

# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

January 5, 2021

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Treasurer Debbie Darnell, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson, City Supervisor Bryan Midgett, Patty Wilkinson, Mike Carson, Kathy Pease, Ralph George, Cassie George, and Sierra George.

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

It was requested to add visitors Mike Carson and Kathy Pease to the visitor list. Motion by Geraldine, second by Juanita to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary, second by Ernie to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Juanita, second by Ashley to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Geraldine, second by Juanita to approve the Warrant Register. Motion carried.

### **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3623** as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$29020.70
Other Funds	<u>\$103841.95</u>
Total of all funds	\$132862.65

### **MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS**

**Mike Carson** was present to ask permission to hold the Annual Neosho River Disc Golf Tournament at the East River Park. They will limit the number to 72 entrants to limit the group sizes due to Covid. They would like to hold the event on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. He also asked if the City would like to make the same \$200 donation as in previous years.

Motion by Geraldine, second by Ashley to allow the tournament to be held in the East River Park on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Motion by Geraldine, second by Juanita to donate \$200 to help sponsor the event. Motion carried.

**Ralph George** spoke on behalf of his sister Kathy Pease and asked what the council needed Kathy to do. **Kathy Pease** stated she was still looking for someone to repair the roof and that someone is currently working on the plumbing. She requested an additional 30 days to make the repairs.

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Motion by Ernie, second by Ashley to give her an additional 30 days to make the necessary repairs. Motion carried. Geraldine requested that she return in 30 days and show some form of proof of the work being done.

**Patty Wilkinson** was present to ask for an additional 60 days to dispose of an untagged vehicle in her possession.

Motion by Geraldine, second by Juanita to grant the 60 day extension. Motion carried. Patty thanked the council.

**Geraldine Castle** asked about the transformer being removed from Stewart Bradley's yard and if any transformers contained PCB's. Supervisor Midgett commented that the transformer would be removed as soon as he could get to it and that no PCB's were present. Mayor and council all stated they appreciate the city workers working on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January to restore the power to the city.

**Ashley Brown** had been told that the storm siren by the old car wash on South 10<sup>th</sup> Street has not been working during the testing of the sirens. Midgett will check it out and contact someone if necessary.

**Clerk, Toni Crumrine**, via speaker phone, stated that she had set in on a zoom meeting concerning the sewer project and the Osage Indian's concerns for disturbing possible Indian burial grounds. Toni stated she had visited with Bruce Boettcher and Carey Spoon about the project and that they will be present at the next council meeting. City Attorney, Shane Adamson commented that all the federal statues he has reviewed suggest that they can force us to do a survey of the land.

**Police Chief, Scott Feagan** handed out the December activity report. He also reported the new police truck has been delivered. They will have John Hine install the lights, sirens, etc. as soon as they get all the necessary equipment. The county has most of the items needed to equip the new truck and will let the city have it for \$700. There will be a few items the city will need to purchase to complete the truck with a total of between \$1000 and \$1500 added to the total cost of the truck. After the equipment is installed it will be sent to be striped.

Chief Feagan reported that he did not have an update on the Junk Vehicles at this time.

**Bryan Midgett** requested permission to purchase 27 additional electric poles of various lengths as stock. He had a quote of \$6238 for the 27 poles.

Motion by Geraldine, second by Ernie to allow the purchase of the stock electric poles. Motion carried.

**Scott Feagan** wanted to show the council the new TV system, its various features and capabilities that had been purchased with the Cares Act Funds.

The mayor also asked about the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders unit, she noticed it had not been striped. Scott stated the unit is currently being used on calls, does still have some minor mechanical issues, but they will send it to be striped when they send the new police truck.

**Bryan Midgett** had a quote from Carson Tree Service for \$2500 to remove and haul off all the debris from the 2 oak trees located at 921 Plum. He had not received a bid from the other gentleman he had contacted. Carson can start within a week, weather permitting.

Motion by Geraldine, second by Ernie to award the contract to Carson Tree Service. Motion carried.

A discussion of Christmas Decorating contest was held. Bill Aldinger with Kickn "A" Boot & Saddle was the only business that had called and said they wanted to participate.

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Motion by Geraldine, second by Ashley to award Bill Aldinger the 1<sup>st</sup> place prize of \$100. in the Christmas Decorating contest.

**Ordinance No. 942 AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND LEVYING A SPECIAL TAX UPON ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF GROUND IN THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS LIABLE FOR THE COST AND EXPENSE OF MOWING IN SAID CITY DURING THE MONTHS OF AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER, 2020. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERING BODY OF THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS.**

Motion by Geraldine, second by Gary to pass Ordinance No. 942. Motion carried  
**Toni Crumrine**, via speaker phone, talked about the state policy paying employees with Covid that had been in place, and that the policy ended December 31, 2020.

Motion by Geraldine, second by Gary to continue with the Covid pay as it had been determined in the past. Motion carried.

Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA had presented a quote of \$6500. for the 2020 audit and a quote of \$1600. for the 2022 budget preparation. Letters of engagement had been sent for the mayor to sign.

Motion by Geraldine, second by Juanita to allow the mayor to sign the letters of engagement. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary, second by Ernie to adjourn. Motion carried

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Mayor

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City Clerk