

**CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2010**

The Honorable Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the meeting of the City Council to order at approximately 6:30 PM, Wednesday, February 3, 2010. Mayor Hefley then led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Clerk Endrihs called Roll. Present were: Peter Martin, Ray Torbit, Billie Shelton, Russ Stokes, Tom Thone and Lynn Maxedon. Absent were Verna Mae Newman and Angie Petersen.

The Mayor requested that Item 2 of the Agenda be moved to Item 1 in order not to keep the visiting guests any longer than necessary. All agreed. Visiting were District Judge Mark Johnson and Bob Gotte, Community Service Supervisor. The item under discussion was a need for a Community Project Service Manager. Bob Gotte has been sending some of the local prisoners out to areas to work to help with jobs that need to be done and as a result they are able to work off fines that keep being added to as they have no job. These prisoners have been a major help at the Animal Shelter, have been helping DeLoach with the construction work taking place in the Police Department, and could be a major help in other areas. This would help them pay off their fines and also help the City take care of job areas to be handled. This manager would be in charge of the prisoners and would see to it that they were taken to areas where they would work and that someone at that area would oversee them. No one would be left without supervision. Much discussion followed. Council requested that a budget be drawn up for this job as to salary, insurance, transportation, fuel, phone, desk, computer, etc. and present it at the next Council meeting.

Stokes brought up the compensation paid to the employees. Although the employees received a 1% increase in salary, the Federal tax rate changed in 2010 and they are taking home less pay. Romans is to work out a budget change which will allow them to take home a bit more than they were last year. It is apparent that a 3% increase may do the trick. This will be presented at next meeting.

Ordinance No. 2009-H (changed now to 2010-05) – AN ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING A BASE RATE OF SALARY FOR THE NEWLY ELECTED
MAYOR AND CLERK/TREASURER OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE,
ARKANSAS.

Stokes moved that this not be passed as is; seconded by Martin. All the rest of the Council agreed. Stokes is to prepare a new Ordinance and will present it at the next meeting.

Torbit moved that we purchase some of the land available in the area as we are growing. Stokes mentioned leasing Deer Run trail for 99 years – apply for grant to

develop a park. Council is to look at the possibilities. Maxedon is to take this to the ABCV Committee for follow up.

Due to the projected absence of at least three Council members during the week of the regular meeting, Stokes asked for a change of date. Torbit seconded and motion unanimously passed. It was agreed to change the date from 18th to the 25th of February.

Motion made by Stokes to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

DATE: _____

APPROVED _____
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST _____
Phyllis J. Endrihs, Clerk/Treasurer