

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 19, 2011
(meetings are video recorded)**

Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the meeting of the City Council to order at approximately 6:35 PM, Thursday, May 19, 2011. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silent prayer.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Stokes moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Newman and unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: none

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 12, 2011 MINUTES: Maxedon pointed out a typo on Tom Hrezo's name and a typo in the announcements. Clerk Hamilton said that she would make the corrections. Maxedon moved to approve the minutes with the corrections, seconded by Newman and unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDANCE: none

MAYOR'S REPORT: none

FINANCIAL REPORT: Maxedon called to the Councils attention, that we are 1/3 through the fiscal year and to be on budget we need to be at 33%. He commented that some of the numbers are above, and that some numbers are below that percent. He also stated that our revenue, besides SID is about 2 % above budget, however SID is only at 9% income which is 24% below budget.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE (report on file)

POLICE (report on file) Newman commended the Police Department for a job well done in solving the recent burglaries. Chief Crook said it was the good work of a couple of officers and a very good tip from a citizen.

ANIMAL CONTROL (report on file)

STREET (report on file)

COMMUNITY SERVICE (report on file)

DISTRICT COURT (report on file)

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

PERMIT COMPARISONS: (report on file)

Newman complimented on DeLoach's Department, with Glenn Harris's recent achievement of becoming certified in heating and air. Additionally, Mike Eash's Community Service, with the work they have done and saving the City money.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: (report on file)

COMMITTEES:

PERSONNEL – did not meet

SAFETY – did not meet

WEBSITE & GRANT – Curtis Bratcher was not here to report.

BRIDGE FEASIBILITY – Lynn Maxedon said that the committee had a meeting on May 17, 2011. Present were Floyd Hannon, Jimmy Chandler, Russ Stokes and Lynn Maxedon. Maxedon presented the committee with a draft Resolution to create the Bridge Commission. He explained that the City and SID will need to pass their own Resolution. Maxedon is expecting more meetings before they complete this task. Maxedon also said that SID is very supportive and feels that strong benefits and cooperation will be established between SID and the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Clerk Hamilton read the third reading of Ordinance 2011-C. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO. (report on file)

Mayor Hefley asked for the motion to vote. Newman moved to vote on Ordinance 2011-C, seconded by Torbit. Clerk Hamilton called a roll call vote. There were 4 yeas, Thone and Maxedon voted no. Mayor Hefley than said he votes to pass the Ordinance. City Attorney Jon Abele told the Mayor that he could only vote if there was a tie. Abele stated that the Ordinance did not pass.

Newman stated that this was a shame, that the citizens of the City deserve the chance to vote on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rita Kenney addressed the City Council on the controlled archery deer hunts. Kenney said that she had lived in Cherokee Village for seven years and moved here for the birds, wildlife and natural surroundings. She expressed that she had contacted Arkansas Game and Fish, and they explained to her, that the deer hunts are up to the City. She does not think this is the right way to destroy the deer and asked the City Council not to plan on the deer hunt this fall. Mayor Hefley explained that the hunt was voted on last year, for this year. Stokes said that at this time of year the Does are in the woods with their fawns, and that explains why she has not seen as many.

2. Special use permit for Thunder on Thunderbird, July 4, 2011. Maxedon moved to approve the special use permit, seconded by Newman and unanimously passed.

COMMENTS ON CITY RELATED ITEMS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mayor Hefley announced that there will be a Financial Task Force meeting prior to the City Council Meeting at 6 PM, June 2, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT: Maxedon moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:15 PM, seconded by Torbit and unanimously passed.

DATE: 6/3/11

APPROVED: Lloyd Hefley
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: Lana Hamilton
Lana Hamilton, City Clerk/Treasurer