

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

November 3, 2020

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

PRESENT: Council Members/Gary W. Bryant, Juanita Kepner, Geraldine Castle, Ernie Wulf and Linda Seaman.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson, City Supervisor Bryan Midgett, Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler, Robert Grissom, Scherrill D. McConnell, Lee Bushong, Carthen Nash, Danny Castle, Scott Day, Sherry O'Neill, Lenora Humphrey, Ashley and Corie Brown and Bob Boyd.

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

It was requested to add visitors Lenora Humphrey and Sherry O'Neill to the agenda.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to approve the agenda with the addition of the two visitors. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Bryant, second by Kepner to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3619 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$26113.65
Other Funds	<u>30506.22</u>
Total of all funds	\$56619.87

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Scott Day with Day Insurance Solutions, LLC was present to discuss the renewal of the Freedom Claims Management Inc. insurance renewal. He presented two options, a 4% increase and a 4.5% increase. Day discussed that Blue Cross Blue Shield had increased the deductible to \$7000 and FCMI would have to increase rates to maintain the claims account to pay monthly insurance claims. Clerk Crumrine had given the council a spreadsheet showing the BCBS premiums comparison between the current premiums and the renewal and the employee payroll deduction for each FCMI option (4% and 4.5%). Discussion followed.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to renew the BCBS of KS medical and dental insurance and approve the 4% increase option for FCMI. Motion carried.

Day will send the renewal packets to the city clerk to process. (Day left)

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Lenora Humphrey asked for additional time to complete the fencing for housing their vehicles and asked for 60 days.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to extend the deadline an additional sixty (60) days for Humphrey. Motion carried. (Humphrey left)

Sherry O'Neill was present to discuss the prowling, burglaries and dogs running loose situations around Belmore Apartments and asked the council to consider putting extra patrol coverage on at night or hiring a security guard. Police Chief Feagan reported that he has his evening officers patrolling more and walking around the facilities and asked that the manager call him to discuss these issues. The hiring of a security guard would be up to the Belmore board of directors as the city does not own or operate the apartment facility. (O'Neill left)

Mayor Bushong was advised to have the city attorney write a letter to KDOT concerning the bridge built up debris that is eroding the bank along the Neosho River.

Seaman discussed the Employee Christmas Party and turned the discussion over to Carthen Nash who would like to volunteer to cook the meat and purchase prizes from local businesses as much as possible for this year's party. Discussion followed on potential dates for the party and other matters.

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to have the employee Christmas party and allow Nash to spend \$2000. Motion carried.

Clerk Crumrine informed the council that there are fraudulent unemployment claims being done and that the city has only had two claims turned in; discussed the USDA Self Evaluation two issues that still needed resolved; had been contacted by Falcon Roofing asking permission to put door hangers on doors, which as approved and had spoken with the Administrator of the company that is remodeling the old Chetopa Community Clinic and he had asked if the city could put rock in the parking area West of Chesnutt Park. Crumrine had informed the administrator that they did not own the Chesnutt Park lot as they were not aware of this. The council was in agreement that until the clinic is opened, that no rock would be put there.

Police Chief Feagan reported that the flags had been replaced at the Veterans Memorial today.

Water Plant Supervisor Tyler informed the council that he is in the process of finding a new testing lab and samples will be sent in to it starting in December. Tyler also reported that the heating is not working and had Jim Cooper look at it today.

CITY HELPER POSITION

The filling of the position will be looked at next year and it was requested to take it off the agenda.

SPARKS FUNDING PURCHASES

Clerk Crumrine reported on the purchasing of items using the SPARK money and that the county had contacted her requesting that all purchases be made by mid-November and any remaining money not being utilized be returned to the county the first week in December.

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COUNCIL POSITION ELECTION

Three of the candidates to fill the council vacancy resulting from the resignation of Carthen Nash were present: Scherrill McConnell, Bob Boyd and Ashley Brown. The candidates had the opportunity to answer any questions that the governing body had.

Motion by Bryant to elect Scherrill McConnell to the council motion died for a lack of a second.

Mayor Bushong asked to reinstate Bryant's motion to elect McConnell and she seconded it. Motion did not pass. Bryant and Bushong voted yes. Kepner, Castle, Wulf and Seaman voted no.

Motion by Seaman, second by Kepner to elect Ashley Brown to the council. Motion carried.

Brown was sworn in by Clerk Crumrine and took her seat at the council table.

EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS

Employee evaluations had been overlooked and Mayor Bushong will assign who will evaluate each employee.

SEWER PROJECT UPDATE INFORMATION

Grant Administrator Carey Spoon had sent emails concerning the Osage Nations request that a cultural resource survey be conducted before the pending sewer project is started and they had submitted a list of archaeological consultants that they preferred and a list of consultants that they did not prefer to work in Osage Ancestral Territory. Bruce Boettcher with BG Consultants is checking into this request more and Grant Administrator Spoon and Phillip Fishburn with Midwest Assistance Program have both said that they would help with the survey. Clerk Crumrine wanted the council to be aware of the potential added cost to the project if the survey is required.

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

Seal

Mayor

City Clerk