

**MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015
CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL
(meetings are video recorded)**

Mayor Russell Stokes, Jr. called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2015. 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, Chuck Kristopeit, Chuck McMahon, Pamela Rowland, Rob Smith, Mayor Stokes and City Attorney Jon Abele; absent was Steve Thompson.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mayor Stokes stated James Mack Street with WRMC would be added under Comments on City Related Business. Covington 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: Rowland moved to approve the May 21st, 2015 council minutes, seconded by Smith and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1 - Clerk Hamilton read a Congratulatory letter on the City's 60th Anniversary Celebration from Senator Tom Cotton.
- 2 - Hamilton read a Congratulatory letter on the City's 60th Anniversary Celebration from Congressman Rick Crawford.
- 3 - Hamilton read a Proclamation recognizing June 12, 2015 as Cherokee Village Day from Attorney General Leslie Rutledge.
- 4 - Hamilton read a Proclamation from the State of Arkansas proclaiming June 12th through June 14th, 2015 as The Cherokee Village 60th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Celebration from Governor, Asa Hutchinson.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Stokes stated the PA system was greatly improved thanks to Aldermen Covington and McMahon. Stokes commended Pat Clary, volunteers, committee chairs and city departments for their participation in the 60th Anniversary Celebration. Stokes stated he had met with a marketing representative who was in town interviewing the Manager of S.I.D., Jonathan Rhodes at King-Rhodes, and Pat Clary to obtain ideas on how to better market homes and lot sales and attract people to

Cherokee Village. Stokes stated with the anticipated heavy rainfall and high winds, some trees could be expected to fall due to shallow root systems.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- **FIRE:** (report on file) - Mayor Stokes stated Chief Pendarvis was on vacation this week. Stokes stated he visited Baseheart Station regarding assist calls with the ambulance service and the department has acquired some new equipment to help with these type calls.

- **POLICE:** (report on file) - Mayor Stokes stated Chief Crook was absent due to a death in the family but Sgt. Lane was present to answer any questions.

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

- **STREET:** (report on file) - Mayor Stokes stated Sequoyah Ridge had been paved by Atlas Asphalt along with the aprons at Alcana Drive at Kenner Road at the Sante Fe Addition. McMahon stated more fog sealing and chip sealing would take place but the Street Dept. needed better weather and dry roads. Mayor Stokes stated the weather was also creating difficulty with mowing.

- **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** (report on file) - Mayor Stokes stated the City had been utilizing several NADC workers and had lost one worker, due to funding, on Monday. Additional NADC youth grant workers are expected to become available in August.

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

PLANNING & ZONING - Mayor Stokes stated the income for permit fees is up from this time last year. Stokes stated a meeting had been held Monday regarding changes to zoning codes and stated more meetings would be held in the future; Stokes encouraged citizens to attend.

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

- **PARKS & PLANNING:** (report on file)

- **RESTORATION:** (Bob Bickle)

A & P COMMISSION REPORT: Pat Clary reported she would be submitting Patrick Steen, from Carol's Lakeview Restaurant, to council for approval to replace the vacancy of Jenyne Sneed on the commission and finish out the remaining two years of Sneed's term. McMahon moved to approve Steen on the commission, seconded by Covington and passed unanimously. Clary stated the A&P would be meeting at 3 p.m. on June 25th to elect new officers. Clary stated she was stepping down as chair and McMahon was stepping down as secretary. Clary stated, over the course of planning the 60th Anniversary Celebration, she had met a lot of people, worked hard and had fun; Clary stated the City would be seeing results from the celebration for a long time to come. Clary thanked council, department heads, city employees, committee chairs and sponsors, the Historical Society, S.I.D., the CV Business Association, Greg Prenger, Midlake Marina, Jonathan Rhodes, King-Rhodes & staff, Julie Deckard, Curves & Clary Fitness for their support and hard work to make the celebration possible. Clary stated 231 rode the Thunderbird Queen and 113 were from out-of-state. Clary stated reports were given at the recent Chamber meeting from several people with positive comments regarding the celebration. Clary stated a final report with numbers would be given and demographics are being compiled; Clary stated people from at least 16 different states

