

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, January 16, 2025, 6:00 P.M.,**  
**CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Rose Call the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**SWEARING IN / INTRODUCING OF COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED STARTING IN 2025.** Newly elected Pamela Rowland, Eddie Ishmael, Jeff Tatum, and Jason Lowe were sworn in by Mayor Rose.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Mayor Rose lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** – A moment of silence was observed.

**ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM** - In City Clerks absent Angela Herndon filled in as clerk. Present Harrison (by Phone), R Tatum, Thompson, Martin, Lowe, Ishmael, J Tatum, Rowland, Mayor, and City Attorney. Absent Clerk Penny Trumpy. Quorum established

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Mayor Rose amended the agenda to include Open Position in the Fire Dept. – Chief Dienst under New Business #4. Council Member Martin motioned to amend the agenda, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Motioned passed (8 yes's)

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 19, 2024** – Motion by Council Member Rowland to approve the December 19, 2024 minutes, seconded by Council Member J. Tatum. Motion passed (7 yes's, Martin abstained)

**CORRESPONDENCE: NONE**

**FINANCIAL REPORT: Discussion Sales & Use Tax Street Dept Revenue** - Financials are posted on the City's Website. Mayor Rose appreciated Misty's colored version of the report. The Department Heads do a good job of maintaining their department budgets.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Rose reported

- Construction continues on the bridge replacement project at the town center.
- Hand rails have been installed on the sidewalks and working on completing the water feature.
- Reminder to Citizens that when the next road closure starts which at this time is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>. it will not only affect the state highway but the intersection of Flathead Drive. PLEASE prepare for this inconvenience when it happens.
- Due to the amount of fill that will be required, expect the road to be closed about the same amount of time as the 2024 closure.
- Thanks to all City Departments for their tireless work during this last snow fall.
- Thanks to the Animal Control officers and volunteers for taking great care of the animals during this inclement weather.
- Thanks to the Planning and Zoning and Administration office for keeping the sidewalks clear and the buildings in order, answering calls and helping our citizens with questions.
- Thanks to the Police and Fire Departments for going out in the weather helping our citizens stay safe.
- Thanks to the Street Department for going the long hours plowing snow to get the roads in the best condition as possible.
- The weather forecast through the next week, projects frigid temperatures. Please prepare.

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

**PLEASE SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE**

**ANIMAL CONTROL: ON FILE** ACO Megan Mansfield reported the dog building was being used with construction close to being complete. Thank you to for all the donations and support.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE: ON FILE**

**DISTRICT COURT: ON FILE**  
**FIRE DEPARTMENT: ON FILE**  
**PLANNING & ZONING: ON FILE**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT: ON FILE**

**OTHER REPORTS: PLEASE SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE**

**ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MINUTES: MEETING JANUARY 14, 2025** Council Member J Tatum is a new member of the Animal Control Committee as of January 1, 2025.

**A & P MINUTES: NO REPORT** Council Member Rowland asked if anyone had fulfilled the request of the qualifications to fill this position. Mayor Rose apologized as that had slipped his mind and will do this.

**AIRPORT MINUTES: ON FILE**

**P & Z COMMISSION MINUTES: ON FILE**

**TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE: ON FILE**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **REAFFIRM – Citizens Participation at City of Cherokee Village Public Meetings.**
2. **COUNCIL PROTOCOLS FOR 2025 – Council Meeting Dates and Time. – Mayor Rose.** Council Member Martin motioned to combine #1 and #2 since Citizen Participation was mentioned on the Council Protocols. Seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Roll Call Vote: Harrison yes, R Tatum yes Thompson yes, Martin yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, J Tatum yes, Rowland yes. Motion passed (8 yes's)
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01 – A Resolution Authorizing Automated Clearing House Payment (VIA ACH Debit), Electronic Banking, Electronic Commerce and Other Electronic Transfers of Funds. - Mayor Rose** explained that the City has experienced time delays in bills being posted to avoid late fees. Council Member Martin motion to pass Resolution No. 2025-01, seconded by Council Member R Tatum. Roll Call Vote: Thompson yes, Martin yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, J Tatum yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes, and R Tatum yes. Motion passed (8 yes's)

Council Member Rowland asked about setting dates for working meetings that more members would attend. February 17 was suggested but that is a holiday. Council Member Harrison stressed that this needs to be set as it has been discussed. February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.. City Council is February 20, 2025 at 6:00. This is a public meeting.

4. **Open Position – Fire Chief Dienst –** Chief Dienst informed the Council of the situations involving Fireman making fireman coverage tight. The need to hire quicker than what was budgeted to start in August. The funds to hire someone now will increase the budget about \$30,000. Council Member J Tatum asked where the funds would come from as the budget was tight. Mayor Rose replied that reserves would be used. The employed that is being hired is replacing one that is retiring. Council Member R Tatum motioned to hire the full time fireman, seconded by Council Member Martin. Council Member Lowe asked where these funds were on the reports as he is new to this. Council Member Harrison ask Chief Dienst that the new hire is not the 2 in training now, which he replied yes. Roll Call Vote: Thompson yes, Martin yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, J Tatum yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes, and R Tatum yes. Motion passed (8 yes's)

Council Member J Tatum expressed his thanks to Chief Dienst. Council Member J Tatum had the opportunity to work with the department and was very impressed. Chief Dienst thanked him for the compliment.

**COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON CITY RELATED BUSINESS (limit 3 minutes per person) NONE**

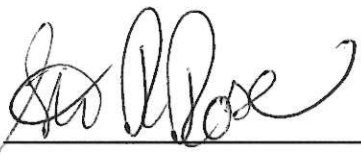
Council Member Martin wanted to thank you to the road department for the long hours and the work done on clearing the roads. Council Member Rowland asked how many employees at the Street Dept. Superintendent and 4 employees makes the street dept. Council Member J Tatum asked how we slow turnover. Mayor Rose stated money. Mayor Rose would also like to sit down and discuss retirement benefits for the employees that don't have them.

Council Member Harrison thanked Joey for and his crew for the work involved in clearing the roads and the Police for being on the roads.

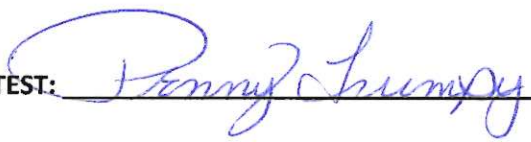


ADJOURNMENT - Council Member Martin motioned to adjourn at 6:38 PM, seconded by Council Member J Tatum.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM

DATE: 2/27/25

APPROVED: 

Steven R. Rose, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Penny Trumpy, City Clerk

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