

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

Mayor Stokes called City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on, July 21, 2022. 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.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mayor amended agenda to remove Resolution 2022-xx Disclaimer of Interest by earlier request of Jon Abele as this has been resolved. Motion to accept the amended agenda was made by Mr. Martin, 2nd by Mr. Smith. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Martin and 2nd by Mr. Thompson. Motion passed and approved to be filed.

Correspondence: None

Financial Report: Mr. Smith questioned the negative balance on the Street Department line item. This is due to timing of a monthly deposit and payroll. No Bank Charges occurred. Motion by Mr. Martin, 2nd by Mr. Smith. Motion passed and will be filed

Mayors Report: No report for this month

Department Reports: See Cherokee Village Web site for reports.

ANIMAL CONTROL – Mayor spoke on the care the animals are receiving in this heat. Mr. Thompson motioned to accept the Animal Control, Community Service and District Court reports, seconded by Mr. Martin. Motion passed

COMMUNITY SERVICE – On File

DISTRICT COURT – on File

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Kal Dienst reported the Fire Department will receive \$60,000 from Sharp County ARPA funds that will be used to update older equipment. Mr. Martin asked about the status of the radios. Chief Dienst responded that the components of the radios are being updated. Mr. Martin moved to accept the Fire Department report, 2nd by Mr. Thompson. Motion passed.

P&Z/CODE ENFORCEMENT – Charlie Akers reported that most permits are due to remodels and renovations due to hail storm. Mr. Thompson questioned contractor’s business actions and business licenses have increased. Most projects are going good. There is one contractor that has multiple complaints and State Licensing Board is addressing situation. A motion to approve P&Z report made by Mr. Thompson, and 2nd by Mr. Martin. Motion passed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – A motion to accept the Police Dept report was made by Mr. Smith, and 2nd by Mr. Hefley. Motion passed. Mayor added an officer is unable to perform his duty due to an altercation and is recovering.. The Sargent is working double duty in covering shifts.

STREET DEPARTMENT – Motion to accept report by Mr. Ishmael, and 2nd by Mr. Smith. Motion passed. Mayor reported Street department worker are working in the heat.

OTHER REPORTS:

A & P REPORT – (No Report) – May’s meeting canceled-

AIRPORT REPORT on File

GRANT REPORT – on File

P & Z COMMISSION – on File

STREET COMMITTEE – on File

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE – (No Report)

WELCOME CENTER (No Report)

Old Business:

1. **Revisit Approval for Accepting Credit Cards – Council Member Steve Thompson.** Mr. Thompson is concerned with cost of low usage in accepting Credit Cards due to the Court System using their own payment system. Due to the financial situation of the city Mr. Thompson moved to rescind the Council’s approval of accepting Credit Cards until it is proven to Council that it is financially beneficial to the City. Mayor asked Mr. Thompson for clarification on tabling or rescinding to which Mr. Thompson replied to rescind. Mr. Martin 2nd the motion. Discussion by Mr. Smith reminded the Council there would be no additional cost to the City. Mr. Smith is working with A & P Commission. The end game is electric chargers in the City Parking lot. Mr. Thompson discussed the time frame of people leaving their cars on chargers in the City Parking lot and not much for the person to do. Mr. Thompson brought up the financial situation on matching grants and reminded what Council told Karen Page when she requested a matching grant for trails. Mr. Thompson thinks this will be better if revisited at a later date. Roll Call – Hefley (No), Ishmael (Yes), Thompson (Yes), Smith (No), Martin (Yes), Rowland (Yes) Mr. Abele reminded Mayor that 5 votes are required to pass and Mayor could vote or abstain.

Mayor can only vote yes, but choose to abstain due to One Council Member being absent and one Council Seat vacant. Mayor stated to Mr. Smith that there is a lot of work to be done which Mr. Smith agreed and will be working on. Motion failed.

2. **Interview Council Candidates for Vacant Position** – Jeffrey Tatum was the only Candidate. Mayor asked Mr. Tatum several questions. Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Tatum a question. (Answers can be heard on Council Video.) Mr. Martin moved to accept Jeffrey Tatum to fill the vacant Council Seat, 2nd by Mr. Smith. Roll call – Martin (Yes), Rowland (Yes), Hefley (Yes), Ishmael (Yes), Thompson (Yes), Smith (Yes). Motion Passed.

New Business:

1. **Resolution – 2022-xx – Disclaimer of Interest – Jon Abele** – Resolved before meeting
2. **Ordinance – 2022-04 – Payment of Treasurer’s position during vacancy – Audit Compliance -**
 - a. Motion to present this Ordinance to Council for reading by Mr. Smith, 2nd by Mr. Thompson. Roll Call Vote – Ishmael (Yes), Thompson (Yes), Smith (Yes), Martin (Yes), Rowland (Yes), Hefley (Yes), Motion passed. Ordinance was read by the Clerk.
 - b. Mr. Martin moved to suspend the rules and waive the requirement that an ordinance be read three times on three different days for the consideration of Ordinance number 2022-04 dealing with Payment of Treasurer’s position during vacancy, and the ordinance be brought up for final passage by this council without the necessity of reading the ordinance. Roll Call Vote – Hefley (Yes), Ishmael (Yes), Thompson (Yes), Smith (Yes), Martin (Yes), Rowland (Yes). Motion Passed.
 - c. Mr. Martin moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-04, 2nd by Mr. Hefley, Roll Call Vote – Rowland (Yes), Hefley (Yes), Ishmael (Yes), Thompson (Yes), Smith (Yes), and Martin (Yes). Motion passed
 - d. Mr. Martin motioned to approve the Emergency Clause, 2nd by Mr. Hefley. Roll Call Vote – Martin (Yes), Rowland (Yes), Hefley (Yes), Ishmael (Yes), Thompson (Yes), Smith (Yes) Motion passed. Auditor will be notified
3. **Peace and Dignity – Robert C Brown Jr. – Concerns within the Village.** (1) **ATV – Safety and racing down Roads.** Owners of rental properties should furnish a list of rules and laws of the Village to renters. (2) **Noise in Village** – There is a noise ordinance but loud music and renters on weekends are not adhering to them. Owners of Rental properties should be posting this information in their rental properties. (3) **Chickens** – Mr. Brown is not in favor of allowing Chickens in the City due to wild animals, the smell, and daily care and maintenance

required. Concerns of the Bird Flu due to Fulton County removing chickens from 2022 fair. Mr. Brown asked City Council to look at the pros and cons and consider how things will be enforced both financially and man power. Mr. Brown had Alpha – gal for 18 years.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON CITY RELATED BUSINESS:

(Limit 3 minutes per person)

- Kurt Schlaich read a statement from a citizen of the community due to cancer and transplant store bought eggs caused illness but not to chicken eggs. In her statement she made the decision to give up chickens for close neighbors. She feels chickens are needed.
- Deborah Dean – A residence asking for City Council to amend Ordinance 1994 - 04 to allow Chickens within the City.
- Robert Brown – Would consider establishing a place to raise chickens for eggs. Chickens will not stop the ticks or Alpha – gal. Mr. Brown is against Chickens in the City.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hefley and passed unanimously.

DATE: 8/19/2022

APPROVED: Russell Stokes, Jr.
Russell Stokes, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Penny Trumpy
Penny Trumpy, City Clerk