

**MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, March 20, 2025, 6:00 P.M.,
CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rose call the meeting of City Council to order at 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE – A moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM – Penny Trumpy, City Clerk called roll: Harrison yes, Martin yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Mayor, Clerk, and City Attorney present. Quorum Established. Absent: R Tatum (arrived 6:15 PM sat in audience), Thompson, and J Tatum (at a fire).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Member Martin motioned to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Lowe. Motion passed. 5 yea's.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - Council Member Martin motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Harrison. Motion passed 5 yea's

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

FINANCIAL REPORT: Discussion Sales & Use Tax Street Dept Revenue

MAYOR'S REPORT: PROCLAMATION: KIDS TO PARKS DAY – Mayor Rose read the proclamation.

- With the winds make sure the City is not on a Burn Ban. Check with City Hall or Baseheart Fire Station.
- Road Closure for the bridge will start July 7th, 2025. This is the bridge in front of the old gas station by City Hall.
- James Gilley owner of Plantations – Home of the Happy Camper RV Park is interested in extending Tohi Trail around the RV Park. Mr. Gilley is working with a group of people to apply for the Trails for Life Grant. Mr. Gilley is doing this with the blessing of Mayor Rose.
- Mayor Rose would like to thank the Street, Fire and Police Departments for attending to the results of the storm this past week. They also helped the surrounding areas that was affected by the tornados.
- The wind storm caused more damage due to down power line. Energy announced that before they could turn power back on the grids needed to be checked for down and hanging trees.
- With little to no rain it does not take much to start a fire. Even mowing the grass could cause a spark and startaf fire.
- Thank you to the volunteers for all you do for the city.

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

ANIMAL CONTROL: ON FILE

COMMUNITY SERVICE: NO REPORT

DISTRICT COURT: ON FILE

FIRE DEPARTMENT: ON FILE

PLANNING & ZONING: ON FILE

POLICE DEPARTMENT: ON FILE

OTHER REPORTS:

ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MINUTES: ON FILE March 11, 2025

A & P MINUTES: ON FILE January 23, 2025

AIRPORT MINUTES: NO REPORT

P & Z COMMISSION MINUTES: ON FILE

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE: NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **A & P List of Committee Members & Term. Pamela Rowland** – The City Clerk read the list of Committee Members and positions:
 - Pamela Rowland – City Council Member
 - Jason Lowe – City Council Member
 - Patrick Steen – Owner/Manager – Carol's Lakeview Restaurant
 - Eileen Watson – Owner/Manager – Several vacation rental properties in CV
 - James Gilley – Owner Manager – Plantation Park Home of the Happy Camper
 - Jonathan Rhodes – Chair – Owner/Manager Cooper's Point, McCabe House, River Country Tours (King Rhodes Rental/Property Management
 - Julie Decker, Secretary/Treasurer - Member at Large
2. **Fire Station Lease update.** Mayor Rose asked Betsy Waugh, GM of SID to attend the City Council Meeting to answer any questions that Council might have on the lease. Mrs. Waugh introduced herself. Mayor Rose explained the terms of the law suit stating the SID and City could do business for a nominal amount. The amount of the lease is what SID is being charged for insurance for the 3 fire stations. Mrs. Waugh recommends that Council compile their questions and work with the City attorney to compile the lease and present it to SID. Mayor Rose asked council to email all questions to him and he would address them with the attorney.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Waste Connection CPI Letter – Mayor Rose** – Mayor Rose reviewed the CPI letter stating the increase is 3.11% which calculates to roughly \$2.02 per unit per quarter. The current contract expires at the end of 2025. CV gets a 10% discount to help with the price per unit.
2. **Cherokee Village Landfill Increase Letter – Mayor Rose** The landfill tipping rates have increased 6.6% as of January 1, 2025. With the increase at the Landfill there has been a trend of shingles being dumped within the city back roads. If you see this happening please contact City Hall as there are 300 miles of roads making it hard to monitor all of them.
3. **2025-04 Short Term Special Use Permit – Art Center of North Arkansas – Music at the Gazebo** May 15, - June 12, 2025 from 5:30 to 7:30 at Town Center Cherokee Village. In front of the Art Center. Mayor Rose stated if you have not checked it out, please do. The ART Center brings in local bands and musicians for a free concert. Bring your lawn chair or use the benches or picnic tables. Council Member Martin motioned to accept the 2025-04 Short Term Special Use Permit, seconded by Council Member Ishmael. Motion passed 5 year's
4. **Lazerfiche Increase – Document Storage** – Mayor Rose informed Council of the increase of our software storage program will be increasing in September. This is the software that should be upgraded to cloud storage.

Mayor Rose stressed that the street department needs to have a couple trucks replaced as they are 25 years old and getting beyond repairs for the values. Mayor Rose has been searching and trying to stay in the \$25,000 - \$26,000 range. Street turn back money can be used for these purchases.

Council Member Harrison wanted to announcement upcoming events


- April 5th, 2025 City Roadside Clean up . Cherokee Village Pride group and King Rhodes will be your host ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME. Meet at King-Rhodes parking lot at 9 AM. Lunch for workers will be served about 11:30 am.
- April 12th, 2025 Spring Drop-Off 9 am – 3 pm. at 2 Tekawitha (Municipal Garage) Must show proof of residency
- April 20th, 2025 CVFD Aux Easter Egg Hunt at Baseheart Fire Station. Starts at 2:00 pm. Arrive by 1:45 pm.
- April 26th, 2025 Pie Festival around Town Center.

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


ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Martin motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Ishmael. Motions passed 5 yeas

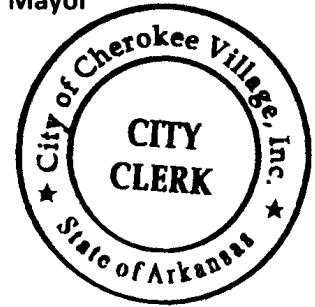
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

DATE: 4/17/2025

APPROVED: 

Steven R. Rose, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Penny Trumpy, City Clerk



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