

# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

March 5, 2021

The Chetopa City Council met in special session on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall, for the specific purpose of discussing the KMEA utility payment and customer utility payment options.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

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, Debbie Darnell, Patty Wilkinson, Lee Bushong, Corey Brown, Scherrill McConnell and Betty Withrow. Meeting was also shared to the public by Zoom.

Mayor Bushong called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

A second invoice in the amount of \$198,118.17 for the period of 2/17-2/23/21 during the extreme winter weather event, was received from KMEA and is due by noon Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

Motion by Wulf, second by Castle to approve the payment of the \$198,118.17 KMEA invoice. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong reported on a webinar that she and Clerk Crumrine had sat in on concerning the State of Kansas Utility Low-Interest Loan Program. The application has been received and Clerk Crumrine had given copies of the application to the council that required a resolution and ordinance to be adopted. The resolution and ordinance had fill in blanks and Crumrine explained the information and where it had been obtained, that she had inserted in the blanks. The resolution asked for the total amount of the loan requested, the term, which could not exceed 10 years and when the payments would be made (monthly, quarterly or semi-annual). Discussion followed and the following motions were made.

Motion by Wulf, second by Brown to request a loan of \$250,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to have payments due monthly. Motion carried.

Motion by Brown, second by Wulf to have the term to be 10 years. Motion carried.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to adopt Resolution 2021-3 with the loan amount, term and payments as previously approved. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3/A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS TO APPLY FOR THE CITY UTILITY LOW-INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A LOAN FROM THE STATE OF KANSAS TO FINANCE EXTRAORDINARY ELECTRIC AND/OR NATURAL GAS**

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## **COSTS INCURRED DURING THE EXTREME WINTER WEATHER EVENT OF FEBRUARY 2021.**

Ordinance No. 945 was presented for adoption.

Motion by Wulf, second by Brown to approve Ordinance No. 945 with the loan amount, term and payments as previously approved. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 945/AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS AND THE STATE OF KANSAS, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE KANSAS STATE TREASURER FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A LOAN PURSUANT TO THE CITY UTILITY LOW-INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM TO FINANCE EXTRAORDINARY ELECTRIC AND/OR NATURAL GAS COSTS INCURRED DURING THE EXTREME WINTER WEATHER EVENT OF FEBRUARY 2021; ESTABLISHING A DEDICATED SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR REPAYMENT OF SUCH LOAN; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOAN AGREEMENT.**

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to approve the mayor and clerk to sign the application.

Discussion turned to how to assist residents with the higher than normal utility bills and several options were discussed.

Motion by Brown, second by Seaman to extend the payment agreement to fifteen (15) months for residential accounts. Motion carried.

Businesses will need to meet and discuss payment arrangements individually. It was also discussed if a resident had a water leak, they would need to come to the council to discuss and request any adjustments to the water billings.

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

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Mayor

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City Clerk