

MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, March 17, 2022
CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL
(Meetings are video recorded)

Mayor Stokes called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Roll was called by City Clerk, Penny Trumpy. Present: Pam Rowland (Virtual), Andrew Hefley, Eddie Ishmael, Steve Thompson, Rob Smith, Peter Martin and City Attorney, Jon Abele
Absent: Chuck Kristopeit, Carr Hill,

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Smith moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Ishmael. All in favor say Yay, (6) opposed Nay (0). Agenda approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Martin moved to approve February 17, 2022 Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Smith. All in favor Yay, (6) opposed Nay (0). Minutes approved.

Correspondence: None

Financial Report: Mr. Martin moved to approve the February 2022 financial report, seconded by Mr. Ishmael. All in favor Yay (6) opposed Nay (0). Financial report approved.

Mayors Report: State of the City for 2021. Mayor thanked everyone that helped in providing the information for this report. This presentation can be viewed on City Web site (cherokeevillage.org). Thanks to Carmen Inman for preparing The State of the City 2021 presentation.

Department Reports: See Cherokee Village Web site for reports. (cherokeevillage.org)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

ANIMAL CONTROL – ON FILE

COMMUNITY SERVICE – NO REPORT

DISTRICT COURT - ON FILE

FIRE DEPARTMENT – ON FILE

POLICE DEPARTMENT – ON FILE Mr. Smith commended the Police Dept for slowing traffic on Pottawattamie Rd.

OTHER REPORTS:

A & P REPORT – ON FILE - Mr. Smith talked about the Pie Fest and 5 K Run on April 16, 2022. Events during the Solar Eclipse in 2024 are being planned. Two delegates attended the Governors Convention and are working on the information obtained.

AIRPORT REPORT – ON FILE – The airport is working on improvements to accommodate more use due to Emerson Electric coming to the area.

GRANT REPORT – NO REPORT

P & Z COMMISSION - ON FILE

STREET COMMITTEE – ON FILE

TRI -COUNTY SOLID WASTE – ON FILE – In process of renewing contract.

WELCOME CENTER – NO REPORT – Now open from 10 – 2. Gift shop is open.

Old Business:

1. Discussion on holding P & Z meeting/hearings in the evenings so working residents can attend. Mayor will suggest to Chairman to hold meetings in the evenings.
2. Sales Tax – Mr. Martin made a motion to open Sales Tax for discussion to Council, seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion passed. Mr. Thompson questioned the fact that the Ordinance has been filed with Sharp and Fulton Counties to be voted on at election by registered voters. A Town Hall Meeting will be held to discuss Sales Tax. Mr. Hefley announced that Mr. Carr and he have set up to hold meetings the 1st Tuesday of each month for community members to meet and talk with their ward Council Members. April 5th 2022 at 6 pm to 6:45(Mayor extended time to 7:30 pm) pm. has been set up for all Council Members who want to attend. Hefley, Carr, Smith, Thompson, Rowland, Ishmael will attend. Mrs. Rowland asked if these meetings could be streamed live for those who could not attend and she will ask Lauren Siebert to stream meeting on April 26, 2022, 6 – 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at City Hall with overflow being in the Senior Center. A third meeting will be May 3, 2022, 6 – 7:30 pm at City Hall. Questions can be emailed to cityhall@cherokeevillage.org before the meetings or dropped off at City Hall 8 am – 4 pm Monday - Friday. Notice to be published on City Calendar, website, and face book page.

New Business:

1. **ORDINANCE NO 2022-03 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF ZONING REGULATION FOR THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** – After some discussion,
 - a. Mr. Martin moved to suspend the rules and waive the requirement that an ordinance be read (3) three times on (3) different days for Council consideration of Ordinance number 2022-03 dealing with Amendment of Zoning Regulations, be brought up for final passage without the necessity of reading the ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Roll call vote – Smith, Martin, Rowland, Hefley, Ishmael, Thompson. Motion passed.
 - b. Mr. Thompson moved to open discussion on Ordinance 2022-03 to City Council, seconded by Mr. Hefley. Motion passed.
 - c. Ordinance 2022-03 was read by the Mayor. It was moved by Mr. Martin to accept, Ordinance 2022-03, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Roll call vote: Ishmael, Thompson, Smith, Martin, Rowland, Hefley. Motion passed.
2. **Variance Request** – Mr. Lamb spoke on a fence variance requested. P & Z will review this matter.
3. **Special Permit Request** – Shakespeare at the Gazebo – Art Center of North Arkansas. Mr. Martin moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Smith. All in favor Yay, (6) opposed Nay (0). Motion passed.


COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON CITY RELATED BUSINESS: (limit 3 minutes per person)

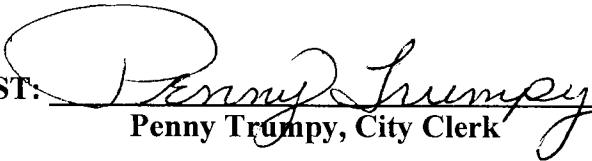
- Mr. Martin suggested to Council that Monthly Council Working meetings be canceled due to the expense incurred. Mr. Smith replied that these meetings should continue to discuss Old & New Business on the Agenda. Current topics should be disused and future planning to follow as needed.
- **Mr. Jackson** - presented his view of the sales and use tax proposal and how he feels it will affect Cherokee Village. Mr. Smith stated time limit. Mayor granted an additional minute. Mr. Smith again called time limit. Mr. Martin made a motion to extend time by 2 minutes, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion passed.
- **Jerry Smith** – A variance requested on a larger garage granted. He proposed P & Z re-evaluate current zoning to accommodate today’s cars, boats, trucks etc.

- P & Z Commission will be reviewing the regulations on garage size at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Smith and passed unanimously.

DATE: 4/21/2022

APPROVED: 
Russell Stokes, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: 
Penny Trumpy, City Clerk