

MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M. ON JANUARY 19, 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 January 19, 2012. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent prayer.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Stokes said he wants to add Council Procedural Matters to the agenda. He then moved to accept the agenda with changes, seconded by Bratcher and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Correction request by Maxedon to add in Section 1 "The 2011 Annual Operational Budget shall be adopted for the 2012 Annual Operational Budget". Maxedon then made a motion to accept minutes with changes, seconded by Torbit and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: 1) Mayor Hefley said that he received a lot of good information at the Arkansas Municipal League Conference held in Little Rock, January 11-13. One thing he noted was the info they received on Emergency Procedures. He said he gave that info to Glenn Harris, Planning & Zoning, to go over. The mayor stated that we will actually go through the process of reacting to an emergency to see how prepared we are, rather than wait for the event. We can then improve in areas that need it.

Newman then gave a brief overview of the classes that were available and, in particular, the ones she attended at the same conference.

2) The mayor said that a member of the Economic Development Committee from the State of Arkansas said that all areas of C.V. that can be used as industrial sites or business sites should be listed on our website since they are not noted on our city maps.

3) Adams commented that he has received several comments and compliments on the work that has been done in clearing the land behind Prenger's Service Station, across from City Hall. He said he had lots of help and would like to thank Village Pride, Village Service Center, FNBC Bank, CV Business Association, Highland Elks and the Mayor for donations. He also thanked Bob & Judy Bickle, Glenn Harris, Mike Eash, Phil & Cindy Caves, Yvonne Adams, Pete Demma, Don Cubillas, Robert McKnight and Russ Stokes.

He stressed that the inmates that worked were very respectful and hardworking. In turn, the Mayor thanked Councilman Adams for all the hard work he has put in to make this happen.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Newman made a motion to accept the financial report for audit, seconded by Maxedon and approved unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE: (report on file)

POLICE: (report on file)

ANIMAL CONTROL: (report on file)

STREET: (report on file) Stokes said that the recent demise of Steve Rose, head of Cherokee Village Water Works, also left a vacancy on the Street and Roads Committee. He said that as soon as they get the name of a nominee to replace him, it will be submitted to the Mayor for appointment

COMMUNITY SERVICE: (report on file)

DISTRICT COURT: (report on file)

**PLANNING & ZONING –
PERSONNEL:** (didn't meet)

SAFETY: (didn't meet)

PLANNING & ZONING: (report on file)

WEBSITE & GRANT: (didn't meet)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. A corrected copy of the Planning and Zoning Committee members with their respective term expiration dates was presented to council. Maxedon moved to accept them and their expiration dates, seconded by Bratcher and approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gabriel Anderson, kennel worker at Animal Control, said he had a statement he wanted to read tonight; however, since writing the statement he has received some new information that changes what he wants to say, so he will write a letter and submit it to the council later.

2. Maxedon made a motion as follows: " This Motion is to reduce the Animal Control Budget by reducing the allowable animal capacities and the hours of operation until further notice. Actual budget amounts will be identified in the approved budget. These following changes shall be reviewed and adjusted as deemed necessary at the end of 2012.

The Animal Control cat capacity shall be reduced to zero and stop harboring cats within 60 days and thereafter no money shall be spent for cat care. This includes food, bedding, medication, confinement expenses and any other care items for cats.

The Animal Control facility capacity for dogs shall be reduced within 60 days as follows:
Daily average maximum capacity: 30 dogs

Not to exceed capacity: 40 dogs

The peak capacity being higher than the average is recognition that there can be short term excesses for reasons such as the following:

- State statutes require Animal Control to keep animals at least 5 days.
- Animals may be awaiting promised adoption.
- Issues arise regarding animal transport.

These capacity limits are for dogs received from all sources including Ozark Acres. The intention is that this motion will not alter the animal control agreement with Ozark Acres.

The Animal Control facility shall be open to the public only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm and closed on holidays. On closed days, Animal Control facility functions such as animal pickup, animal care, record keeping, adoption preparations and maintenance can be performed.

Note: The Animal Control function was established with the intention of using volunteers to perform animal care functions and significant donations would be received to keep the operational costs low. The trend has been the census of animals is increasing and volunteers hours decreasing. In addition to Budget reduction, another reason for reducing the animal capacity is to better align the animal capacity to the level of volunteers and donations."

Maxedon's motion was seconded by Thone. The votes on the motion were three yeas (Stokes, Thone, and Maxedon), and four nos (Adams, Bratcher, Newman and Torbit) so it did not pass.

Newman then moved to reduce the numbers of animals housed at the animal shelter to 30 dogs and 20 cats within 60 days, with these limits being maintained, seconded by Stokes and passed unanimously.

Bratcher then made a motion to have the shelter open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, only. The Animal Control Officer will continue to work 40 hours and this would give her Tuesday and Thursday to complete paperwork, computer

work and follow up with phone calls, picking up animals, adoptions, etc. This was seconded by Maxedon and passed unanimously.

3. Stokes then moved to reaffirm council procedures from 2011 to 2012, including having only one regular meeting a month, seconded by Thone and approved unanimously.

COMMENTS OF CITY RELATED ITEMS (limit 3 minutes per person):

1. Hobie Weisman asked the council what was in the Department Reports that they approved. He said the council used to have the Department Heads give a verbal report. The mayor and council agreed to start having the reports available either 1) on the web site, 2) copies available at the door or 3) have them posted so citizens can come early to read them or read them after the meeting.

2. The council then went into Executive Session. Upon return to the meeting, the mayor announced that nothing had been resolved in the Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Stokes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Bratcher and passed unanimously

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

DATE: 2/17/12

APPROVED:



Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lana Hamilton, City Clerk/Treasurer