

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2010**

The Honorable Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the meeting of the City Council to order at approximately 6:30 PM, Wednesday, March 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, Lynn Maxedon, Verna Mae Newman, Angie Petersen, Billie Shelton, Russ Stokes, Tom Thone and Ray Torbit. Attorney Jon Abele was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Stokes requested that River Clean Up be added as #9, Thone requested Salary Increase be added as #10. DeLoach requested that Item #8 be tabled until a later time. This would move Items 9 and 10 up to 8 and 9. Martin motioned that the Agenda be accepted; seconded by Stokes and unanimously passed. .

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: There were none.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Ron Schmidt, Secretary of the Sharp County Regional Airport Authority was present to answer any questions regarding the Air Show planned for September 18-19, 2010 and the need for the \$700 donation. He gave a run down of the entertainment, to include stunt flying and a comedy act, as well as the cost of advertising and other items to be covered. Mayor Hefley is to pass this on to all the other Mayors within our Area whom he meets with on a regular basis.
2. Planning & Zoning Commission requested City Council to approve their decision, that was approved at their March 1, 2010 meeting, to have Cherokee Village Water and all carpet cleaning services purchase “Business Permits” beginning in 2011. Thone moved that this be passed; Stokes seconded. Roll call was taken. YES votes – Martin, Petersen, Stokes, Maxedon and Thone. NO votes: Newman, Torbit, and Shelton. Motion carried.
3. Request for Hearing on Annexation of Two “Islands” – Planning & Zoning. at their regular scheduled meeting, voted to ask City Council to set the date(s) and time(s) for City Council to hold a Public Hearing for the property owners of Sections 28, Township 19 North, Range 6 West, Fulton County, Arkansas (across from Animal Control) and Section 30, Township 19 North, Range 5 West, Sharp County, Arkansas (Southwind Trace area). This Public Hearing would give property owners an opportunity to express their views on annexing their area into the City of Cherokee Village. Planning & Zoning would like to request a late April date. Newman moved that this be done; seconded by Thone. Roll call was taken. YES Votes – Newman, Torbit, Petersen, Stokes, Thone and Maxedon. NO votes - Martin & Shelton. April 15, 2010, time 5:30 PM was set for the hearing.

4. **Natural Gas Project Status and Companion Consideration.** Maxedon requested that all the Council members come to the meeting to be held at the North Golf Course on Monday, March 15th at 1:00 PM This will give all in attendance the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the pros and cons in making this project a success. Right now there is stimulus money available and many of the larger companies to do the job are coming in at 40% lower bids due to the economy. Residents are asked to include a check for \$100 when they sign up. Money is fully refundable if the project does not go through. Discussion then followed on the sewer line and would it be possible to combine the work at the same time as the gas line is installed. As there is still a lot of questions to be answered, Newman indicated that this would be worth investigating as well as the cost of such an investigation. Maxedon asked all to come to the meeting, ask all these questions and more. The results of the meeting and the number who sign up will determine where this goes from here.
5. **Budget Revision** – After further review, Stokes requested that the issue of 2% increase on salary be dropped at this time, ascertain the giving of raises and revisiting the issue for the July budget. Martin seconded. Roll call was taken – YES votes – Newman, Martin, Torbit, Shelton, Petersen, Stokes, Thone and Maxedon. Romans asked where Council would like him to put the \$1407.66 for mailing Natural Gas material – line item. Newman suggested wherever he could find it; Thone did not want him to lose it and Maxedon wanted the items to be kept under the special subject. All agreed for it to be placed under Contract Services.
6. **Surplus Equipment Designation** – Crayne had presented a list of equipment to put on surplus list to sell. Stokes moved to sell the items, Newman seconded. After discussion, Council unanimously agreed to sell the listed items.
7. **Purchase of Line Stripper** – Stokes commented that he had talked with Crayne about the need to purchase a line stripper for his department. He further indicated that when the cost of the stripper and equipment involved is weighed against the cost of hiring it out, we are better off to own one. Thone moved that this be done; seconded by Martin. This would be coming out of Capital Expenditures for the Street department. Because of cost involved, roll call was taken. YES votes – Newman, Martin, Torbit, Shelton, Petersen, Stokes, Thone and Maxedon.
8. **River Cleanup** – Stokes commented on the bridge area on the North Golf Course adjacent to the golf cart bridge where the South Fork River meets it. He asked that this area be cleaned and fixed up to prevent the area flooding out in heavy rains. He moved that the Street Department look into this and take the necessary steps to see that the work is done. Seconded by Martin and unanimously passed.
9. **Salary increase** – Thone motioned that since Crayne was doing such a good job and his pay was lower than either the Police Department or Fire Department chiefs, that he receive a salary increase of \$5,000 per year. Roll call vote was

taken: YES votes – Newman, Martin, Torbit, Shelton, Petersen, Stokes, Thone and Maxedon.

10. Martin moved that Russ Stokes be reelected as Mayor Pro-Tem; seconded by Torbit and unanimously passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Maxedon moved that meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____
Mayor Lloyd Hefley

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis J. Endrihs, Clerk/Treasurer