

MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, May 19, 2022
CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL
(Meetings are video recorded)

Mayor Stokes called the meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on, May 19, 2022. Mayor Stokes led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Martin has questions on personnel policy. Mayor Stokes added Mr. Martin to New Business #2. Mr. Smith moved to approve May 19, 2022 Council Minutes, seconded by Mr. Kristopeit. Minutes approved Yea (7) Nay (0).

Correspondence: A note from Tom and Laura Paul thanking CV FD for lift assist. Mayor Stokes noted that Mr. Paul, a founding father of Cherokee Village and on the first City Council had recently passed away.

Financial Report: Mr. Martin asked for a time to go over financial report that is over budget, or if the budget was amended throughout the year or at year's end. Mayor Stokes stated it is amended at the end of the year. Mr. Martin moved to approve the April, 2022 financial report, seconded by Mr. Smith. Financial report approved for audit. Yea (7) Nay (0)

Mayors Report: Document shredding company was here and disposed several years of documents freeing up storage space. The audit is still ongoing and report is anticipated in late or summer early fall and will be mailed to all Council Members. Mayor Stokes introduced Joey Sheets as Street Supervisor, newly appointed treasurer to be confirmed Deanna Hefner, Charlie Akers the new City Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer. ARDOT is running behind on the low-water bridge project, in June looking to acquire utility and other right-away. 2023 is a projected starting date.

Department Reports: See Cherokee Village Web site for reports.

Mr. Martin moved to accept all Department reports as filed, seconded by Mr. Smith. Reports Accepted Yea (7) Nay (0)

Street Report: Mr. Martin would like to see long term planning on road improvement to start. Planning for the next 10 – 20 years so incoming council would have an understanding of what is to happen. Mayor Stokes suggests that Mr. Martin attend the street committee meetings for answers to his questions.

Other Reports:

A & P Report: Mr. Smith reported that the April 2024 event is in progress and the July 4th fireworks are underway.

Welcome Center: Mayor Stokes reported that inquiries are coming in and information is being sent.

Old Business:

1. **Trail Systems – Roy Echols** (tabled from last month) – Mr. Echols did not attend meeting. Mr. Hefley moved to tabled until June meeting, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion passed Yea (7) Nay (0)

New Business:

1. Confirmation of Treasurer – Deanna Hefner. Mr. Smith Motioned to confirm Deanna Hefner as Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Roll Call vote: Yea (7) – Rowland, Kristopeit, Hefley, Ishmael, Thompson, Smith, Martin. Nay (0) Hill – absent. Motioned passed.
2. Personnel Questions - Mr. Martin would like the information from personnel committee doing hiring and the job description before the decision is made so Council can review this information before confirming the person. Mayor Stokes asked Mr. Martin to contact him and they would go over the procedures.

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

1. Kurt Schlaich proposed an ordinance for allowing chickens in Cherokee Village City limits. A petition was presented and handed along with the proposed ordinance was handed to City Attorney, Jon Abele to review.
2. Tammy Schlaich spoke on Alpja-gal Syndrome a reaction caused by a tick bite. Chickens control bugs. Tammy is asking for chickens to be allowed because of medical reasons, she has alph-gal syndrome.
3. Stephanie Taylor – Change Zoning to allow chickens. Will help children become responsible in taking care of the chickens.
4. Hannah Eisenberg is in favor of chickens as she is allergic to chiggers.
5. Ed Soja spoke on how the city would grow and BIG Cities allow chickens with restrictions.

Mayor asked Kurt and Tammy Schlaich to call him to set up a time to meet and discuss chickens.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m., seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion passed. Yea (7) Nay (0) Meeting adjourned.

DATE: 6/17/22

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

ATTEST: Penny Trumpy
Penny Trumpy, City Clerk