

**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 16, 2007**

The Honorable Mayor Lloyd Hefley called the regular monthly meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 P. M., Thursday, August 16, 2007.

Mayor Hefley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Endrihs called the roll:

Present: Newman, Martin, Oberding, Paul, Petersen, Stokes, Thone, and Viers

Absent:

Also Present: Atty Jon Abele & Clerk Phyllis Endrihs

AGENDA: Stokes moved that the agenda be accepted; seconded by Viers; passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

MINUTES: Newman moved that both the June 21<sup>st</sup> and the July 19<sup>th</sup> minutes be accepted; seconded by Viers; passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Regarding the hospital, the Mayor asked Newman to report. Plans are underway to see about the feasibility of having a 24/7 emergency room. There is much to be considered and it will not be an overnight occurrence.

Much discussion followed on the Animal Control issue with both Chief Goodwin and Animal Control Officer Hamrick presenting plans set by the U. S. Humane Society, costs, etc.

Martin moved, Oberding seconded and Board unanimously agreed that we proceed with remodeling on the shelter to be located on Hwy 289 across from the IESI landfill. Martin requested that long range plans be presented to the Board and more discussion follow at a working meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Endrihs reported that the State Legislative Auditors picked up the city books for 2005 & 2006 as well as the 2007 Bank Statements on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The July Income Statement was passed out. There will be changes made; however the lack of files has hampered work for the present.

Martin wanted to know about the budget supposedly passed in July. It is being worked on.

Chief Taylor wanted to know about the Fire Department Budget as funds were not increased as they were supposed to be. It will be checked out.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

Fire Department: Chief Taylor reported that his Department had responded to 10 calls during the month of July. His volunteers trained for 2 hours on Rescue and 2 hours on Forcible Entry. The Annual pancake breakfast at Baseheart was held and two AEDs were purchased with the funds raised – one for the Water Rescue Unit and the other for the Chief's Unit. Report on File.

Stokes asked about the Chief's old pick-up truck. Chief Taylor replied that it would be a second vehicle for the department. To Stokes query about ID, Chief Taylor replied that ID would be added to indicate FD vehicle.

In reply to question raised about the fire at 44 Ocala. Chief Taylor stated that contrary to rumor, this fire was not set by the FD. Building Inspector DeLoach agreed. He stated the property owners purchased the house in August of 2006. In January 2007, DeLoach sent a letter to the new owners warning them that the house was unsafe. Code Enforcement office Hamrick also wrote to the new owners in April that the house was definitely not up to code. The house had been vacant for some time, vandalized and in poor condition both inside and out. No action was taken and the house was condemned on May 31<sup>st</sup>. On July 25<sup>th</sup> the new owners sought permission to repair the house; however on the 27<sup>th</sup> they called DeLoach to ask if he knew of anyone who could get rid of the mold in the house. On August 4<sup>th</sup>

the FD was called in just after midnight by someone who noticed the smoke and went to check it out. The fire spread fast and the house was engulfed in flames when the FD arrived shortly after receiving the call. The house was a total loss.

Chief Taylor reported that the Emergency Preparation Plans are in place – one incident commander who will delegate different jobs. Safety Committee is also involved. Training classes will be opened to anyone.

\_ Police Department: There were 64 total violations during the month and approximately 44 total incident primary offenses. Report on file.

Street Department: Report is on file for the Street Department. Jimmy Cherry reported that Pontiac was being fixed and something might have to be done about load limits. The weeds have already been sprayed.

Planning & Zoning Committee – Alan Maxedon reported on the number of permits issued and construction costs for 2007 as compared with 2006. Report on file.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Update was given on the new phone system – voice mail is to be added.

Central Dispatch – Chief Goodwin will be asked to check this out.

Ordinance No. 2007-05 second reading was to be done; however, it was tabled when it was discovered the 2<sup>nd</sup> page was missing.

First reading of Ordinance No. 2007-06 as rewritten by Atty Abele. After reading, a question arose regarding Section 4 – Size of Septic Tanks. After further discussion a vote was taken. Roll call was taken. The Board all accepted with exception of Martin who abstained.

(Both Ordinances regarded installation or repair of Sewage Disposal systems in the City of Cherokee Village.)

### NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 2007-07 was read for 1st time. This Ordinance pertains to the creation of a City Planning & Zoning Commission and amending of previous ordinances. Petersen moved that we accept, seconded by Newman and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: City-related issues (three minute limit per speaker)  
None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT;

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phyllis J. Endrihs, Clerk/Treasurer

