

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

THE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS

January 21, 2020

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

PRESENT: Council Members/Gary W. Bryant, Geraldine Castle, Carthen Nash, Betsy Koontz and Linda Seaman. Juanita Kepner was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson (at 7:06 p.m.), City Supervisor Bryan Midgett, Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler, Sherri Tyler, Charles Archer, Tim Grover, Lee Bushong, Paul Trinkle (at 7:09 p.m.) and Corey Brown.

Mayor Bushong called the meeting to order, had audience and council stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and had Castle opened with prayer.

It was requested to add the KMU Membership invoice to the agenda.

Motion by Koontz, second by Castle to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryant, second by Castle to approve the Minutes from the last regular meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Koontz, second by Bryant to approve the Municipal Court Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Nash, second by Seaman to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryant, second by Koontz to approve the Warrant Register. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3600 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 29731.68
Other Funds	<u>78672.81</u>
Total of all funds	\$108404.49

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Water Plant Supervisor Tyler reported that the Giardia & Crypto testing has been completed. KRWA looked over plant and recommended that the city have a cross connection and backflow preventive program in place. There is a certification training course in Gardner, KS on February 18-21, 2020 and Tyler would like to attend.

Motion by Nash, second by Koontz to send Tyler to the training in Gardner. Motion carried.

Water Plant Supervisor Tyler questioned why Tim Grover was not paid holiday pay for Christmas Eve holiday when holiday occurred during his regular day off. Discussion followed.

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Motion by Nash, second by Koontz to allow water plant employees to take vacation during a week with a holiday that may result in employee being paid more than 40 straight time hours that week. Motion carried. Grover will be paid the four hours for Christmas Eve.

Mayor Bushong had reviewed the invoices and questioned why a purchase had been requested to be put on two invoices, when combined they were over the \$750 spending limit. Tyler stated that one invoice was for a new motor and the other was for the two kits.

Castle questioned if anyone else had noticed that Stanley Meadows had moved his sheep back into a smaller than two acre area. This will be looked into further.

Clerk Crumrine reported that there was an issue in the State Treasurer's review of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan as the state has reported that resolutions are required from the taxing entities and it will be after the expiration of the current plan before she will be able to get them to send back to the state. Letters have been written to the auditors discussed at the last meeting, 1099's and W2's have been mailed out and all the electronic reporting has been done to Social Security, State of Kansas and the IRS, the waste tire grant has been submitted and the park signs are being worked on.

Police Chief Feagan discussed the letter received from Charles Archer regarding the nuisance and junk vehicles complaint letters that Archer had received. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nash, second by Bryant to drop the nuisance and junk vehicle complaints. Motion carried.

Police Chief Feagan reminded the council that Officer Rakestraw and he would be leaving tomorrow evening for the training.

City Supervisor Midgett reported that the generator at the main lift station has been fixed and is now working. On the Fire Department side, Fire Chief Midgett informed the council that the tanker is still leaking and it is a Leighton Davis being checked over. The Forestry 50/50 grant is due in April and Midgett requested permission for the fire department to apply.

Motion by Bryant, second by Castle to allow the Fire Department to apply for the Forestry Grant. Motion carried.

City Supervisor Midgett reported that he is still waiting on the Johnson water meter to be checked and the results sent to him.

NEEL CONDEMNATION NOTICE OF HEARING RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2020-1 setting the condemnation hearing for March 17, 2020 on the Neel property at 420 N. 3rd St. was presented for adoption.

Motion by Nash, second by Seaman to adopt Resolution No. 2020-1. Motion carried.

KMEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENTS

The term of office for Debra Darnell as Director-2 and Toni Crumrine as Alternate Board of Directors expires April 30, 2020 and appointments for the board are needed and Crumrine asked if they wished to extend the terms for Darnell and herself.

Motion by Nash, second by Koontz to have Debra Darnell and Toni Crumrine continue to serve as Director-2 and Alternate. Motion carried.

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MIKE BILLINGSLY-PROBATION DISCUSSION

Clerk Crumrine reported that Mike Billingsly 90-day probationary period ended on December 21, 2019 and she had failed to put it on the January 7th agenda. Police Chief Feagan stated that Billingsly was doing a good job and his recommendation is that he should be removed from probation.

Motion by Nash, second by Seaman to remove Billingsly from probation retroactive to December 21st and pay the holiday pay as owed for Christmas and New Year's. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT 4TH QUARTER RUN/MEETING PAY

The fire department pay request was read and the pay amount totaled \$500.00.

Motion by Bryant, second by Koontz to pay the fire department 4th quarter pay. Motion carried.

KMU MEMBERSHIP INVOICE

An invoice in the amount of \$3,016 for the 2020 KMU Electric Membership Dues was presented for payment. Dues had increase by \$116 from the 2019 invoice.

Motion by Nash, second by Koontz to pay the KMU Membership Dues invoice. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryant, second by Nash to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Mayor

City Clerk