

MINUTES

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, December 19, 2024, 6:00 P.M.,
CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Rose lead the Pledge of Allegiance

MOMENT OF SILENCE – A moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM – Penny Trumpy City Clerk called roll call Present: Harrison, R Tatum, Thompson, Ishmael, J Tatum, Mayor, and City Attorneys. Quorum established. Absent: Martin, Smith, and Rowland.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Member Ishmael motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Thompson. Motion passed (5 yes)

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS (limit 3 minutes per person) None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council Member Thompson motioned to approve the November 21, 2024 Minutes, seconded by Council Member Ishmael. Motion passed (5 yes)

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL REPOST: Discussion Sales & Use Tax Street Dept Revenue. Approved 2025 Budget is on the City Website.

Mayors Report:

- Mayor Rose was honored to speak at the Christmas Tree Lighting at Town Center. This tradition has gone on for many years.
- The ladies have been working on getting the City's website updated. They have the District Court page and Planning and Zoning page uploaded with current information. There is still work to be done to get the webpage completed but they have been doing a great job.
- The work continues on the bridges at Town Center. The water has been routed back to its normal flow which when the reflecting pool filled and flows over the small dam creates a waterfall. In conversation with ARDOT engineers the plan for the northern bridge is to close the roadway June 1st, 2025 which will also affect the intersection of Flathead Drive and Cherokee Road and the closure time will be about the same as the other bridge.
- The city received official notice from Legislative Audit from January 1st, 2022 through December 31st, 2023 that the City passed the audit. The Audit is posted on the City website on the Minutes tab.
- The Fire Department has allocated \$232,944.00 ARPA funds and has spent \$210,047.59 leaving a balance of \$21,896.41. Chief Dienst is waiting on the invoice so it can be finalized, but it has not arrived yet. Chief Dienst wants to make Council aware that the balance may not be paid until 2025 due to the Holidays and lateness of the year. The balance will need to be carried over into 2025 as a line item in the budget as ARPA Funds. These ARPA funds are currently in the Fire Department Account.
- A 2024 Volunteer Service for the Village Pride Committee was received.
 - Village Pride does a great job of being involved in the city with:
 - 356 Maintenance Hour - # Volunteers 1-7

- 216 Beautification Hours - # Volunteers 1-9
- 577 Special Project Hours - # Volunteers 1-30
- Site Maintained
 - Adahi Trail, Tohi Trail, Community Park, Suanee Creek, Park Restrooms, Iamonia Trail/Waterway, Event Sign Landscaping, Designated Rock Glades
- Special Projects
 - Roadside Pickup, Pie Festival Adopt-a-Spots, Recycling, Animal Control Facility, Farmer's Market, Eclipse Adahi Park Salvage/Reclamation
- Thank you to the Village Pride for all the Community Support and work. This is an active group of community members.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: See Cherokee Village Web site for reports on File.

ANIMAL CONTROL: On File – Megan Mansfield ACO

COMMUNITY SERVICE: On File – SGT J Griffin

DISTRICT COURT: On File – Amanda Brewer District Court Clerk

FIRE DEPARTMENT: On File – Chief Kal Dienst

PLANNING & ZONING: On File – No Meeting in December – Angela Herndon

POLICE DEPARTMENT: On File – Chief Monte Lane – Donation of vehicle to Arkansas Third Judicial Drug Task Force. Chief Lane explained the reasoning of the donation of this vehicle. Being a 2012 model in need of repair (truck leaks, body damage and almost 200,000 miles) the Drug Task Force works with a shop to repair and remove all of CV labeling and colors. The Police Department has received a \$5,000 grant to be used for new body camera from this donation.

OTHER REPORTS:

ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MINUTES: On File – Chairman Thompson reported there is heat in the buildings now.

A & P COMMISSION MINUTES: No Meeting in December

TRI COUNTY SOLID WASTE: On File

WELCOME CENTER: On File – YEAR END REPORT – Betty Stokes, Director

- Welcome Center hours were 10 – 2 Monday – Friday March 15 to October 31.
- Thank you to the weekly volunteers.
- There were 222 visitors from the following states: AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, FL, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MO, NE, OH, TN, TX, VA, WA, WI, and Germany.
- Approximately 100 fewer visitors that 2023.
- Request from Ozark Gateway Magazine and phone calls resulted in 16 informational packets being mailed. Packets were also sent to four Tourist and Information Centers: Van Buren, Texarkana, Eldorado and West Memphis, AR.
- License plates, mugs, key chains, magnets, decals, Cherokee Village maps, caps and a selection of short sleeve, long sleeve tee shirts and sweat shirts are sold
- The Welcome Center had a booth at the Town Center Christmas Bazaar.
- The profit from the Welcome Center sales was given to the city for a new floor at Cherokee Village Animal Control Office.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:


1. **RESOLUTION NO 2024-18 – A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE TO UTILIZE STATE AND STREET MONIES FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY PROJECT. (STATE AID STREET PROGRAM FUNDS – FLATHEAD DRIVE)**

Council Member J Tatum motioned to approve Resolution 2024-18 as presented, seconded by Council Member R Tatum. Roll Call Vote: Harrison yes, R Tatum yes, Thompson yes, Ishmael yes, J Tatum yes. Motion passed (5 yes)


Mayor Rose recognized Council Member Robert Smith and Past Council Member Chuck Kristopeit, for their years of service to as Council Members.

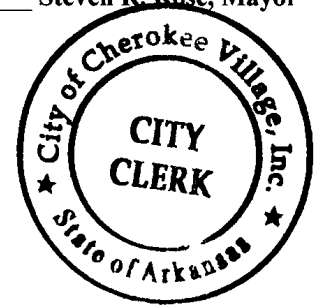
ADJOURNMENT: Council Member J Tatum motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Ishmael, motioned passed. Adjourned 6:25 PM.

DATE: 1/16/25

APPROVED: 

Steven R. Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:  Penny Trumpy, City Clerk



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