

MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021
CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL
(meetings are video recorded)

Roll was called by Clerk Deb Weichinger. Present were Jerry Adams, Carr Hills, Eddie Ishmael, Chuck Kristopeit, Pamela Rowland, Thomas Rupard, Rob Smith, Steve Thompson, Mayor Stokes. Absent: Jon Abele.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mayor added a special use permit under new business. Council Member Rupard requested an executive session, personnel discussion. Council Member Smith moved to approve the revised agenda, second by Council Member Adams and passed unanimously.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (March 18, 2021): Council Member Smith moved to approve the minutes, second by Council Member Kristopeit, and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

FINANCIAL REPORT: Council Member Adams moved to approve the March 2021 financials to be filed for audit, second by Council Member Rupard. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Proclamations: National Kids to Park Day, Saturday, May 15th designated for state of Arkansas. Mayor Stokes announced the hiring of Cassie Hayward as the new Planning and Zoning administrative assistant, who was introduced at the council meeting by Thomas Swiatkowski.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

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

- **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** (none)

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

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

- **P&Z / CODE ENFORCEMENT:** (report on file)

- Notice of hearing: Hearing for Raze and Removal of Lot 7, Block 16, Santa Fe Third Addition. City Inspector Thomas Swiatkowski stated no response has been received to three (3) notices sent. Mayor asked for a motion to resolve Raze and Removal. Council Member Smith moved to adopt resolution to raze and remove, seconded by Council Member Adams. Roll call vote passed unanimously. Resolution to order the Razing and Removal of a Nuisance on the

Property Lot 7, Block 16, Santa Fe Third Addition to Cherokee Village Subdivision (56 Tonsue Dr, Cherokee Village), Fulton County, Arkansas (James and Crystal McGovern, owners). This will be Resolution 2021-07.

- Notice of hearing: Hearing for Raze and Removal of Lot 65, Block 35, Santa Fe Sixth Addition. City Inspector Thomas Swiatkowski stated no response has been received to three (3) notices sent. Mayor asked for a motion to resolve Raze and Removal. Council Member Smith moved to adopt resolution to raze and remove, seconded by Council Member Kristopeit. Roll call vote passed unanimously. Resolution to order the Razing and Removal of a Nuisance on the Property Lot 65, Block 35, Santa Fe Sixth Addition to Cherokee Village Subdivision (4 Mohave Dr, Cherokee Village), Fulton County, Arkansas (Daniel Lee Grover, owner). This will be Resolution 2021-08.

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

- **STREET DEPARTMENT:** (report on file)

- **VOLUNTEER OEM** (none)

OTHER REPORTS:

- **A & P Report:** (report on file) There is a commissioner vacancy needing to be filled.

- **AIRPORT REPORT:** (report on file) Mayor Stokes announced Jim Branch has been appointed onto the airport commission.

- **GRANT REPORT:** (no report)

- **OEM SIREN:** (no report)

- **P & Z COMMISSION:** (report on file)

- **S.I.D.:** (report on file)

- **STREETS COMMITTEE:** (No report)

- **TRI-COUNTY SOLDE WASTE:** (report on file)

- **WELCOME CENTER:** (No Report)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **ORDINANCE 2021-XX: An Ordinance to Amend Zoning Code (2017-06A) and for Other Purposes.** Council Member Smith motioned to read by title only, second by Council Member Thompson. Clerk read the motion by title only. Roll call passed unanimously. After some discussion, the wording *or appropriate approved landscape* was asked to be changed in Section 1, paragraph 2 in the last sentence. Roll call vote to approve wording change: Ayes: Hill, Kristopeit, Rowland, Rupard, Smith, Thompson; Nays: Adams, Ishmael. Motion passed. Motion was made by Council Member Smith, second by Council Member Thompson to approve the second reading. Ayes: Council Members Adams, Hill, Kristopeit, Rowland, Rupard, Smith, and Thompson. Nays: Council Member Ishmael. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Authorization for Street Department Equipment Purchase:** – John Kylo, Street Department Head presented quotation for \$48,849.40 for a skid steer, and asked council to appropriate the monies to make the purchase. Taxes, freight, and other additional costs will be paid from the sales of street surplus equipment. Council Member Thompson made a motion to appropriate the funds for skid steer loader, second by Council Member Adams. Roll call vote passed unanimously.
2. **Bids for Police Department Vehicle:** Police Chief Rickey Crook discussed the bids to purchase new vehicle (Freedom Ford and Lewis Ford at \$35,558, and \$36,271 respectively. Chief Crook suggested the bid from Freedom Ford; stating it is the lowest bid and is local. Motion was made by Council Member Steve Thompson, second by Council Member Chuck Kristopeit to approve the purchase of two (2) new police vehicles from Freedom Ford, at a price of \$35,558 each. It was noted the cost does not include outfitting the vehicles with police equipment. Roll call vote passed unanimously.
3. **Line Striping:** - John Kylo , Street Department Head asked council to permit transferring budget line items to cover the \$13,000 cost of striping 13 ¼ miles of city streets. Motion was made by Council Member Hill to approve the request, second by Council Member Thompson. Roll call vote passed unanimously.
4. **Urban Deer Hunt Continuance:** Motion was made by Council Member Thompson, seconded by Council Member Hill to approve the continuance of the Urban Deer Hunt for the 2021-2022 season. Roll call vote was passed unanimously.
5. **Jeff Tatum, David Gruger – Search & Rescue:** Both Mr. Tatum and Mr. Gruger expressed dissatisfaction in the manner in which search and rescue was discussed between David Woods and city council members. I would add to the Tatum/Gruger by stating: Inquiry was made as to whether the city would use Search and Rescue. Mayor replied those decisions are left to the incident commander as type of incident determines the type of search and rescue team needed. Additionally, any search and rescue team must be certified by Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.
6. **Short Term Special Use Permit 2021-03:** Charlie, Cali, & C.J. Tompkins, Sharp Co 4-H chicken Project, April 16, 2021 to July 10, 2021. Motion to approve 4-H chicken project temporary special use permit made by Council Member Smith and second by Council Member Rupard. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session – Personnel: Council Member Adams moved to adjourn for executive session, second by Council Member Thompson. Mayor adjourned the Regular City Council meeting at 7:32 PM to Executive Session. Regular City Council meeting reconvened at 8:10 PM. Mayor stated no action taken.

COMMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Rupard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m., second by Council Member Adams.

DATE: 5/21/2021

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

ATTEST: Deborah Weichinger
Deborah Weichinger, City Clerk