attended the celebration. Clary commended Lauren Siebert from the Spring River Chronicle for her article and said it contained information that could be used for years to come and it told the story of Cherokee Village; Clary also thanked the Jonesboro Sun and The Villager. Julie Deckard stated the Tri-County Board of Realtors held several open houses throughout the Village and 233 slips were counted from the flat screen TV drawing; Deckard stated their booth was well received on Saturday. Clary stated Lynn Maxedon did an amazing job with his Cherokee Connection presentation. Clary presented Mayor Stokes with a print depicting the Trail of Tears and donated to The City of Cherokee Village June 2015 on the Celebration of the 60th Anniversary. Mayor Stokes stated the print would be hung in council chambers and thanked Pat Clary and her committee for their hard work on the celebration.

COMMITTEES:

- **GRANTS:** Mayor Stokes stated a photo was recently in both papers from the Sharp County Foundation for a grant check the City received. Stokes stated Whelan was currently working on a tourism grant which is due August 28th; Stokes stated there will be a recreational hearing on June 29th at 6:30 in conjunction with this grant. Stokes stated Whelan is working with the Arkansas Dept. of Rural Services and that application is due August 15th; Stokes stated Whelan would be presenting a Resolution at the July meeting regarding the grant. Stokes stated Whelan is also working with the Elks on a grant which is due August 31st. Stokes stated Whelan is still researching a grant for an emergency storm warning system as well.

- PUBLIC SAFETY:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1 - Grant writer stipend - Mayor Stokes requested council review the Memo of Understanding regarding the grant writer's stipend and stated changes were on page 2, Item D, which revised the pay to \$150 on small grants and 10% on grants less than \$20,000. Circle moved to approve the stipend, seconded by Covington. A roll call vote was taken, there were 7 yeas, passing the motion for the stipend unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1 - Temporary Special Use Permit for the Fireworks Display July 4th, 2015 on Thunderbird Dam - Covington moved to approve the Temporary Special Use Permit for the Fireworks Display July 4th, 2015, seconded by Kristopeit and passed unanimously.
2 - Temporary Special Use Permit for the Spring River Farmers Market, every Saturday from 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., May 23rd - August 29th, 2015 at the Village Service Station - Smith moved to approve the Temporary Special Use Permit for the Spring River Farmers Market, seconded by McMahon and passed unanimously.

COMMENTS OF CITY RELATED ITEMS: (limit 3 minutes per person) James Mack Street with WRMC provided a report on the emergency room and stated their 1st anniversary was next week on June 23rd. Pat Clary thanked additional volunteers and sponsors for their participation in the 60th Anniversary. Clary stated being at the celebration Saturday evening when 100 - 150 people were on the dance floor at one time was worth every penny. Clary stated the Arts Center had a high quality of art on

display during the celebration, the Welcome Center held a \$60 cash drawing give-away, bringing back one of John Cooper's marketing gimmicks, and Verna Mae Newman reported the North Sharp County Ministerial Alliance BBQ luncheon served over 300 people on Sunday. Clary also stated the flags will be taken down prior to the 4th of July due to weather and stored for later use. George Harris stated he would like to applauded our community. Peter Martin inquired about recycling; Rob Smith stated he would be working with Asst. Clerk, Kathi Blackwell, on obtaining numbers since recycle had been relocated to Town Center. Alderman Rowland stated she witnessed Animal Control handle a problem quickly and professionally this past week and thanked John Kylo and the Street Dept. for their prompt response in getting a street sign installed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Rowland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m., seconded by Smith and passed unanimously.

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

DATE: 7/20/15

APPROVED: Russell Stokes, Jr.
Russell Stokes, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Lana Hamilton
Lana Hamilton, City Clerk/Treasurer