

MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022
CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL
(Meetings are video recorded)

Mayor Stokes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Stokes led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by silent prayer.

Roll was called by acting clerk, Angela Herndon. Present: Pam Rowland (Virtual), Chuck Kristopeit, Andrew Hefley, Eddie Ishmael, Steve Thompson, Rob Smith, Peter Martin, City Attorney, Jon Abele. Absent Car Hill, Clerk Penny Trumpy. Quorum Established

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Martin moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Smith. Agenda approved. Yay (7), Nay (0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Martin moved to approve March 17, 2022 Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Smith. Minutes approved Yay (7), Nay (0).

Correspondence: A letter was read thanking the Police Department for helping with the 5K Run before the Pie Festival.

Financial Report: Mr. Smith moved to approve the March 2022 financial report, seconded by Mr. Kristopeit. Yay (6) Nay (0) Abstention (Mr. Martin). Financial report approved for audit.

Mayors Report: A Proclamation for Kids to Parks Day, May 21, 2022 was read by the Mayor. A reminder of the Sales Tax Forum and Question/Answer meeting to be held April 26, 6-8 pm at City Hall. Mayor expressed appreciation to the employees and volunteers who helped after the storm to prepare for the Pie Festival. The Pie Festival was a huge success with about 1000 attendees. The City is in the process of a Legislative bi-annual audit.

Department Reports: See Cherokee Village Web site for reports.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

ANIMAL CONTROL – on file - Septic had to be pumped.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – on file

DISTRICT COURT – on file

FIRE DEPARTMENT – on file - report format changed to be reported by County.

P&Z/CODE ENFORCEMENT – on file

POLICE DEPARTMENT – on file

STREET DEPARTMENT – on file Working on updating signage.

OTHER REPORTS:

A & P REPORT - on file Mr. Smith is working on preparations for the Solar Eclipse in 2024. The Airport is already receiving requests for spaces for incoming airplanes..

AIRPORT REPORT – on file

GRANT REPORT - No Report

P & Z COMMISSION – on file

STREET COMMITTEE – on file

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE – on file

WELCOME CENTER - No Report - Welcome Center is open for the season

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:

Mr. Martin motioned to approve items #1 - #4 special use permits, seconded by Mr. Kristopeit. Motion passed. Yay (7) Nay (0)

1. Short term special use permit – Spring River Farmers Market
2. Short term special use permit – Arts Center of North Arkansas
 - Membership Mingle – May 7, 2022 12 pm – 4 pm
 - Concerts – May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2022 5:30 – 7:30 pm
3. Short term special use permit – A & P Commission – Thunder on Thunderbird 4th of July Celebration
4. Short term special use permit - Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast – May 28, 2022
5. Accepting Credit Cards and Debit Cards – Rob Smith – Mr. Smith gave a brief description that accepting credit/debit cards would bring Cherokee Village into the 21st century. FNBC is the bank with whom we would make these arrangements. There will be a \$95 a fee. Mr. Martin moved to proceed with this proposal, seconded by Mr. Kristopeit. Roll Call Vote. Smith – yes, Martin - yes, Rowland – yes, Kristopeit – yes, Hefley – yes, Ishmael – yes, Thompson – yes. Motion passed. Mr. Smith will proceed with this project.

Trail Systems – Roy Echols - Karen Page spoke in Mr. Echoes absence due to illness.

Karen asked for signatures on city letterhead for support of the Trail Committee. Mayor expressed concern that by signing, the City Council would be committed to additional funding. Karen stated the signatures are only to support trails and not for funding.. The Council discussed the verbiage on the commitment letter. Mr. Thompson asked if this document is from Jim Gilley to seek funding to which Karen replied, yes. More information is needed about this document and the requirements. Mayor suggested to table this topic until next month’s meeting in order for Mr. Echols or Mr. Gilley to clarify this proposal. Mr. Abele – Attorney stated that the Council Members would be signing as independents as the City runs on resolutions. Mr. Thompson moved to table this item until next meeting, seconded by Mr. Martin. Motion passed. Yay (7) Nay (0).

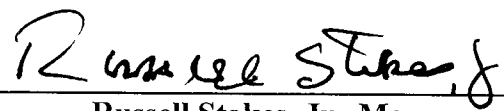
Mr. Martin stated there is interest in trails for ATV riding. There are many roads that are undeveloped.

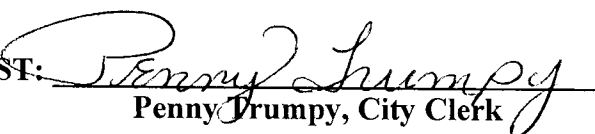
COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON CITY RELATED BUSINESS: (limit 3 minutes per person)

Mr. Martin brought up ATV side-by-side trails. Mr. Ishmael chairs a committee working on a project to bring to Council.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m., seconded by Mr. Martin and passed unanimously.

DATE: 5/20/2022

APPROVED: 
Russell Stokes, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: 
Penny Drumpy, City Clerk