

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2011**

Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the meeting of the City Council to order at approximately 6:30 PM, Wednesday, January 5, 2011. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Clerk Hamilton called roll. Present were Jerry Adams, Lynn Maxedon, Verna Mae Newman, Curtis Bratcher, Kent Viers, Russ Stokes, Ray Torbit, Tom Thone. Attorney Jon Abele was also present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 16, 2010 MINUTES: Newman moved that the minutes be accepted: seconded by Maxedon and unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Hamilton read one piece of correspondence from Irene Baker thanking Mayor Hefley for the plaque, and looking forward to her retirement. Irene has been a volunteer in Cherokee Village for 30 years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: STREET LIGHTS – DeLoach indicated that it is impossible to determine which lights are which and what we are being charged for. He suggested that we have the lights disconnected to determine how we may identify the lights we are being charged for. Stokes asked if we would be charged to reconnect, DeLoach will be checking on that. Maxedon said that he had been working with Phyllis reviewing the bills and that the charges varied from month to month, which should mean that there is a meter. DeLoach said it is very hard to get any answers as the main office is in Louisiana and when there is a problem, that's who one has to talk to. Stokes suggested that DeLoach should contact Larry Painter for assistance to help determine what is what.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Report on File) Maxedon made an outstanding slide presentation on the ABCV (A Better Cherokee Village) or 'The Plan'. He indicated that the project started 16 months ago and he appreciated the committees' hard work on the project. Those on the committee besides himself, are Lawrence Bronson, Jason Rhodes, Pat Sasfai and Tracy Webb.

MARK COUNTS was on the agenda, but was called away on an emergency in Cave City and looks forward to rescheduling in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **RESOLUTION 2010-2 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATES AND TIMES FOR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS.** Stokes made a motion that this Resolution remains the same in 2011, seconded by Newman. Roll call vote was taken. YES votes: Adams, Maxedon, Newman, Bratcher, Viers, Stokes, Thone, and Torbit.
2. **CHRISTMAS EXPENITURES FOR CHEROKEE VILLAGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:** Jack Lowe took the floor and expressed that the issue had already been resolved and he understood why the Council was unable to pay for these events. The city attorney, Jon Abele expressed that unless the city gets something back for their investment, the city should not pay for such things. The council thanked Lowe for all his efforts and agreed there is a need to educate businesses to contribute to city functions as it good for everyone to bring more people to our area.

COMMENTS ON CITY RELATED BUSINESS: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Hefley and the Alderman adjourned to an Executive Session to discuss employment. It was announced that no action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Hefley announced that the ARML Winter Conference is coming up in Little Rock, January 12- 14, 2011.

The regular January Council meeting will be Thursday January 20, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Stokes moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 PM, seconded by Newman and unanimously passed.

DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____

Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Lana Hamilton, Clerk/Treasurer

