

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2010**

The Honorable Lloyd Hefley called the meeting of the City Council to order at approximately 6:30 PM, Wednesday, November 3, 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, Angie Petersen, Russ Stokes, Ray Torbit, Tom Thone and Kent Viers. Absent were Lynn Maxedon and VernaMae Newman. Also present was Attorney Jon Abele.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Stokes moved that Street Department be added to **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**. Martin moved that Agenda be passed with correction; seconded by Torbit and unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 21, 2010 MINUTES: Viers moved that these minutes be passed as presented; seconded by Torbit and unanimously passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. **AIRPORT** – Gary Harris was back and referred to his letter of October 8th in which was pointed out that the Air Show was over and above the yearly \$5000 given annually to support the airport. The original show contracted in advance due to popularity was postponed due to lack of funds for the requested major attraction; however, the down payment was not returned. The Airport Board decided to have a show anyhow. Thone questioned the \$700 we gave and wanted to know if others had also donated. Mr. Harris replied that Ash Flat had also donated \$700 and \$250 was received from Salem. This money was used for advertising and promoting the airport to neighboring communities, rental of port a potties including Handicap Accessible, scenic plane rides, FNBC train rides, etc. Food was available and there was also an Antique Car Club and two additional helicopters that came. Mr. Harris also added that 40% of the parallel taxi lane will be complete this year 15 days beyond schedule. The Board agreed to give the contractor and his staff 4 days off for Thanksgiving holiday. More grant funds will be available in 2011 to carry on the project – all being done to specific guidelines.
2. **FULTON COUNTY JAIL PROPOSAL** – Fulton County Judge Charles Willett explained the need for a new jail in Fulton County. He indicated that the State wants to close the Fulton County jail which is in bad shape. This item has been under discussion in Fulton County for over 20 years. If they do not build a new jail, the prisoners would have to be sent to other jails at the cost to Fulton County of approximately \$65 per day for room and board. This could be costly if a prisoner is held for any length of time. They have the property selected which is the location of the former Salem Hospital and have plans to build a facility with 24 units – 16 for males and 8 for females. They hope to fund this through a

percentage of the sales tax being refunded to each city within the county. Torbit asked what this amount was based on. Willett replied that it was based on the population of the Fulton County area of Cherokee Village and would amount to approximately 7% of the Sales Taxes refunded to the City each month. This will be for 29 years at approximately 7% of the tax revenue (approximately \$500) for Cherokee Village. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Torbit and seconded by Stokes to allow Mayor Hefley to enter into an agreement with Fulton County with the help of Attorney Abele to allow this to be done. Martin wanted the agreement to include the 7% amount so there would be no increase during the time frame. Attorney Abele will complete an agreement and bring it back to Council for final vote. Roll call vote was taken. YES votes – Martin, Petersen, Viers, Stokes, Thone and Torbit.

- 3. **HALLOWEEN TRICK/TREATING** – Viers explained that he doesn’t get many children in his area one year and could have more another year; however, the opportunities presented by the Elks Club, various churches, Police Departments, etc. to have a gathering place for children to come for treats kept them off the streets and he thought this was a good idea and one to pursue each year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

HOUSES TO BE DEMOLISHED: DeLoach indicated that one house at 4 Samoset which has been boarded up with work promised to be done on it still sits in the same condition although a time frame was given to the owner.

STREETS: Stokes commented that he has been at the Street Department and saw the excavator at work. He mentioned that it was messy and the teeth were sharp. These teeth are individual and can be replaced if necessary. The problem though is that there is a need for a 20 ton trailer to haul the machine around. Crayne is looking into purchasing a used machine at a cost of no more than \$9000.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Hefley announced that the next meeting will be Thursday, November 18th at 6:30 PM. The public hearing will precede it as it will be a part of the general Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Martin moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7.25 PM and it was unanimously passed.

DATE; _____

APPROVED: _____
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis J. Endrihs, Clerk/Treasurer

