

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

June 2, 2020

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

PRESENT: Council Members/Gary W. Bryant (at 7:03 p.m.), Juanita Kepner, Geraldine Castle, Betsy Koontz, Carthen Nash and Linda Seaman.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Attorney Robert Myers, Ron and Karla Seaman, Robert Grissom, Scherrill McConnell, Lee Bushong, Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler, City Supervisor Bryan Midgett and Officer Travis Rakestraw.

Mayor Bushong led the council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance and opened in prayer.

It was requested to add a non-elected personnel executive session and visitors Mike Tyler and Scherrill McConnell to the agenda.

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

Motion by Nash, second by Kepner to approve the Minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Koontz, second by Nash to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Nash, second by Kepner to approve the Warrant Register. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #3609 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$25536.08
Other Funds	<u>34652.42</u>
Total of all funds	\$60188.50

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Scherrill McConnell had been asked if she was interested in filling a council vacancy and she said that she would be.

Ron Seaman made an offer of \$1500 for the lot next to Karla Seaman in the Hornet Addition to build a garage/shop. Discussion followed concerning the covenants that the school had recorded for the property before it was deeded over to the city.

Motion by Castle, second by Koontz to table discussion until Attorney Myers could check the records at the court house concerning the covenants. Motion carried.

Water Plant Supervisor Tyler had contacted Larry Arlan about the potential issue of mosquitos in the swimming pool as it was not going to be opened this season and was told that it needed to be shocked. Tyler also asked permission to purchase a turbidimeter at a cost of

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

\$1407.80, discussed the need for a vehicle to be provided for the water plant to use in the collection of water samples and to pull the sludge trailer and reported that he is doing a two month study of purchasing Hawkins products that will be less expensive than purchasing them from Brenntag if the products worked as well. Discussion followed.

Motion by Koontz, second by Castle to approve the purchase of the turbidimeter for the water plant at \$1407.80. Motion carried. Bryant voted no. (Tyler left).

Mayor Bushong reported that utilities can now be shut off for nonpayment, that a donation has been offered to help open the pool, that a residential property on Delaware Street has bags of trash and asked if anybody had noticed that metal bridges had been put across the ditches at 6th and Mulberry. Police Chief Feagan will look at property on Delaware Street and it was stated that a donation would not solve the issue of not being able to certify lifeguards to work at the pool.

Bryant informed City Supervisor Midgett that there are lights down by the river in the East River Park that are staying on all the time.

Koontz requested an executive session for non-elected personnel that will be held with the other requested executive session.

Nash had also been approached about the donation to open the pool.

Attorney Myers gave an update on Attorney Adamson.

City Supervisor Midgett reported that the trash truck was going in to get worked on.

OLD BUSINESS FOLLOWUP

No one had any recommendations or corrections on the utility installation charge distribution and an ordinance will be worked on for the next meeting. A corrected ordinance on the Electric Rate Ordinance adopted at the last meeting was presented for adoption.

Motion by Koontz, second by Seaman to adopt Ordinance No. 932. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 932/AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-301 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 931 RELATING TO ELECTRICAL RATES WITHIN SAID CITY AND OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.

Clerk Crumrine asked for clarification of the motion for the charter ordinance as the motion stated 10 mile radius and questioned whether it was meant to be a 10 mile radius or 10 miles outside of city limits.

Motion by Koontz, second by Bryant to clarify that charter ordinance should be 10 miles outside of city limits. Motion carried.

The culvert purchase that was added to last meeting's agenda was not discussed. The county public works orders culverts and City Supervisor Midgett is requesting purchasing culverts and bands totaling \$2648.70 but may need to order more than what was on original order.

Motion by Nash, second by Kepner to allow City Supervisor Midgett to purchase the culverts needed. Motion carried.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

No additional applications have been received for the mowing position. Clerk Crumrine was instructed to continue to run the ad on the city website, Facebook and newspaper. The total special assessments on the 2 parcels of the old mill property have not been gotten yet.

COMMUNITY ROOM OPENING/PARK EQUIPMENT

It was discussed if additional information should be given to people who rent the community building regarding the COVID 19 recommendations and asked about the park playground equipment, if signs needed to be placed and was told that the signs are still there on the equipment.

BRIDGE FLAG DISCUSSION

Clerk Crumrine had been contacted by the NHS sponsor who has volunteered to place the flags on the bridge during holidays. There are only two NHS members who have drivers' licenses and NHS has a low membership and it was asked if there would be any other organization that could place the flags. Discussion followed and Police Chief Feagan volunteered his department to put the flags up.

BUDGET PREPARATION ENGAGEMENT LETTER

A separate engagement letter was presented for the mayor to sign for the firm to prepare the 2021 budget.

Motion by Bryant, second by Koontz to allow the mayor to sign the budget engagement letter. Motion carried.

Clerk Crumrine reported that the auditors would be here Thursday, June 4th to start the 2019 audit.

2021 BUDGET

Clerk Crumrine informed the council that department heads had been notified to start getting items together that need to be put in next years' budget and if the council knew of items needing to be put in the budget to please let her know.

PARALLEL GENERATION ORDINANCE

The ordinance recommended to be adopted by KMEA was presented for review.

Motion by Bryant, second by Koontz to adopt Ordinance No. 933. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 933/AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A RIDER OUTLINING ALL ASPECTS PERTAINING TO RENEWABLE PARALLEL GENERATION AND ELECTIC RATE SCHEDULE OF SAID GENERATION AND ADOPTING AN INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS FOR INSTALLATION AND PARALLEL OPERATION OF CUSTOMER-OWNED RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES 25 kWac OR LESS FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AND 20 kWac OR LESS FOR COMMERCIAL SERVICE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Bryant, second by Seaman to enter into an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council, legal counsel and starting with City Supervisor Midgett and then calling in Police Chief Feagan for a period of 20 minutes with session ending at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Entered: 7:57 p.m.

Returned: 8:17 p.m.

Midgett left executive session at 8:07 p.m. and Feagan entered into executive session.

Mayor Bushong called the meeting back to order and the following action was taken.

Motion by Bryant, second by Seaman to enter back into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council, legal counsel, Police Chief Feagan and Officer Rakestraw for a period of 5 minutes with session ending at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 8:18 p.m.

Returned: 8:23 p.m.

Mayor Bushong called the meeting back to order and the following action was taken.

Motion by Castle, second by Koontz to raise Rob Darnell and Joey Midgett's hourly wage to \$15 per hour retroactive to June 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Seaman questioned what Darnell and Midgett are currently making and it was reported Darnell was making \$14 per hour and Midgett was making \$13.75 per hour.

Police Chief Feagan reported that the cost to put a new motor in the Dodge Charger will be between \$5,000-\$6,000 and discussed information regarding a lease purchase. Bank of Commerce will finance \$30,000 for 8 years at 2.5% for the balance of 2020 and then refinance for the 2021 budget. The options available to the police department are getting by the rest of the year with only three vehicles; replace the motor in the Charger or do a lease purchase for a new vehicle. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to look at a new vehicle for 8 years. Discussion followed. Motion amended to proceed with the purchase of new vehicle if \$30,000 or less. Motion carried. Koontz voted no.

Discussion followed on what to do until a mowing person is hired and Police Chief Feagan and Officer Rakestraw volunteered to mow on their day's off.

Motion by Bryant, second by Kepner to adjourn. Motion carried. Nash voted no.

Seal

Mayor

City Clerk