

MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 16, 2012
CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL
(meetings are video recorded)

Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on February 16, 2012. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Roll was called by Clerk Lana Hamilton. Present were Jerry Adams, Curtis Bratcher, Lynn Maxedon, Tom Thone, Ray Torbit, Kent Viers, Mayor Hefley and City Attorney Jon Abele. Absent were Verna Mae Newman and Russ Stokes.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Torbit moved to approve minutes for the January 19, 2012 regular meeting of the C.V. City Council, seconded by Maxedon and approved by all.

CORRESPONDENCE: Hamilton read a thank you letter from the City Clerk of Joplin, MO. She thanked C.V. for its monetary contribution to Joplin after a very destructive tornado hit the city in 2011.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor announced that there will be a City Council Budget Meeting on February 28, at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Thone made a motion to table the financial report until next month since they received the report on the day of the meeting. This was seconded by Maxedon and approved by all.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE: (report on file)

POLICE: (report on file)

ANIMAL CONTROL: (report on file) Torbit brought to everyone's attention the fact that there is a new sign at the Animal Shelter stating that they are open to the public only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and they will be closed on weekends and holidays. Police Chief Rickey Crook added that the exception is when there is a scheduled Spay & Neuter Clinic-----the Animal Shelter will remain open during those times. Crook also stated that they are working hard to get the number of cats and dogs down to the allotted numbers and that should be accomplished within 60 days.

STREET: (report on file)

COMMUNITY SERVICE: (report on file)

DISTRICT COURT: (report on file)

PLANNING & ZONING –

PERSONNEL: No report.

SAFETY: Torbit stated that the Safety Committee met and there are no funds in the budget for new equipment for the Fire Department and the Police Department. However, there appears to be enough funds for repair and maintenance of current equipment.

PLANNING & ZONING: (report on file) Tom Hrezo, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, was originally on the council agenda to speak about a possible annexation but then asked to be removed. Thone said that he knew nothing about a proposed annexation until he arrived at the meeting tonight. Thone then questioned Hrezo on what his original purpose was for being put on the agenda. Hrezo said that the P & Z committee had voted to ask the City Council to approved approximately \$450 for two surveys on the property they were looking at as possible annexation to C.V. He said that Ash Flat, Highland and Hardy have C.V. surrounded with very little land left to annex in order to incorporate more businesses. Hrezo said that, since their first meeting on the subject which was in early February, there has been a lot of dissention so P & Z has tabled the issue.

WEBSITE & GRANT: Maxedon said that someone is needed to keep the C.V. website updated as the number of folks viewing it for information is increasing. Bratcher, Chairman of the Website & Grant committee, said that was discussed at the last meeting but nothing was decided. They both agreed that whoever does help needs to be IT (Internet Technology) savvy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Maxedon introduced an Ordinance for the (CenturyLink) Telephone Franchise, for discussion only. He asked the council members to study the ordinance and present any comments to him. Maxedon also asked the mayor to send a letter to CenturyLink informing them of the ordinance that is in progress as the current ordinance expires in July, 2012.
2. Bratcher introduced an Ordinance levying a supplemental tax on the sale of alcoholic drinks, beer and wine by private clubs, for discussion only. He asked the council to study the proposed ordinance and provide him with any comments.

COMMENTS OF CITY RELATED ITEMS (limit 3 minutes per person): None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Viers moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Adams and passed unanimously

NOTE: Minutes were prepared and submitted by Assistant to Clerk Hamilton, Cindy Harris (with Hamilton's approval).

DATE: 3/16/12

APPROVED: Lloyd Hefley
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: Lana Hamilton
Lana Hamilton, City Clerk/Treasurer