

RESOLUTION 2010-02

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATES AND TIMES FOR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS

WHEREAS, the City of Cherokee Village is composed of residents of all ages and it is the desire of the City Council that everyone wanting to attend a City Council meeting shall have that opportunity and,

WHEREAS, some residents living in Cherokee Village are employed, and scheduling meetings at a more appropriate time to satisfy their work schedule allows those residents to attend City Council meetings and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to repeal Resolutions 2005-3, 2006-2 and 2008-1.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the City council with the concurrence of the Mayor:

SECTION 1. There will be a regular monthly meeting of the City Council on the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm

SECTION 2. When scheduled, an additional monthly meeting of the City Council shall be on the 1st Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm.

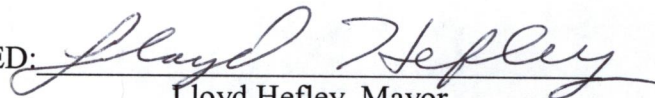
SECTION 3. A Special Meeting of the City Council may be called when adhering to procedures required by state statute ACA14-43-502.

SECTION 4. A public notice of all meetings of the City Council described in the above sections shall be appropriately posted as prescribed by state statute and the FOIA.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL

Date: January 26, 2010

APPROVED:



Lloyd Hefley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Phyllis Endrihs, Clerk/Treasurer

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January 14, 2009

To: Cherokee Village Mayor Lloyd Hefley
and the Cherokee Village City Council

Dear Mayor Hefley and members of the Cherokee Village City Council:

It has been brought to our attention that the Cherokee Village City Council is holding a "working" city council meeting each month along with a regular scheduled city council meeting. I believe the intention of these meetings have changed greatly over the past year and official city business is being conducted at the meeting you are referring to as a "working" meeting. These are, in fact, one in the same – public city council meetings to which the public should be informed of in advance so that they can attend. By referring to one of these meetings as a "working" meeting you are misleading the public about what is actually being accomplished at these meetings.

This letter is to officially request that either the city council meet once a month to conduct the city's business on their regularly scheduled date, or that the council announce the city will be holding two city council meetings a month and announce the dates of these meetings.

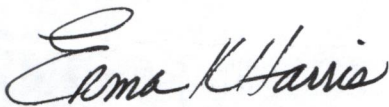
I have spoken with your city attorney Jon Abel and he agrees with me about this situation.

This letter serves as our official request that you correct this situation as soon as possible. We will monitor your response and progress and if it does not change will contact the attorney general and the prosecuting attorney to request a ruling on these meetings.

This letter is our formal request for you to correct this situation. It has been written so you will have the request on file. We will keep a copy on file in our office.

We look forward to working with you as we both serve the public. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Harris,

This letter is in reply to your letter dated January 14, 2009 to Mayor Hefley and the Cherokee Village City Council regarding the City meetings. Please see the attachment for Resolution 2010-02 which establishes dates and times of City meetings. The city council with the assistance of the City Attorney Jon Abel, developed this resolution to assure our compliance to the FOIA. If you have any questions please contact the City Attorney Jon Abel or me.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Hefley, Mayor of Cherokee Village

LH/jkb

Cc: Resolution 2010-02