

MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014
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, Thursday, September 18, 2014. He led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent prayer.

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Newman moved to approve the August 21, 2014 council minutes, seconded by Rowland and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1 - Bruce Biggin to present a Parent Award to Jeremy and Pamela Rowland - Biggin recognized Pamela & Jeremy Rowland for being Arkansas' Parents of the Year; Biggin stated National Parent's Day is observed every 4th Sunday in July and was passed in 1994 by former President Bill Clinton and countless parents have been recognized over the past twenty years. Biggin stated Ty Rowland was 1 out of 3 children in America inducted into the National Jr. Honor Society. Biggin stated Pamela & Jeremy Rowland were excellent role models in the community; Biggin presented the Rowlands with their award.

2 - Congratulations to Verna Mae Newman for successfully completing six hours of continuing education of Certified Municipal Officials Training for the year 2013 - Mayor Hefley congratulated Newman on her completion of 6 hours of continuing education with the Arkansas Municipal League for 2013.

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

McMahon inquired about a \$700 deposit from Southern Pines; Clerk Hamilton stated it was for the A&P tax.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

- **POLICE:** (report on file) - Newman inquired about the increase in Theft of Property reports. Chief Crook said the number of reports is not uncommon for this time of year; Crook stated children have gone back to school and people are away from home more. Newman also inquired about Domestic Battery and Public Intox; Crook said he would have to look at the individual reports. McMahon inquired about Cruelty to Animal reports; Crook stated those were more than likely reports by Phil Caves of Animal Control and could include neglect to animals.

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

- **STREET:** (report on file) –

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

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

PLANNING & ZONING –

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

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

- **RESTORATION:** Bob Bickle stated there were liens on 3 properties and letters will be sent out to the owners on these. Bickle stated the notice of hearing to consider raze & removal under New Business needed to be moved to the October council agenda. Bickle stated two properties are currently being cleaned up by the property owners.

A & P COMMISSION REPORT:

COMMITTEES:

- **PERSONNEL:**

- **SAFETY:**

- **WEBSITE & GRANT:** Bickle stated Mary Whalen is working on sponsorship with the ASPCA to write a grant for Animal Control. Bickle stated Whalen will also be looking at grants for Streets and employee pay. Bickle asked council to put together a list of ideas for grants; Bickle stated Whalen had talked to Representative Scott Baltz and will be talking to Rick Crawford regarding contacts for grants. Bickle stated Attorney Abele would be writing a contract for Whalen and it would presented to council for approval. McMahon stated we would need to use caution with major improvements to Animal Control since the City doesn't own the land and it is leased property from SID. Mayor Hefley stated Bickle needed to ensure the Animal Control lease was up to date; Bickle stated he would get with Attorney Abele and look at the lease.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1 - ORDINANCE NO. 2014-D: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHEROKEE VILLAGE ZONING CODE, ORDINANCE 99-2, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (2ND READ) - Newman moved to read Ordinance No. 2014-D by title only for the 2nd read, seconded by Rowland. Clerk Hamilton read Ordinance No. 2014-D by title only. Newman moved to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2014-D, seconded by Wolff. A roll call vote was taken; there were 6 yeas, passing the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2014-D unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1 - NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER RAZE AND REMOVAL RESOLUTION FOR: LOT 7, BLOCK 13A, KIMA 2 ADDITION TO CHEROKEE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, SHARP COUNTY, ARKANSAS/BRUCE CLARK, OWNER - Bickle tabled the item until the October council meeting.

2 - CERTIFICATION OF TAX RATES FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY MILLAGE AT 5 MILLS WILL REMAIN THE SAME IN SHARP COUNTY FOR 2015 - Mayor Hefley stated there would be a combined vote for both Sharp & Fulton Counties. Newman moved to approve the 5 mill tax rate for 2015 for Sharp & Fulton Counties, seconded by Rowland. A roll call vote was taken; there were 6 yeas, passing the 5 mill tax rate in Sharp & Fulton counties.

3 - CERTIFICATION OF TAX RATES FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY MILLAGE AT 5 MILLS WILL REMAIN THE SAME IN FULTON COUNTY FOR 2015.

4 - TEMPORARY SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR LIONS CLUB ANNUAL WHITE CANE DAYS, OCTOBER 2 - 3, 2014 - Covington moved to approve the special use permit, seconded by Wolff and passed unanimously.

5 - TEMPORARY SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR HARVESTFEST, OCTOBER, 4, 2014 - Covington moved to approve the special use permit for Harvestfest, seconded by McMahon and passed unanimously.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Peter Martin suggested the City define the shelter prior to applying for the ASPCA grant. Martin stated it had been referred to as the animal shelter, animal control and the humane society.

Pamela Rowland stated she is still in need of volunteers for Harvestfest; Rowland stated this year the volunteers are "Harvesteers" and are eligible to win \$500 in a drawing. Rowland stated there is also a \$500 door prize for festival goers. Rowland stated the popular scarecrow contest, pumpkin bake-off and haunted house will be a part of Harvestfest again this year and asked everyone to spread the word about Harvestfest which takes place on October 4th.

Mike Stanley spoke on behalf of the Arkansas Bowhunters Association (ABA) and stated Arkansas Game & Fish officer, Steve Taylor, recently handled an incident involving an individual with a crossbow during the Urban Deer Hunt. Stanley stated the hunter was banned for life by ABA from the Urban Deer Hunt and Arkansas Game & Fish had pulled his permit. Stanley stated a bow had gone thru a window when the hunter was attempting to shoot a deer from a car. Stanley apologized to council on behalf of the group for the incident. Douglas MacArthur expressed his concern regarding the use of a crossbow in an "urban' hunt.

ADJOURNMENT: Newman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07p.m., seconded by Circle and passed unanimously.

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

DATE: 10/17/14

APPROVED: Lloyd Heffley
Lloyd Heffley, Mayor

ATTEST: Lana Hamilton
Lana Hamilton, City Clerk/Treasurer