

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 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, March 19, 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, Chuck Kristopeit, Chuck McMahon, Pamela Rowland, Rob Smith, Steve Thompson, Mayor Stokes and City Attorney Jon Abele; absent were Bill Circle & Les Covington.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Mayor Stokes added Item #5 "Street Personnel" under New Business. Thompson moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Smith and passed unanimously.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** McMahon moved to approve the, February 19, 2015 council minutes, seconded by Kristopeit and passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Clerk Hamilton read a thank you card from James & Renee Hefley.
2. Clerk Hamilton read a letter complimenting our Police Department from Alton Sefers.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Stokes reported he had attended a meeting in Batesville regarding "Healthy Cities & Communities" hosted by the Mayor of Batesville and ArCOP, promoting healthy lifestyles, eating, and exercise. Arkansas is currently ranked #49 in the United States.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

- **FIRE:** (report on file) Adams inquired about the 9 lift assists at the same residence; Fire Chief, Johnny Pendarvis, stated the assists were for an elderly gentlemen with Parkinson's Disease who falls frequently, is getting weaker, and will eventually need to be in a nursing home.

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

- **ANIMAL CONTROL:** (report on file)
- **STREET:** (report on file) –
- **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** (report on file)
- **DISTRICT COURT:** (report on file) Mayor Stokes stated court was not held in February due to inclement weather and a large crowd is to be expected for March court on Friday.

**PLANNING & ZONING –**

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** (report on file)
- **PARKS & PLANNING:** (report on file)
- **RESTORATION: (Bob Bickle)** Bickle stated it would be beneficial to the City for Mary Whelan to attend a Federal Grant Writing Seminar in Batesville and asked council for \$100 towards the \$150 fee; Bickle stated a member from the Ash Flat Memorial Committee would assist with \$50 of the fee. Thompson moved to approve the request for \$100, seconded by McMahon and passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken; there were 6 yeas, passing the motion unanimously. Bickle stated there were two homes ready for final inspections and the Raze & Removal was complete; one completed by a contractor. Bickle stated he attended a State Planning Commission training session in Eureka Springs to get certified which will help with re-writing zoning ordinances which requires a consultant. The cost will be \$2,500+ to re-write zoning ordinances to bring them up to 2015 standards; Bickle stated he would be asking council for the \$2,500 in April as it was not included in the 2015 budget.

**A & P COMMISSION REPORT:** No report this month.

**COMMITTEES:**

- **GRANTS:**
- **PUBLIC SAFETY:** The March meeting was postponed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1 – **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-04: AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE DISTRICT COURT CLERK AS THE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COLLECTION OF FINES ASSESSED IN DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS** - Clerk Hamilton read Ordinance 2015-04. Adams moved to waive the rule of 3 readings and adopt the Ordinance by the 1st reading, seconded by Smith. A roll call vote was taken; there were 6 yeas, passing the motion to waive the rules of 3 readings. Thompson moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-04, seconded by Kristopeit.

Clerk Hamilton read the 2nd & 3rd reading of Ordinance 2015-04 by title only. A roll call vote was taken; there were 6 yeas, passing Ordinance 2015-04 unanimously.

2 – **Sale of Surplus Property - 2007 Ford Focus SE, 4/door, silver** - Mayor Stokes set the value of the Ford Focus at \$3,000 for surplus. Smith moved to sell the surplus property, seconded by Thompson. A roll call vote was taken; there were 6 yeas, passing the motion to sell the surplus property unanimously and place an advertisement in the paper.

3 – **Discussion of Recycle** - Smith stated we are losing money on recycling and stated traffic has slowed down since moving to the green building and felt there would be more participation by moving recycling back to the parking lot at City Hall. Smith stated the number of recyclable material is down and we are being charged back for some non-recyclable materials being mixed in; Smith stated we are now collecting 25% of what used to be collected in the parking lot. Mayor Stokes said Sharp, Fulton & Iazard counties contribute to Tri-County Recycle; Stokes stated the City typically makes quarterly payments to fund the recycle center, but was requested to pay for the entire year in advance this year. After lengthy discussion, it was decided recycling would relocate to the parking lot at City Hall beginning April 1st.

4 – **Rock Bid** - Kylo stated the Street Dept. posted an open bid for rock in the paper and no sealed bids were received. Kylo stated he contacted the current rock vendor, Doug Gill at Arkansas Quality Stone (AQS), who provided the Street Dept. with a signed agreement carrying over the 2014 rock prices and requested approval from council to continue using AQS as the primary supplier. Thompson moved to accept using the vendor to satisfy audit requirements, seconded by McMahan. A roll call vote was taken; there were 6 yeas, passing the use of AQS as the primary rock supplier for 2015.

5 – **Street Personnel** - Kylo stated the NADC grant workers were nearing completion of the grant funds. Kylo requested permission to hire a second part-time worker at 31 hours per weeks for infrastructure repairs. Hamilton stated this would require a resolution to amend the budget and increase the payroll funds. McMahan moved to amend the budget by resolution and approve the 2nd part-time employee, seconded by Smith. Kylo will amend his budget to reduce his Materials, Base Rock line item by \$7,000 and increase his Salaries line item by \$7,000 by resolution. A roll call vote was taken; there were 6 yeas, passing the hiring of a 2nd part-time worker unanimously.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1 - Mayor Stokes stated the Village Pride/King-Rhodes sponsored roadside clean-up volunteers will meet at King-Rhodes on Saturday, April 11th at 8 a.m. and work until 12 noon.

2 - Mayor Stokes stated the City sponsored clean-up will be held at the former recycle center from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 18th. No hazardous materials, batteries or electronics are allowed.

3 - Rob Smith stated the Fire Department will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Baseheart Station on Sunday, April 5th at 2 p.m.

4 - Mayor Stokes stated the Spring River Chamber Business After Hours will be held on Tuesday, April 7th from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. at WRMC to honor Dr. Tucker.

**ADJOURNMENT:** McMahon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 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: 4/20/15

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

ATTEST: Lana Hamilton  
Lana Hamilton, City Clerk/Treasurer