

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2011
(meetings are video recorded)**

Alderman Russ Stokes, sitting in for Mayor Hefley, called the meeting of the City Council to order at approximately 6:30 PM, Thursday, March 3, 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, Curtis Bratcher, Kent Viers, Russ Stokes, Tom Thone and Ray Torbit. Attorney Jon Abele was also present. Absent were Verna Mae Newman, Jerry Adams and Mayor Hefley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Maxedon moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Bratcher and unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: Pam Lueder wanted to comment on an item for discussion which was an e-mail addressed to the citizens of Cherokee Village. Lueder stated that she had received the e-mail from a reputable source and sent it on to other individuals.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 24, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Bratcher moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Maxedon and unanimously passed.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 17, 2011 MINUTES: Torbit moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Bratcher and unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Hamilton read a letter from The Reedy's thanking the Street Department for all their hard work and long hours.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Stokes stated that all council members have had a chance to read the e-mail addressed to the citizens of Cherokee Village. It was his recommendation to save for the meeting on March 7, 2011, or later.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Thone questioned the Budget income. He stated that \$128,000 Lopfi Turnback is never actually received, therefore it should not be counted as income. Stokes said he felt it was a wash. Stokes also stated that it was his understanding that it had to be in the budget for audit purposes. It was the Chairs recommendation to postpone action until March 17, 2011 when Terry Romans can be there to answer any questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Some members of the newly formed Health Committee are in Petit Jean , Arkansas, along with Mayor Hefley. The new members are Jerry Adams, Pamela Rowlands, Ronda Renihan and Christie Chism.

2. Stokes explained that the Bridge Committee came out of The Plan (ABCV). It will serve as a bridge between S.I.D. and the City to work for common goals, projects and actions for the City of Cherokee Village.

There were no objections to the members of these committees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mayor Lloyd Hefley will be presenting the State of the City Address at the next City Council meeting on March 17, 2011.

2. Stokes reminded that all Elected Officials will have a meeting on March 7, 2011 at 11:00 AM, for the Financial Task Force brain storming session. This is to discuss ideas concerns and prioritize spending, in hopes that this will help formulate the Budget for 2012. He also plans to meet with the Department Heads. He suspects this will be a long process as there will be no hard and fast decisions. This will help to create definitive actions for the City's finances.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CITY RELATED ITEMS:

Chuck Grandprix took the floor with questions about the 2010 budget. There was much discussion in regards to the Lopfi Turnback, and the transfer of \$132,000. Stokes replied that the \$132,000 paid for the purchase of a new building and hot mix overlay.

Grandprix said his concern is that the budget does not say where the cash reserve came from. Grandprix also expressed his concern that we have a very fragile budget and is concerned that there will not be enough funds for the 2011 budget that was approved in December. Grandprix asked if the City Clerk would have status reports on how the budget is proceeding at the last meeting of each month.

ADJOURNMENT: Maxedon moved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM, seconded by Torbit and unanimously passed.

DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Lana Hamilton, City Clerk/Treasurer