

MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, October 17, 2013
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, October 17, 2013. He led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Roll was called by Clerk Lana Hamilton. Present were Jerry Adams, Bill Circle, Les Covington, Linda O'Neal, Pamela Rowland, Tom Thone, Mayor Hefley and City Attorney Jon Abele. Chuck McMahon and Verna Mae Newman were absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: (limit 3 minutes per person)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: O'Neal moved to approve the September 19th council minutes, seconded by Circle and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Hamilton read a letter from Pamela Rowland addressed to the Planning & Promotion Committee thanking them for their donation for Harvestfest.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

FINANCIAL REPORT: Thone moved to approve the financials for audit, seconded by Rowland and passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- **FIRE:** (report on file) Thone stated the City had recently acquired a new fire truck as the stand-by truck would not pass inspection; Thone asked about the condition of the current stand-by truck. Fire Chief, Johnny Pendarvis, stated it was in good shape and should last at least 10 to 15 more years. Thone asked about the procedure on lift assists for the Fire Dept.; Pendarvis stated those were either two fire trucks or his truck plus a fire truck. Pendarvis stated the firemen could provide medical assistance up to their level of training, such as taking blood pressure and giving CPR on assist calls. Thone asked if the Police Dept. could respond to these calls rather than sending a fire truck out; Pendarvis stated they could not. O'Neal asked if list assists were just helping people out of bed or off the floor when necessary or were they EMS calls; Pendarvis stated they receive calls for both and EMS assists require transportation.

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

- ANIMAL CONTROL: (report on file)

- STREET: (report on file) – Thone asked about the 3 tractor crews on the Street Dept. accomplishments and asked about the grant monies received to perform the mowing; Carmen Evance stated there is a grant to train an elderly person and right now the person hired is mowing. Thone asked if the grant was on-going; Evance stated it was unless George obtained a job elsewhere. Evance stated the grant covers 20 hours per week for part-time work. Thone asked about a large mound of rock at Onaga Fire Dept. that has been removed; Evance stated the rock was moved back to the shop in lieu of ordering more rock.

- COMMUNITY SERVICE: (report on file)

- DISTRICT COURT: (report on file) Thone asked Clerk Hamilton about the Virtual Justice reconciliation report included in council books each month. Thone asked if these were the monies our local court receives each month. Clerk Hamilton stated there is a split on the monies received; Police Chief, Rickey Crook, stated the dollars go to various places such as State, County, and restitution.

PLANNING & ZONING

- PERMIT COMPARISONS: (report on file)

- CODE ENFORCEMENT: (report on file)

- RESTORATION:

A & P COMMISSION REPORT: Pat Clary stated there had been a joint A & P Commission meeting in August Hardy, Cherokee Village. Clary stated today's meeting was a regional A & P meeting with Hardy, Cherokee Village and Mammoth Springs regarding "branding" the Spring River Country; Clary stated none of the areas on their own could provide the complete message they are trying to convey. Clary stated together, they are working towards a new website, "Discover Spring River", that would include a link to "Discover Cherokee Village". Clary stated there would be a Top 10 List of things to do within the region as a whole. Clary stated the A & P is also looking at the Ozark Gateway magazine and how to improve upon the Cherokee Village section in it. Jerry Adams stated it was a very positive meeting and the ease of use of the proposed website is inviting.

COMMITTEES:

- PERSONNEL:

- SAFETY:

- WEBSITE & GRANT:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1 – Temporary Special Use Permit for the Highland Elks Turkey Shoot, November 23, 2013. Adams moved to approve the Temporary Special Use Permit for the Highland Elks Turkey Shoot, November 23, 2013, seconded by Covington and passed unanimously.

2 – Temporary Special Use Permit for the Highland Elks Turkey Shoot, December 14, 2013. - Thone moved to approve the Temporary Special Use Permit for the Highland Elks Turkey Shoot, December 14, 2013, seconded by Rowland and passed unanimously.

3 – 2014 Municipal Officials Accidental Death & Dismemberment Plan for Elected Officials and Department Heads. Mayor Hefley every year, accidental death & dismemberment plans are offered for elected officials and department heads. Clerk Hamilton read the rates for the plans and stated you either pay for all or none. No motion made on the issue.

4 – Certification of Tax Rates for Cherokee Village, Sharp and Fulton Counties – Mayor Hefley called for a roll call vote to approve the Sharp & Fulton county 5% tax rate for the Fire Dept; there were 6 yeas, passing the vote unanimously.

5 – Tricia Jones, new director from Fountain Place – Tricia Jones introduced herself as the new managing director of Fountain Place and spoke about the misconception some have of Fountain Place; Jones stated Fountain place is an independent living center and not an assisted living center and does not have medical care on site. Jones state no large down payments are required up front but a non-refundable cleaning deposit and rent are required. Jones stated Fountain Place is not just for ages 65 and older; it is open to people aged 35 to 45 as well. Jones stated Fountain Place is pet friendly. Jones invited everyone to tour Fountain Place. Thone asked if Fountain Place was seeking volunteers; Jones stated volunteers were need from 7 until 10 p.m. to answer phones, to drive people to hair or doctor appointments, and to assist with games such as Bingo and Scrabble. Adams asked how many units Fountain Place had; Jones stated there are 23 units, including studio, 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom units and the price ranges from \$1,500 to \$2,685 per month including meals and services. Rowland asked if children were welcome to volunteer; Jones stated they were.

6 – Kara Ann Dowers from Primerica – Kara Ann Dowers spoke about the role of Primerica in the community and stated they work with employers and families on financial wellness; Dowers stated financially well people are happier at work and companies can retain better employees. Dowers stated Primerica will be brining 15 to 20 part-time and full-time jobs in the surrounding areas and it is part of their "Putting America Back to Work" plan. Dowers stated John McGuiness would be available to speak with interested parties at the Choctaw Center after November 1st.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Hefley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and unanimously passed.

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

DATE: 11/21/13

APPROVED: Lloyd Hefley
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: Lana Hamilton
Lana Hamilton, City Clerk/Treasurer