

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

June 16, 2020

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, City Supervisor Bryan Midgett, Attorney Robert Myers, Lee Bushong, Ernie Wulf and Scherrill McConnell.

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

It was requested to add Adoption of Charter Ordinance and visitor Ernie Wulf to the agenda.

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Bryant, second by Castle to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.

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

Bryant asked about the purchase of the bush hog. **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3610** as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 26150.15
Other Funds	<u>204036.07</u>
Total of all funds	\$231186.22

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Ernie Wulf introduced himself and stated that he was interested in serving on the council and told a little about himself.

Mayor Bushong explained the purchase of the new bush hog as the cost to repair the old one was not cost effective to purchasing a new mower, so she approved the purchase of the new, so that the mowing wouldn't get behind.

Castle noted that another travel trailer had been pulled in by Jim Hoggatt, that the old Pepe Restaurant yard needed mowed, asked if a building permit had been issued for a resident

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making improvements to their house, and asked if the council could start getting a report on the camping fees collect as she wondered if the city was getting all money's due.

Nash asked about getting the yellow truck to Josh Moore's to get fixed for the water plant to use. City Supervisor Midgett reported that the starter has already been put one and he will take it out to Moore's to get the rest of the truck repairs done. Nash also reported that his wife had done some calling and found that Altamont had gotten lifeguards trained by someone. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to get lifeguards trained and get manager and open pool. Motion carried. Bryant voted no.

Clerk Crumrine reported that Jim Blundell had inquired about the old mowers and asked what the city was going to do with them. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nash, second by Seaman to gather up excess equipment and take sealed bid. Motion carried. Castle wanted to be sure that the bids were in a dollar amount and not \$1 over the highest bid and Attorney Myers stated that wasn't a valid bid. Bids will need to be turned in by noon on July 7th.

Attorney Myers stated that Attorney Adamson might be available for the next council meeting.

Police Chief Feagan informed the council that Officer Billingsley had passed the challenge test but did not pass the shooting and will need to return for two day training.

City Supervisor Midgett discussed several options for the fencing at the park and has contacted KDOT regarding the bank erosion and debris on the bridge.

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to put cattle panels down at the park temporarily until other options can be looked into. Motion carried.

City Supervisor Midgett reported that KDHE had contacted him concerning the number of bypasses that have been reported to them. There have been fifteen bypasses since March. Funding options were discussed.

Motion by Nash, second by Seaman to proceed with the CDBG sewer grant application. Motion carried.

Midgett informed the council that a senior had approached him about riding in on a fire truck to the prom. No one had any objections to this being done.

OLD BUSINESS UPDATES

The Utility Installation Ordinance has not been completed and applications are still being taken for the mowing position. Information regarding the special assessment amounts on the two parcels of the old Mill Property was given to the council. The Hornet Addition discussion continued with an update from Attorney Myers regarding the covenants on the lots. The only way to change the use of the property is for the school board, council and all property owners that live in the Hornet Addition will have to sign off on allowing a change to be made. Mayor Bushong and Police Chief Feagan discussed the purchase of a police truck to replace the Dodge Charger and a new truck purchased through KHP will cost \$28150 and could take up to 240 days to be received.

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COUNCIL RESIGNATION

Mayor Bushong read the resignation of Betsy Koontz as a council member.

Motion by Castle, second by Nash to accept the resignation and notify the residents of the vacancy to give anyone interested in being a candidate, the opportunity to do so. Motion carried.

Koontz was President of the Council and a new president would need to be elected.

Motion by Nash, second by Bryant to elect Geraldine Castle as President of the Council. Motion carried. Castle voted no.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER CONFIRMATION

The Fire Department roster was present for confirmation. The member body had elected Bryan Midgett as Fire Chief, Justin Nading as Assistant Fire Chief and Kenny Underwood as Secretary/Treasurer. These position need to be appointed by the mayor.

Mayor Bushong appointed Midgett, Nading and Underwood to the position noted above.

Motion by Bryant, second by Castle to confirm the appointments. Motion carried.

The complete roster was read as follows: Bryan Midgett, Fire Chief; Justin Nading, Assistant Fire Chief; Captains-Ryan Darnell, Joey Midgett and Nathan Blackledge; Lieutenants-Kenny Underwood, Zach Lawellin and Tait Johnson; and Firemen-Steve Blackledge, Jerry Midgett, Brock Banzet, Lane Rathjen, Kyle Darnell, Carthen Nash, Philip Moses, Lane Kabrey, Josh Moore, Bo Sharp, Jeremy Bates and Colton Vanatta. Jr. Firefighters are Wyatt Vanatta and Dakota Pease.

Motion by Bryant, second by Castle to confirm the Fire Department roster. Motion carried.

STAIN GLASS WINDOW DISCUSSION

Information regarding the correspondence from Wayne Hester regarding the stain glass windows was discussed. Hester is wanting the city to give up ownership of the windows as he has a buyer for the old city building and he wants to sell it with no liens. Discussion followed.

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to contact Casey Doyle for an updated quote of removing the stain glass windows. Motion carried.

CHARTER ORDINANCE

Charter Ordinance No. 18 changing the city employee residency requirement was presented for adoption.

Motion by Nash, second by Bryant to adopt Charter Ordinance # 18 as presented. Motion carried. Ordinance will go into effect 61 days after final publication.

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 18/A CHARTER ORDINANCE REPEALING CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 7 AND PROVIDING A NEW ORDINANCE TO EXEMPT THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS FROM K.S.A. 14-205, AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT FOR PURPOSE OF ALLOWING APPOINTED CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES TO BE NON-RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF CHETOPA.

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

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Seal

Mayor

City Clerk