

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016**  
**CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL**  
**(meetings are video recorded)**

Mayor Stokes called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2016. Stokes led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Roll was called by Clerk Stephanie Johnson. Present: Jerry Adams, Bill Circle, Les Covington, Chuck Kristopeit, Chuck McMahon, Pamela Rowland, Rob Smith, Mayor Stokes, and City Attorney Jon Abele, absent Steve Thompson.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Smith moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Adams and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Rowland moved to approve the May 19, 2016 council minutes, seconded by McMahon and passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** none

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Covington moved to approve May 2016 financials, seconded by Rowland and passed unanimously.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Stokes stated City and Town magazine reported turnback funds through May for 2016 compared to 2015. Street turnback funds are up \$400,000 from 2015, while the General turnback is down. Stokes stated the funds were taken from General fund to increase Street turnback funds.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Ty Rowland & friends thanking Fire, Police, and Veterans. Pam Rowland introduced the group of children and asked Mayor Stokes, Chief Crook, and Chief Pendarvis to come stand with the group as they made their presentation. Ty Rowland made a speech thanking the departments for their service and went on to present three handmade projects to the individual departments. Mayor Stokes thanked the children and wished them the best in their futures.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**ANIMAL CONTROL:** (report on file) Mayor Stokes stated Mrs. Housmann, Animal Control officer, would begin additional training in Jonesboro, starting July 18. Stokes reported Housmann will have to travel back and forth for 5 days. Stokes also reported Housmann not being afraid of any animals, no matter the size.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** (report on file) Mayor Stokes reported workers working at City Hall.

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

**FIRE:** (report on file) Mayor Stokes reported Greg Scott Hart being hired May 2, 2016 to replace Captain Russell Tanner.

**PLANNING & ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT:** (report on file)

1. NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER RAZE AND REMOVAL RESOLUTION FOR: 38 NOCATEE TRACE, CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS. LOT 49, BLOCK 2, CREE FIRST ADDITION TO CHEROKEE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, SHARP COUNTY, ARKANSAS (PAUL T. WILSON, OWNER(S).) This agenda item tabled until August 2016 meeting to allow City Attorney to review.

**POLICE:** (report on file)

**STREET:** (report on file) McMahon reported finally receiving FEMA funds in May. Superintendent Kylo reported 2 grant workers helping a woman who ran out of gas on Iroquois. The workers gave the woman gasoline and assisted her back on the road. Kylo also reported these workers helping a citizen whose van overturned on Pottawattamie. The workers turned the van back over and helped extract the citizen and her pets post haste and without any further incident until rescue personnel arrived. Mayor Stokes reported workers working out in the heat without any problems and stated they were doing a great job.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

**A & P COMMISSION:** (report on file)

**GRANTS:** (report on file) Mayor Stokes reported receiving a notice to proceed with pavilion construction at the Tohi trail. Stokes stated proper parties were notified and work should be beginning soon.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:** (report on file)

**ROAD & STREETS COMMITTEE:** (report on file)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **LOT DONATION: LOT 11, BLOCK 07, MOHAVE, WAPANUKA DRIVE, CHEROKEE VILLAGE, AR, FULTON COUNTY.** Mayor Stokes stated this particular lot had been accepted at the May 19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting; however, after inspection of the lot, it was deemed unsuitable for a storm siren location and with the property being in Fulton County, a tax would be assessed if there is not a specific use for the property. Stokes entertained a motion to reconsider both lots. Covington made a motion to reconsider both lot donations that were voted on at the May meeting, seconded by Rowland. A roll call vote was taken; there were 7 yeas, passing the motion unanimously. After much discussion, Circle then made a motion to decline LOT 11, BLOCK 07, MOHAVE, WAPANUKA DRIVE, CHEROKEE VILLAGE, AR, FULTON COUNTY, seconded by Smith. A roll call vote was taken, there were 7 yeas, passing the motion unanimously.
2. **LOT DONATION: LOT 8, BLOCK 15, CROW 3, RED WING DRIVE, CHEROKEE VILLAGE, AR, SHARP COUNTY.** Smith made a motion to accept

the lot donation, seconded by Covington. A roll call vote was taken; there were 7 yeas, passing the motion unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **DISCUSSION OF PROGRESSIVE WASTE TRASH PICK UP:** Mayor Stokes reported Progressive Waste being bought out by another waste firm. Stokes stated Stubby Stumbaugh, regional representative for Waste Management had contacted him with a proposal of changing the way trash is picked up in the city. Stumbaugh proposed saving the streets wear and tear by using a smaller truck to pick up trash. The smaller truck would have a mechanical arm that would reach out and pick up containers. After much discussion, it was decided to invite Stumbaugh to attend July or August Council meeting to discuss further.
2. **CHIEF PNDARVIS/ENGINE #1:** Pendarvis approached council and asked for consideration to pay off the current note on Engine #1 in the amount of \$49,541.83. Pendarvis suggested utilizing funds in the Fire Fund Reserve Account in the amount of \$43,578.98, and the Fire Prevention account in the amount of \$5,962.85. Rowland made a motion to approve the payoff, seconded by Covington. A roll call vote was taken; there were 7 yeas, passing the motion unanimously.
3. **TEMPORARY SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST: CHEROKEE VILLAGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION/FIREWORKS DISPLAY/JULY 4, 2016/THUNDERBIRD DAM:** Rowland made a motion to approve the temporary permit, seconded by Kristopeit. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMENTS ON CITY RELATED BUSINESS**

**WRMC REPORT:** (report on file) James Mack Street gave an update on the facility.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Rowland moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Covington and passed unanimously.

DATE: 7/21/14

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

ATTEST: Stephanie Johnson  
Stephanie Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer