

MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 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 June 21, 2012. He led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent prayer.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Councilman Maxedon made a request to strike Item 1. Rezoning Request for Commercial Park Addition, Sharp, County, Cherokee Village, Arkansas from New Business as there is no need to rezone. Councilman Bratcher moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Councilman Stokes and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: (limit 3 minutes per person) None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Councilman Maxedon moved to accept the minutes for the May 19, 2012 regular meeting of the C.V. City Council, seconded by Councilman Torbit and unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: City Clerk Hamilton read a thank you card addressed to Police Chief, Rickey Crook, from the American Red Cross for the city's role during the May fundraising effort. Mayor Hefley thanked Chief Crook for his efforts. Councilman Maxedon spoke as a volunteer for the Red Cross and stated donations are always needed and welcome.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No report.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Councilman Thone requested a change be made to the Statement of Revenue & Expenditure report format; he requested the 1st column be for the month only rather than year-to-date. Clerk Hamilton will make the requested format change on future reports. Councilman Maxedon moved to honor the Mayor's request to postpone the budget meeting until July and come prepared to discuss the needed changes to the current budget. Motion seconded by Councilman Bratcher and passed unanimously. Mayor Hefley thanked the council for the time extension request due to the additional workload during the audit. Torbit made an inquiry about the line item for Sales & Use Tax, Fulton County. Torbit asked if there had been a decrease in monies due to the new county jail; Hamilton stated the revenues were slightly lower than last

year. Hamilton stated the sales tax revenue was higher than projected and felt it would remain high due to the tourist season.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- **FIRE:** (report on file) Chief Taylor stated he had received a bid for approximately \$50,000 for new protective equipment for the paid and volunteer fireman. Taylor requested permission to use 833 funds for the purchase of the required equipment. Councilman Maxedon stated it was his understanding there were adequate funds in the 833 account and asked if the purchase would affect the 833 funds as budgeted; Taylor stated there was approximately \$120,000 in the account. Maxedon moved to fund the purchase of the safety equipment to provide uniforms for the active and volunteer fireman, seconded by Stokes and passed unanimously.

- **POLICE:** (report on file)

- **ANIMAL CONTROL:** (report on file) Glenn Harris stated the agreement between the animal shelter and Arkansas for Animals had been mailed to Little Rock; no horses will be moved to the shelter until the signed agreement has been received. Councilman Thone requested Arkansas for Animals provide proof of liability insurance.

- **STREET:** (report on file) Councilman Maxedon inquired about the loss of seasonal workers. Robert McKnight reported there was currently only one NADC worker at the Street Department and there were equipment breakdown issues which have caused mowing to get behind. Maxedon inquired about mowing for the remainder of the summer and asked if the issues with mowing were due to manpower or equipment. McKnight stated both but would have an employee through Experienced Works upon completion of paperwork who would be mowing. McKnight stated he uses inmates for potholes and chip & brush. McKnight also stated he could use part-time help. Torbit inquired about the work on Delaware and Moonbeam; McKnight explained the repair process and stated there was one area that could not be completed due to lack of mix.

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

- **DISTRICT COURT:** (report on file)

PLANNING & ZONING

- **PERMIT COMPARISONS:** (report on file) Glenn Harris read the comparison report. Councilman Torbit inquired about the construction cost of the new residential permit; Harris stated the owner was building himself. Councilman Thone inquired about the decline in year-to-date business permits; Harris will provide council with an analysis of business permits.

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** (report on file) Harris stated the rental ordinance meeting with the Tri-County Board of Realtors had been postponed due to an illness of one of the key realtors.

Harris stated the City had received fifty (50) percent of the grant funds and all reporting forms for the nature trail. Construction of the trail is to start in six (6) months and must be completed in two (2) years; quarterly reports will be completed on spending during construction of the trail. Maxedon inquired about the fifty (50) percent funding for the trail and remaining funding. Harris stated we would be fifty (50) percent funded until construction is approximately halfway complete, at which time, the city can apply for thirty (30) percent; the remaining twenty (20) percent can be applied for after the trail is seventy-five (75) percent complete.

Harris stated the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality was on-site at the closed hospital facility today; they had Environmental Specialists, Inc. from Little Rock perform an assessment and inventory of bio-hazardous materials and electronic/e-hazardous materials. The State will pay to clean the hazardous materials at the hospital facility.

COMMITTEES:

- **PERSONNEL:** No report.

- **SAFETY:** No report. Councilman Torbit stated he was out of town and did not attend the meeting.

- **WEBSITE & GRANT:** Glenn Harris stated the city was working on the new website as designed by a local newspaper; Carmen Evance will be the web manager of the new site.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rezoning Request for Commercial Park Addition, Sharp County, Cherokee Village, Arkansas – Motion passed during approval of agenda to strike from agenda.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Mayor Hefley announced the Spring River Farmers Market is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 am until 1 pm. Councilman Torbit inquired if the trailer parked near the entrance that is advertising rental homes, etc. paid a fee. Maxedon stated the trailer belonged to a vegetable vendor. Clerk Hamilton stated if it was a vendor, they had paid a ten (10) dollar fee.

ADJOURNMENT : Mayor Hefley asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Councilman Maxedon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m., seconded by Torbit and passed unanimously.

NOTE: Minutes are prepared by Kathi Blackwell, Assistant to Clerk/Treasurer Lana Hamilton (with Hamilton's approval)

DATE: 08-10-2012

APPROVED: Lloyd Hefley
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: Lana Hamilton
Lana Hamilton, City Clerk/Treasurer