

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

November 17, 2020

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Tammy Bushong.

ALSO PRESENT: Council Members/Juanita Kepner, Geraldine Castle, Ernie Wulf, Ashley Brown and Linda Seaman. Gary W. Bryant was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson, City Supervisor Bryan Midgett, Lee Bushong and Corey Brown.

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

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to approve the Minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Kepner, second by Brown to approve the Municipal Court Report. Motion carried.

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

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #3620 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 26103.66
Other Funds	<u>221598.94</u>
Total of all funds	\$247702.60

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Castle discussed an East/West alley between Plum and Mulberry St that has items blocking it. Chief Feagan and Fire Chief Midgett will look at it. Questioned the status of the junk vehicles and asked about the two mobile homes being stored next to the old medical clinic across East of the Post Office. Chief Feagan will look at the mobile homes Friday when he comes back on and have an updated list of the junk vehicles.

Clerk Crumrine asked if a date had been set for the Employee Christmas Party and was told it will be December 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mae Lessley Community Building.

Chief Feagan reported that Fire Chief Midgett and he had met with agent regarding life insurance for the First Responders (Police, Fire & 1st Responders) and will have a meeting November 18th to give interested parties the opportunity to sign up for the policy. Feagan presented pictures of the cleanup done by David Napier on the lots on Main Street and asked if this satisfied the ordinance. A lengthy discussion was held on the interpretation of the code and

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it was decided that the rotating of vehicles every 30 days was in compliance with the ordinance and that the lots were cleaned up.

Mayor Bushong asked that Chief Feagan give the police activity report that is presently being given only to her, be given to all council members and also asked that a report covering January 1, 2020 through the present be given to the council for the next meeting.

City Supervisor Midgett reminded the council that Liberty will be shutting off the electricity tomorrow November 18th at 9:00 p.m. for approximately 4-6 hours and he intends to go out while the power is off to make some needed repairs so that the power will not have to be turned off again. Chief Feagan reported that there will be an additional officer out on patrol during the time when the power is off.

Mayor Bushong asked if a lab had been selected to replace the Iowa lab that will no longer be certified to do the testing in Kansas and Water Plant Supervisor Tyler will be asked about the status of the selection.

SPARKS FUNDING PURCHASES

A spreadsheet of the purchases that have been made using the SPARK funding was given to the council and all money that the city has received will be used for Covid related purchases.

VACATION REQUEST

Mike Tyler, Water Plant Supervisor requested 7 days of vacation in April of 2021.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to approve the vacation request. Motion carried.

SEWER FEE DISCUSSION

Currently the charge for excavating a sewer line is \$100 and it was felt that to be consistent with the fees charged for other utility services, the fee should reflect the actual time that is spent digging. Clerk Crumrine and Attorney Adamson will work on an ordinance revision. It was also pointed out the new water and sewer rates that will go into effect in December.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

The Library Board requested that Virginia Davis be appointed to fill a vacancy. Davis had recently resigned but felt that the reasons that prompted her resignation had been resolved. Mayor Bushong questioned how the board recommendations were done and felt that the vacancy should be advertised to the public so that anyone that was interested in serving on the board would be aware of a vacancy. The appointment was not made at this time.

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

Seal

Mayor

City Clerk