

MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 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, March 17, 2016. Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of prayer.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Smith moved to approve the 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 February 18, 2016 council minutes, seconded by McMahon and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

FINANCIAL REPORT: Smith moved to approve the financials from February 2016, seconded by Rowland and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Stokes presented Fire Captain Russell Tanner a plaque recognizing 20 years of service to Cherokee Village.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- **ANIMAL CONTROL:** (report on file) Mayor Stokes reported the Animal Shelter received a donation of \$1,300, enabling transportation to veterinarian in Batesville for spay or neuter. The monetary donation was accompanied by a donation of paint for the dog houses and cat house. Stokes reported the individual who made the donation was employed at Ace Hardware in Ash Flat and suggested if anyone was to go in to the business, to express gratitude to Mr. Mullen.

- **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** (report on file) Mayor Stokes reported inmates from Sharp County jail working at the animal shelter and at City Hall pulling weeds from the median and sidewalks.

- **DISTRICT COURT:** (report on file) Mayor Stokes reported District Court clerk, Sandra Elliott, as being very dutiful in collecting fines.

- **FIRE:** (report on file) Mayor Stokes reported Fire Department having a few responses to unlawful burns during the burn ban; however, no citations were issued.

- **POLICE:** (report on file)
- **STREET:** (report on file) Superintendent John Kylo approached council with a budget amendment request, as follows:

The Cherokee Village Street Department requests the Cherokee Village City Council to amend their 2016 budget. They request \$8,000.00 from the approved 2016 budget line item Maintenance and Repair to be issued as a check for a partial payment for their 2015 Case Super N Backhoe.

The CVSD also requests that when the final \$32,372.00 DR 1975 FEMA payment from ADEM is received this summer, that this \$8,000.00 will be replaced in the operating budget for maintenance and repair. The balance of the FEMA money will pay off the backhoe and the remaining funds will be placed in the CVSD Reserve Fund.

This check may have to be listed as "Capital Expenditures" if so, (for auditing purposes) then also requested is the addition of that line item if needed.

Kylo reported speaking with AEDM and to be expecting the check no later than the end of June 2016. Covington made a motion to approve the amendment to the Street Department budget, seconded by McMahan. A roll call vote was taken; there were 5 yeas, passing the motion unanimously. Smith addressed Kylo and conveyed a message from business owners and employees from various businesses in the Highland, Ash Flat area to the Street Department thanking them for their exceptional manners when conducting business. Mayor Stokes reported a phone call he received from a citizen of Cherokee Village thanking the Street Department for the ditch cleaning and pothole filling in the citizen's neighborhood. Kylo stated he would pass the message on to the Street Department crew.

PLANNING & ZONING –

- **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** (report on file)
- **PARKS & PLANNING:** (report on file)
- **RESTORATION:** (report on file)

1. **NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER RAZE AND REMOVAL RESOLUTION FOR:** Lot 23, Block, 37, Santa Fe Seven Addition (7 Turon Drive) to Cherokee Village Subdivision, Fulton County, Arkansas, (Harold Crosland, Owner). Inspector Phil Caves reported beginning this process October 15, 2015. Caves stated certified mail sent was signed for and additional regular mail had not been returned, although, there has been no response from the homeowner. Caves reported the structure to be a safety hazard to the community. Smith moved to continue with raze and removal of the property, seconded by Covington. A roll call vote was taken; there were 5 yeas, passing the motion unanimously.

A & P COMMISSION: (report on file) Chairman Jonathon Rhodes approached council with past chair, Pat Clary, to report partnering with Hardy and Mammoth Spring A&P commissions to enhance promotion for the Spring River area in the 2016 Arkansas Tour Guide, Ozark Gateway Tourism publication, and the 2016 Spring River Chamber of Commerce magazine. Clary reported having commemorative postcards and key chains

made to be sold in the Cherokee Village Welcome Center, along with the remaining t-shirts from the celebration, which will also be sold at Carol's Lakeview Restaurant. Clary presented Mayor Stokes with a plaque thanking the City of Cherokee Village for being the Event Sponsor of the 60th Anniversary Celebration. Clary expressed appreciation to Stokes and Council for contributing seed money to begin the fund raising it took to make the event possible. Stokes thanked Clary for her participation in collecting the remaining funds. Clary and Rhodes then presented a painting by Artist Cathy Demko to the City of Cherokee Village in honor of the 60th Anniversary of Cherokee Village, June 12-14, 2015. Clary stated her honor and privilege to work with Demko. Stokes thanked Clary and Rhodes for the report and presentation. Stokes announced the resignation of Chuck Kristopeit from the A&P Commission, and appointed Rob Smith to the position.

- GRANT UPDATE:

- **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:** (report on file)
- **ROAD & STREETS COMMITTEE:** (report on file)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **URBAN DEER HUNT PROGRAM PROTOCOL:** Mayor Stokes asked for a motion to approve the Deer Hunt Program for 2016. Circle moved to approve, adding that he would like to see the hunt extended through January and requested contact information for Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Clerk Johnson stated she had the requested contact information. The motion was then seconded by Rowland. A roll call vote was taken; there were 5 yeas, passing the motion unanimously.
2. **TEMPORARY SPECIAL USE PERMIT:** Stokes stated a Special Use Permit was requested for Spring River Farmers Market use of Village Service Station May 28, 2016 to September 3, 2016 and asked Rob Smith or Jonathon Rhodes if they would like to add additional comments. Smith reported a Facebook page had been created called Cherokee Village Farmers Market and asked all persons to like and share the page to create advertisement. A motion to approve the permit was made by Smith, seconded by Covington. A roll call vote was taken; there were 5 yeas, passing the motion unanimously.
3. **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BASE RATE OF SALARY FOR THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR A CITY CLERK/TREASURER OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** Covington moved to approve the first reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01**, seconded by Circle. A roll call vote was taken; there were 5 yeas, passing the motion unanimously.
4. **RESOLUTION 2016-05: A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A GRADUATED SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK/TREASURER OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS.** Smith made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION 2016-05**, seconded by Covington. A roll call vote was taken; there were 5 yeas, passing the motion unanimously.
5. Rowland reported attending a meeting held by James Street to discuss ideas for the 2016 Spring River Festival of Lights. Rowland stated Spring River Chamber of Commerce would be governing the festival, but each of the quad cities' participation

was needed and desired. Rowland expressed need for volunteers and the next meeting would be April 7, 2016 at the Centennial Bank Conference Room.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Covington moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Smith and passed unanimously.

DATE: 4/22/16

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

ATTEST: Stephanie Johnson
Stephanie Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer