Bronson indicated that the hospital board would be different; however the particulars would be worked out at a later date. At this time, his group wants to know if we want a hospital or not, so that it can be put on the November ballot. The group he has been working with has done a feasibility study and he offered to let any one read the findings of their 70 page document. Mr. Bronson went on to say that the Clinton Hospital was their role model due to size and population of the City and was considered a "State of the Art" facility. He also offered to get a bus group together to go visit that hospital. There are two Plans. One is to have a county-wide hospital and the other is to have a 24/7 Emergency Room. Much more discussion followed. Maxedon indicated that his ABCV Committee Survey showed many residents interested in having a hospital in the area. He proposed that the Mayor prepare a Resolution to bring before Council at the next meeting that Cherokee Village ask Quorum Court to put the 1% tax issue to build a hospital on the ballot; seconded by Stokes and unanimously carried.
3. **Short-Term Loan for Street Paving** - It was proposed that funds be borrowed from the Street Department at this time to pay for the paving and be repaid when the CD comes due in November as the interest rate on the CD is higher than the

Street Fund interest on their HiFi Account. Torbit moved that this be done; seconded by Maxedon. Roll Call Vote was taken. YES votes – Maxedon, Newman, Viers and Torbit. NO votes – Martin, Stokes and Thone. Motion passed

4. **Recycling Location** -Mayor Hefley indicated that there is a possibility of looking into moving the recycling location from the City parking lot to the location of the new building at #2 Tekakwitha. He emphasized that this was for discussion purposes only. Thone commented that this was the first he heard of it and he felt the volunteers involved should be asked their opinion. Newman commented that it was out of the Village area and many residents may not want to travel that distance. Thone indicated that the only way his group might be interested is if they could use the building to sort so they could be out of the summer heat. The Mayor indicated that only part of the building was to be used for storage for Street Department so part would be available. Thone felt though that the residents might have another take on this. Newman indicated that it could be tried for a couple of times to see how it works. More discussion to follow at future meetings.
5. **Street Sign** – Thone commented that he did not see a need for a main thoroughfare street sign at each intersection. The signs at each road to the left or right are the ones needed. He indicated that money could be saved if we did not spend so much on these road signs. Torbit indicated people unfamiliar with the area look for these signs in order to find where they are going and if they are still on the right road, especially in the areas not too well populated.
6. **Deer Hunt** – Thone indicated that he had read in the paper that Fort Smith was charging \$150 for a hunter permit which brought up the idea of perhaps Cherokee Village charging a permit fee for hunting in our area. A resident asked if he could use a crossbow. He was informed that if he were disabled, he would be allowed to use one. He wanted to know who made the rules and was informed to contact the Game and Fish Commission in Mammoth Spring. Mayor Hefley indicated that the plan is to bring people into our area and not scare them away with a high permit fee. Chief Crook then came forward and thought it was a good idea to charge a fee. He felt that a \$10, \$15 or even \$25 might work. He suggested that they survey the deer hunters to see how they would feel about this kind of fee for a permit. Stokes asked the cost of a Hunter's License. Chief Crook replied that a State Hunter's License costs \$10.50 and a Sportsman License costs \$35. The latter would also allow hunting with archery equipment, muzzle loader, etc. Martin asked if any employees checked these animals in and was informed that the Fire Department does. He then stated that perhaps they would be willing to take care of the fee. Stokes suggested that we question the hunters when they check in the deer to see how they would feel about paying a \$10 or \$15 permit fee to hunt. He then indicated that we wait for Chief Taylor to return from vacation and see how he feels about all this.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Newman moved that meeting be adjourned at 7:50 PM; unanimously passed.

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lloyd Hefley, Mayor**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phyllis J. Endrihs, Clerk/Treasurer**