

MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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, October 15, 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, Pamela Rowland, Rob Smith, Steve Thompson, Mayor Stokes and City Attorney Jon Abele; absent was Chuck McMahon.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mayor Stokes stated Resolution 2015-22 Annual Certification of Tax Rates needed to be added under New Business. Circle moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Covington and passed unanimously.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Covington moved to approve the, September 17, 2015 council minutes, seconded by Thompson and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Stokes stated Tri-County Recycling hired a new manager and recycling was backed up; Tri-County intends to hire additional part-time help. Recycling will resume when things get caught up, possibly by the end of October. Mayor Stokes stated James Mack Street with WRMC would now give his report.

James Mack Street with WRMC - Mr. Street gave his monthly update on the emergency room. Street stated there would be a health fair on October 30th at WRMC. Street stated pain management was now being offered at the facility.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

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

- **ANIMAL CONTROL:** (report on file) - Adams asked if the Wiles Animal Shelter had an effect on Cherokee Village Animal Control. Phil Caves stated there was not much difference but there might be a small amount of relief.

- **STREET:** (report on file) –

- **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** (report on file)
- **DISTRICT COURT:** (report on file) Mayor Stokes stated there was a large docket for Friday's court.

PLANNING & ZONING –

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** (report on file)
- **PARKS & PLANNING:** (report on file) Mayor Stokes stated Lynn Maxedon had applied for a grant for signage for the Ancient Trail.
- **RESTORATION: (Bob Bickle)**

A & P COMMISSION REPORT: Mayor Stokes stated the minutes would be provided at the November meeting. Julie Decker gave the final financial report on the 60th Anniversary. Decker stated total revenue was \$45,666.37 and total expenses were \$44,881.33; Decker stated the balance of \$785.04 goes back to the A&P fund. Pat Clary stated expenses included marketing to (8) states, local and regional newspapers, 1,280 radio spots, Ozark Gateway Region magazine, Avenues and the Spring River Chamber magazine.

COMMITTEES:

- **GRANTS:** Mary Whelan stated (3) ADA picnic tables and one trash container had been purchased with the funds from the Sharp County Community Grant. Whelan stated \$2,500 was received from the Elks Foundation Grant written by Jan Lumsden. Whelan stated she should know, in November, if the GIF Grant will be awarded. Whelan stated there was no word yet on the White River grant. Whelan stated she is working with Cunningham Recreation on a matching grant for playground equipment and can write a grant with Wal-Mart to go with the playground equipment grant and it's due by November 15th. Whelan stated no other grants would be applied for until January 2016. Whelan stated Mayor Stokes approved the letter for the Volunteer of Excellence award which would recognize all churches and organizations in Cherokee Village.

- **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1 – Update on Stoplight by Colleen Wylee - Wylee reported on the proposed light at the Wal-Mart entrance and stated she had spoken with Representative, Scott Baltz. Wylee stated a letter had been sent to the Quorum Court and stated she had spoken to council at Hardy and Highland. Wylee stated the Mayor of Ash Flat requested a survey be done, which was denied as Wal-Mart is a private drive. Wylee read a letter she addressed to the District 5 Engineer of the Hwy. Dept.

2 – **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-XX - AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES NO. 2000-03, 2003-04, 2007-03 AND 2011-07 PRESCRIBING AND ESTABLISHING A PERMIT AND CODE TO DO BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS; TO LEVY AN ANNUAL OCCUPATION FEE FOR THE CARRYING ON OF CERTAIN BUSINESS, TRADES, OCCUPATIONS, INDUSTRIES, VOCATIONS AND PROFESSIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS; ESTABLISHING THE TIME WHEN SUCH FEE SHALL BE PAID,**

COLLECTIONS, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE ANNUAL OCCUPATION PERMIT ORDINANCE AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF; PROVIDE SUPERVISION AND REGULATION FOR THE WELFARE AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES - Clerk Hamilton read Ordinance 2015-XX. After discussion, Kristopeit moved to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 2015-XX, seconded by Covington.

NEW BUSINESS:

1 – Resolution 2015-22 - Annual Certification of Tax Rates - Clerk Hamilton read Resolution 2015-22. Adams moved to adopt Resolution 2015-22, seconded by Smith. A roll call vote was taken; there were 7 yeas, passing Resolution 2015-22 unanimously.

2 – Jerry Catton would like to approach Council regarding speeding on Cherokee Village roads - Catton stated he lived at 44 Okmulgee and there is a large flow of traffic and a high rate of speed by vehicles in front of his home; Catton stated there are 6 houses on the road. Mayor Stokes asked if the issue had been reported to the Police Dept. Catton stated it had been but there are no speed limit signs; Chief Crook stated the speed limit is 35 MPH. Rowland stated there should be speed limit signs and inquired about the speed trailer; Crook stated the trailer isn't as available as it used to be, but could look at the Municipal Auction site for one.

3 – Owner: Bertram E. Moore Living Trust - Parcel #274-00621-000 - Legal: Lot 30, Block 11, Navajo Third. Family would like to convey property back to the City of Cherokee Village - Mayor Stokes stated the City had received a lot donation and asked for a motion to accept. Adams moved to accept the lot from the living trust, seconded by Rowland. A roll call vote was taken; there were 7 yeas, passing the motion to accept unanimously.

4 – Executive Session regarding personnel - Mayor Stokes asked for a motion to go into Executive Session; Covington moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Thompson at 7:25. The regular City Council meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m. Mayor Stokes stated no action was taken and there would be a special City Council meeting held on Friday, October 30th at 10:00 a.m.

COMMENTS OF CITY RELATED ITEMS: (limit 3 minutes per person) - Peter Martin stated the City should look at businesses run out of the home such as piano lessons, lawn mowing, selling items at crafts fairs, etc. and stated they should have business permits. Eric Wheeler stated he moved to Cherokee Village from Iowa where there was verbiage in the ordinance stating as long as you were not adding to the footprint of your home and the work was performed by the homeowner, work was considered homeowner maintenance, eliminating red tape and homeowners actually kept up their homes. Wheeler also stated he noticed speeding in areas where clearing of trees and weeds had occurred.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Stokes stated the Village Pride and King-Rhodes fall roadside pick-up would be held on Saturday, October 31st; volunteers should meet at King-Rhodes. Mayor Stokes also stated there would be a special prize for anyone participating in the roadside pick-up in costume. Mayor Stokes stated he and his wife

would be visiting Little Rock for the AARP promotion for retirement communities to promote Cherokee Village.

ADJOURNMENT: Covington moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Thompson and passed unanimously.

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

DATE: 11/20/15

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

ATTEST: Lana Hamilton
Lana Hamilton, City Clerk/Treasurer