

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2010**

Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the meeting of the City Council to order at approximately 6:30 PM, Thursday, December 16, 2010. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silent prayer.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Maxedon moved that the Agenda be accepted; seconded by Stokes and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 1, 2010 MINUTES: Torbit moved that the minutes be accepted; seconded by Newman and unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Endrihs read both pieces of correspondence. One was a letter from Jim Wege dated November 24, 2010 and the other was an E-mail from Gary and Nancy Shelton – both praising the Street Department for all the street work that has been done and is still being done.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Hefley asked Ruth Reynolds to come forward. He then presented her with a plaque to honor her for her outstanding service to the Tri-County Solid Waste Authority.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Martin moved that the reading of these reports be eliminated and Department Heads come forward and answer questions if there were any. Mayor Hefley indicated that he was just about to do this.

FIRE: (Report on file) Stokes questioned Chief Taylor about the brush fires and unauthorized burns and wanted to know if there were any during the burn ban. Chief Taylor came forward and explained that some of the fires were during and after the burn ban with some individuals unaware of the ban. He indicated that although the burn ban has been lifted, it is still very important to be very careful in the burning of anything because of the fallen leaves and debris from the storms and the dry conditions.

POLICE: (Report on file) Chief Crook reported that Sgt Thatcher would be leaving December 21st as he has the opportunity to work closer to home with the Walnut Ridge Police Department. He will be missed. Newman questioned him about the domestic battery problems and if it was getting worse and spreading. Chief Crook commented that there are four members of one family usually in court every month. Two restraining orders have been issued and the member on probation will be going into the penitentiary due to his last crime being changed to a felony offense.

ANIMAL CONTROL: (Report on file)

STREET: (Report on file) Thone questioned Crayne regarding the job of carting away the stone at the airport. Crayne replied that there are 20,000 cubic feet of stone and that it would probably take 1000 dump trucks full to complete the job. They are presently looking for a dump site. This work will probably begin the first of March.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: (Report on file)

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

PERMIT COMPARISONS: (Report on file)

CODE ENFORCEMENT: (Report on file)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ABCV (A Better Cherokee Village): Maxedon reported that his committee had met possibly for the last time as the tasks for the ABCV have been completed. A Title page and clarification about new building standards have been added. He added that this Plan will be distributed to the City Council and SID and officially filed at City Hall by January 2011. Copies have been placed in City Hall, Senior Center, as well as other locations. (Report on file)

PERSONNEL: Newman indicated that her committee did not meet.

SAFETY: (No report on file)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – STREET LIGHTS – DeLoach indicated that he has been out and around checking on the various street lights, taking pictures and will be checking further (property ownership) and get back to Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-12** – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2011 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE. Discussion followed. Thone moved that the budget be tabled for now; seconded by Viers. Roll call vote was taken to table or not. YES votes – Martin, Viers and Thone. NO votes – Maxedon, Newman, Petersen, Stokes and Torbit. Resolution was not tabled. Maxedon indicated that the Budget Committee had worked hard on the budget and it was the best that could be done at this time. Stokes commented that the City needs an operating budget to go into 2011, and he motioned that the budget be passed for now, and another look be taken after we see where the City stands with SID, the State, etc in the new year. Changes to Resolutions can be made at any time; seconded by Newman. Roll call vote was taken. YES votes – Maxedon, Newman, Petersen, Stokes and Torbit. NO votes – Martin, Viers and Thone. Motion passed.
2. **RESOLUTION 2010-13** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF A STIPEND TO THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL. This would allow the Aldermen to be paid \$20 per meeting with no more than \$40 per month and only if the member is in attendance. Stokes moved that this be passed; seconded by Newman. YES votes – Maxedon,

Newman, Petersen, Viers, Stokes, Thone, and Torbit; Martin abstained. Motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:

- a. Tom Hrezo – another 3 year term
- b. Larry Bonds – another 1 year term
- c. Verna Mae Newman – another 1 year term
- d. Jerry Adams –another 2 year term
- e. Stan Jagow – another 3 year term

Hallie Crayne and Allen Maxedon will serve one more year.

Martin brought up the subject of terms and why were they not being followed. Discussion followed. Due to people coming and going, the terms have not been followed especially when one finishes a term for another. Another look at this will be taken in the new year and attempt to get back on track in the future.

4. HIRING: Motion was made by Maxedon that due to the foreseeable reduced city income for 2011, no additional employee of the City of Cherokee Village may be added and no employee may be replaced unless approved by the City Council, except during an emergency declared by the Mayor. After much discussion, this was made a motion ,seconded by Thone. Roll call vote was taken. YES votes – Martin, Maxedon, Newman, Petersen, Viers, Stokes, Thone and Torbit. Motion was passed.

5. PLAQUES: Mayor Hefley then presented Aldermen Angie Petersen and Peter Martin each with a plaque to honor six years of service each to the City of Cherokee Village. The third plaque went to Phyllis Endrihs to honor her for her four years of service as City Clerk/Treasurer.

COMMENTS ON CITY RELATED ITEMS (limit 3 minutes per speaker): None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

ADJOURNMENT: Martin moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 PM and unanimously passed.

DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Lana Hamilton, Clerk/Treasurer