

MINUTES  
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 17, 6:30 P.M.,  
CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Mayor Stokes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF PRAYER

ROLL CALL; ESTABLISH QUORUM – Present Roland, Kristopeit, Hill, Ishmael, Thompson, Smith, Martin. Quorum established

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Ishmael. Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS (limit 3 minutes per person) - No comments from public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve January 27, 2022 minutes by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Smith. Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: NO CORRESPONDENCE

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion to approve Financial Reports by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Smith. Approved and to be filed for audit.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No Report

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

ANIMAL CONTROL - on File

COMMUNITY SERVICE – NO REPORT

DISTRICT COURT – on File

FIRE DEPARTMENT – on File

P&Z/CODE ENFORCEMENT – P & Z on File

POLICE DEPARTMENT – on File

STREET DEPARTMENT – NEWS LETTER – Mr. Martin asked if there is a report on which roads are being on worked. Mayor suggested to direct questions to Thomas Swiatkowski.

OTHER REPORTS:

A & P REPORT – Rob Smith updated on Ideal Living Convention that he attended. Follow up letters and materials were sent to 60 people. The Governors Convention is coming up and will be attended by Mr. Smith and John Norberg.

AIRPORT REPORT – NO REPORT

GRANT REPORT – NO REPORT

P & Z COMMISSION – Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 1 PM at City Hall.

STREET COMMITTEE – NO REPORT

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE - NO REPORT

WELCOME CENTER – NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sales Tax Proposal
  - a. ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.
    - a. A motion to suspend the 3 readings of Ordinance 2022-01 by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Roll Call Vote: Yea's Roland, Kristopeit, Hill, Ishmael, Thompson, Smith, Martin Motion Passed
    - b. A motion to accept Ordinance 2022-01 by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Thompson. Mr. Martin expressed his concerns but asked for the vote to proceed. Roll Call Vote: Yea's Roland, Kristopeit, Hill, Ishmael, Thompson, Smith. Nay's Martin Motion passed
2. ORDINANCE NO. 2022-002 – AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS, ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
  - a. A motion to suspend the 3 readings of Ordinance 2022-02 by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: Yea's Roland, Kristopeit, Hill, Ishmael, Thompson, Smith, Martin. Motion passed
  - b. A motion to accept Ordinance 2022-02 by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Kristopeit. Roll Call Vote: Roland, Kristopeit, Hill, Ishmael, Thompson, Smith, Martin. Motion Passed

Mr. Martin proposed a question on utilities for residents on fixed income, concerning AR Code R005-GR-6 and Municipal Code 23-18-301. If a resident meets the qualifications, making under \$12,000 a year (is one), can apply to have utilities and franchise fees removed from their electric bills. City Attorney Mr. Able said he would research it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **RESOLUTION 2022-05 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PREMIUM PAY FOR DESIGNATED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN.**
  - a) A motion to accept Resolution 2022-05 by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: Yea’s Roland, Kristopeit, Hill, Ishmael, Thompson, Smith, Martin. Motion passed
  
2. **RESOLUTION 2022-06 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING STREET DEPARTMENT GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE 2021 BUDGET.**
  - a) A motion to accept Resolution 2022-06 by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: Yea’s Roland, Kristopeit, Hill, Ishmael, Thompson, Smith, Martin. Motion passed
  
3. **RESOLUTION 2022-07 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED 2021 ANNUAL FINAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE.**
  - a) A motion to accept Resolution 2022-07 by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: Yea’s Roland, Kristopeit, Hill, Ishmael, Thompson, Smith, Martin. Motion passed
  
4. **DESTRUCTION AND DISPOSAL OF OLD RECORDS AND FILES. – AFFIDAVIT OF DESTRUCTION.**
  - a) An Affidavit of Destruction was read by City Clerk Penny Trumpy requesting permission to destroy documents per regulations. Documents and quotes were review by Council. A motion to approve the request for destruction and disposal of old records and files by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: Yea’s Roland, Kristopeit, Hill, Ishmael, Thompson, Smith, Martin. Motion passed.
  - b) A motion to approve \$1000. Expense for Document Destruction by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: Yea’s Roland, Kristopeit, Hill, Ishmael, Thompson, Smith, Martin. Motion passed
  
5. **EXTENSION OF WASTE CONNECTIONS OF ARKANSAS, INC. EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.**
  - a) A request to extend the City’s contract with Waste Connections. Mr. Smith reported that we receive 12 roll offs a year with an additional 4 more to be used for Village Pride spring and fall road clean-up. Waste Connections will patrol the road 175 to 289 from the Omaha Center each day to monitor trash falling from their trucks and clean up that section of the road. WC is working to improve Customer Service. All contractors will be required to tarp loads to help curb trash along roads. WC is giving CV discounts on burn out removal. A roll off will be provided when notified by City of a burn out clean up the City will receive discount on that truck load. This contract is a 4 year extension but can be reviewed at any time. A motion to approve Mr. Stokes as Mayor to sign the contract with Waste Management, Seconded by Mr. Smith. . Mr. Martin requested that the original contract be posted on Cherokeevillage.org for residents to access. Roll Call Vote: Yea’s Roland, Kristopeit, Hill, Ishmael, Thompson, Smith, Martin. Motion passed
  
6. **ARDOT – SALE OF PROPERTY CONCERNING RIGHT OF WAY.**
  - a) A motion by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Martin to accept the contract for the sale to ARDOT of property concerning the low water bridge for \$43,000, and that Mr. Stokes as Mayor can sign the contract for the sales. The Mayor stated this money will be set aside to relocate or replace signage. Roll Call Vote: Yea’s Roland, Kristopeit, Hill, Ishmael, Thompson, Smith, Martin. Motion passed

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

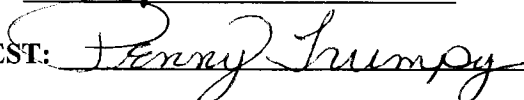
- a) Karen Page announced that the SID meeting would be Monday February 21, at 6 pm at the Omaha Center.
- b) Mr. Martin suggests having hearings in the evening so working people can attend. A motion was made to include this on March Agenda by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Martin. Roll Call Vote: Yea’s Roland, Kristopeit, Hill, Ishmael, Thompson, Smith, Martin. Motion passed

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Kristopeit. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm

DATE: 3/17/2022 APPROVED:   
Russell Stokes, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:   
Penny Trumpy, City Clerk