

Minutes
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M., November 18, 2021
CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL

Roll was called by Clerk Penny Trumpy. Present were Carr Hill, Chuck Kristopeit, Pamela Rowland (by Zoom) Rob Smith, Steve Thompson, Mayor Stokes, and City Attorney Jon Abele. Absent: Eddie Ishmael. Quorum Established

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mayor Stokes asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Smith moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS (limit 3 minutes per person) Karen Page gave updates on the ARDOT Grant. Cherokee Village Trails Committee request Council to consider setting aside a portion of roads and budget in 2022 for trail to provide for safe walking, jogging and biking.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (October 21, 2021): Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Kristopeit. Motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Smith moved to accept the October 2021 financials to be filed for audit, Seconded by Mr. Kristopeit. Roll call vote, motion passed unanimously

MAYOR'S REPORT: Upcoming events: #1 Christmas Lighting at Town Center is December 6, at 5:30 pm. #2 City Wide Christmas Display Contest. There will be 3 winners in each ward. 1st place prize is \$100, 2nd place prize is \$75, and 3rd place price is \$50. There is also a Business – City wide Category. You must contact City Hall by December 14th by 4:00 pm. #3 Residents that are burning need to call Baseheart Fire Station before burning. Residents must be in attendance during the active fires/ambers.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

ANIMAL CONTROL - report on File

COMMUNITY SERVICE – NO REPORT

DISTRICT COURT - Court is in session Friday. Public will not be admitted, only attorneys, defendants and court workers.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - report on file Mr. Smith ask Chief Pendarvis if we can keep up with this number of calls due to the reduction in staff. Chief Pendarvis state it will be hard, and he has been in contact with the Ambulance Service to keep them updated on response time. Mr. Kristopeit asked Chief Pendarvis if the response time would be affected in the areas where Stations are not manned. Chief Pendarvis state response time would not be affected greatly.

P&Z/CODE ENFORCEMENT – Permit fees have increased since this time in 2020. There were new construction as well as renovations permits issued.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Waiting on the delivery of the 2 vehicles that have been ordered. They should arrive in 3 to 4 weeks. Council Thompson asked if supplemental equipment has been ordered so when vehicles arrive they can be installed. Police Chief stated equipment has been ordered and will be installed as soon as vehicles arrive.

STREET DEPARTMENT - report on file 172 households registered for City Wide clean up.

OTHER REPORTS:

A & P REPORT – Mr. Smith made a motion to appoint Eileen Walton as a New Commissioner, seconded by Mr. Kristopeit. Roll call vote, motion passed unanimously. Mr. Smith and John Norberg will be attending the Retirement Living Convention in January 2022.

AIRPORT REPORT - report on file

GRANT REPORT – NO REPORT

P & Z COMMISSION – report on file

S.I.D. – Reports posted on S.I.D website

STREET COMMITTEE – Tom Thorton was elected as Chairman due to Chairman moving out of the area. A new member needs to be appointed to this committee. Hopefully they will be appointed by December Council Meeting.

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE – report on file - White River Planning and Development sent information on Grants for recycling.

WELCOME CENTER – NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. **ARPA Payment Allocation - RESOLUTION 2021-xx: A RESOLUTION FOR PREMIUM PAY** – Correction to the amount listed in Resolution 2021-18. The correct amount should be \$223,000.00 instead of \$190,000.00. Council Member Thompson made a motion to make the correction, seconded by Smith. Roll call vote, passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. **Fill of Council vacancies: Ward 2 and Ward 4** – Candidates - Ward #2 – Andrew J.S. Hefley, Ward # 4 Peter Martin, Beverly McEntire Moody. All candidates were asked 5 questions from the Mayor. Council Members then had a chance to ask question. Mr. Smith made a motion for Council to go into executive session to discuss and vote, Mr. Thompson seconded, roll call vote, and motion passed unanimously. Mr. Smith made a motion for Andrew J.S. Hefley to fill the position in Ward #2, roll call vote, motion passed unanimously. Mr. Thompson made a motion for Peter Martin to fill the position in Ward #4, roll call vote, motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hefley and Mr. Martin were given the Oath of Office and seated with Council Members. Mrs. Rowland thanked Beverly Moody for taking the initiative to run for Council.
- 2. **Sales Tax Discussion** – The Budget Committee recommended Council bring before the citizens of Cherokee Village to increase Sales tax by 1%. After much discussion Mrs. Rowland made a motion to increase Sales Tax by 1% to be put before the voters in 2022, seconded by Mr. Smith, roll call vote, passed unanimously. Attorney Jon Abele will proceed with the paperwork.

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

Dave Gruger raised the question of why the figure went from 2.5% to 1% on the sales tax. Budget Committee decided to go with 1%

ANNOUNCEMENTS – none

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Martin made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Mr. Smith at 8:02 pm.

DATE: 12/17/2021

APPROVED: Russell Stokes, Jr.

Russell Stokes, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Penny Trumpy

PENNY TRUMPY, City Clerk