

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 17, 2011  
(meetings are video recorded)**

Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the meeting of the City Council to order at approximately 6:30 PM, Thursday, March 17, 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, Curtis Bratcher, Kent Viers, Russ Stokes, Tom Thone, Ray Torbit and Verna Mae Newman. Attorney Jon Abele was also present.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** none

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 3, 2011 MINUTES:** Adams noticed that there was a name misspelled, Clerk Hamilton corrected the spelling. Stokes moved to approve the minutes with changes, seconded by Newman and unanimously passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Clerk Hamilton read a letter addressed to Dave Crayne, from Louise Orin praising the street department for their impeccable service.
2. Clerk Hamilton read an e-mail from Don Zimmerman, Executive Director, Arkansas Municipal League, in reference to a proposal to prepare the State Aid Street System for approximately \$20 million annually, for the cities in Arkansas. Speaker of the House, Robert Moore, the Arkansas Highway Department, Association of Arkansas Counties and the Highway Blue Ribbon Committee have all endorsed the bill. Zimmerman asked that each city contact the members of the House to vote for this bill on March 16, 2011. Mayor Hefley stated he had sent two e-mails on behalf of the city.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Hefley expressed his gratitude to the citizens of Cherokee Village for supporting him as Mayor and stated it was truly an honor to serve the city. He introduced the newly elected members for the city, City Clerk/Treasurer, Lana Hamilton, Alderman Tom Thone, re-elected, Ward 1, position 2. Newly elected, Alderman Jerry Adams, Ward 4, position 2 and Alderman Curtis Bratcher, Ward 2, position 2.

Mayor Hefley presented a slide presentation on The State of the City Address. (report on file)

In conclusion, Mayor Hefley recognized all the volunteers that have committed themselves to serve the city, such as: Community Service, Village Pride and the forty volunteers we have sitting on various committees.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**FIRE:** (report on file)

**POLICE:** (report on file)

**ANIMAL CONTROL:** (report on file)

**STREET:** (report on file)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** (report on file)

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:**

**PERMIT COMPARISONS:** (report on file)

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** (report on file)

**COMMITTEES:**

**PERSONNEL:** Newman stated they are working on evaluation sheets and stated they will be done soon.

**SAFETY:** Torbit said they discussed, with Marge Rogers, the ½ cent tax for the Fire Department in Fulton County. Cherokee Village is not currently receiving because it was voted on before the Fire Department was part of Cherokee Village. To receive this tax, it will require another ballot vote from the citizens of Fulton County.

**WEBSITE AND GRANT:** Bratcher stated they were working on a Mission Statement.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of the 2010 Budget Final Adjustment: Thone stated he had a problem with the \$128,000 LOPFI amount listed as income. It was income that was not actually received, it was actually a credit. Mayor Hefley said that this adjustment would be made. Thone also stated that this would also reduce the income that was received in 2010. He continued to state that if these adjustments were made he would motion to accept the 2010 Budget Final Adjustment. Maxedon seconded the motion. Mayor Hefley asked for a roll call vote and the motion was unanimously passed.

2. Clerk Hamilton read the e-mail addressed To All Concerned Citizens (report on file). Mayor Hefley stated that the Financial Task Force is in place for those issues.

3. Maxedon stated that he had made a presentation to S.I.D in regards to the Bridge Commission Feasibility Committee. He said that they have not met as of yet to discuss, but he felt that there was a positive response from S.I.D. Therefore, he felt that there will be a meeting soon and stated that this would be a huge step for the city.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Mayor Hefley reminded everyone that there will be a Financial Task Force Meeting on March 24, 2011, at 6:30 PM.

2. Mayor Hefley announced that there will be a vote on the annexation of Cherokee Acres at the next City Council meeting, on April 7, 2011 at 6:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Torbit moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 7:21 PM, seconded by Newman and unanimously passed.

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lloyd Hefley, Mayor**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Lana Hamilton, City Clerk/Treasurer**