

**MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014
CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL
(meetings are video recorded)**

Mayor Pro Tem, Verna Mae Newman, called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2014. She 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, Chuck McMahon, Verna Mae Newman, Linda O'Neal, Pamela Rowland, Tom Thone, and City Attorney Jon Abele; absent was Mayor Lloyd Hefley and Les Covington.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Newman asked to remove the Mayor's report from the agenda. Thone moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Rowland and passed unanimously.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: McMahon moved to approve the March 27, 2014 council minutes, seconded by Circle and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Hamilton read a letter from Pat Sasfai thanking the Police Department, particularly Officer Spurlock, for their observation, and keeping her safe.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Thone inquired about the PZ Restoration Expense listed under the Street Dept; Hamilton said the error had been corrected and monies moved to Street Dept. revenue. Thone inquired about the \$60,000 transaction in the Street Dept's Money Market account; Hamilton stated it was a transfer of funds to the Street Dept's general account. Newman approved the financials for audit.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- **FIRE:** (report on file) Newman inquired about calls for yard fires while under a burn ban; Chief Pendarvis stated they responded to 7 calls and all fires were put out. Newman asked if there was a better way to inform the public when the City is under a burn ban; Pendarvis stated it is put on the electronic sign, the radio station is advised and burn ban signs are turned. Thone suggested establishing a penalty for fires while under burn ban; Thone suggested a warning the first time and a fine the second time. Thone asked Chief Pendarvis to look at other cities of similar size to see how they charged for penalties.

- **POLICE:** (report on file) Newman inquired about the rise in DWI's; Chief Crook stated he didn't feel the increase was related to the county going wet and felt the increase was

due to the warmer weather over the last few weeks. Newman inquired about animal citations; Crook stated they were issued by Phil Caves/Animal Control. Rowland stated she appreciated the patrol at Choctaw Center after normal business hours and felt safe working late hours.

- **ANIMAL CONTROL:** (report on file)

- **STREET:** (report on file) – Carmen Evance stated L.C. Bettis would be retiring at the end of the month. Thone asked if they would be replacing mechanic, L.C. Bettis, at the Street Dept; Evance stated the position would be filled.

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

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

PLANNING & ZONING –

- **PERMIT COMPARISONS:** (report on file)

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** (report on file)

- **RESTORATION:**

A & P COMMISSION REPORT: Pat Clary stated she appreciated Council granting the request for \$10,000 for the A&P budget and stated would be providing her budget to Clerk Hamilton. Clary stated the commission had selected a candidate to fill the vacant position due to Doug Driesel's resignation; Clary stated Jimmy Chandler from the SID was the candidate and requested Council's approval. Thone moved to approve Chandler for the vacant position, seconded by McMahan. Newman called for a roll call vote; there were 7 yeas, passing the motion unanimously.

COMMITTEES:

- **PERSONNEL:**

- **SAFETY:**

- **WEBSITE & GRANT:** Carmen Evance stated the new website was nearing completion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1 – Council to discuss new front doors to City Hall. Two bids from Jonesboro Overhead Door and Highland Window & Door – Judy Bickle presented council with 2 quotations to replace the front doors at City Hall and requested monies be taken from the reserve fund for the replacement. Bickle also stated she would like to use Highland Window &

Doors even though their bid was higher because they are local. After lengthy discussion, Rowland moved to approve replacement of the doors, seconded by Adams. Newman called for a roll call vote; there were 7 yeas, passing the motion unanimously.

2 – Ordinance No. 2014-__: An ordinance repealing Ordinance No 1999-4, Providing for Licensing and Animal Control with Cherokee Village, Arkansas; establishing penalties for the violation thereof; and for other purposes – Adams moved to read the ordinance by title only, seconded by McMahon. Clerk Hamilton read the ordinance by title only. Thone moved to raise the license fee to \$25 for altered animals and \$50 for unaltered animals, seconded by Circle. Newman called for a roll call vote; there were 7 yeas, passing the motion unanimously.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hamilton introduced the new Street Supt, John Kylo. Kylo expressed his gratitude for his new position with the City. Kylo stated he will be doing an assessment of staff & equipment. Kylo stated he officially starts work on Friday, April 18th and will be in the field that day. Kylo stated he planned to sell surplus equipment to offset costs of running the department.

ADJOURNMENT: Circle moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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

DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Lana Hamilton, City Clerk/Treasurer