

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

May 18, 2021

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

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, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Interim City Supervisor Joey Midgett (at 8:48 p.m.), Attorney Shane Adamson, Travis Rakestraw, Carthen Nash, Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler, Rick Ensz, Mildred Blackledge, Less Bushong, Kathy Pease, Doug and Pam Gray, Cindy Schoenhofer, Patricia Woodworth, Corie Brown, Patty Wilkinson, Paul Trinkle (at 7:10 p.m.), Carey Spoon (via Zoom) and Bruce Boettcher (via Zoom).

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

It was requested to add executive sessions to discuss non-elected personnel, privileged attorney-client relationship matters and data relating to financial affairs of second parties, Zoom meeting with Carey Spoon and Bruce Boettcher, Mayer Invoice and Museum Board appointment to the agenda.

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

Mayor Bushong noted on page 3 of the May 4th minutes that her appointment of Angela Forquer was not included under the Chetopa Librarian Appointment section and a correction was needed.

Motion by Wulf, second by Kepner to approve the Minutes of the last regular meeting with the correction noted and the special council meeting held on May 13, 2021. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Kepner, second by Brown to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3632 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 23725.89
Other Funds	<u>85570.87</u>
Total of all Funds	\$109296.76

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MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Carey Spoon and Bruce Boettcher were present to discuss the recent Zoom meeting with representatives from HUD and recommendations to be made to the programmatic agreement that is requested by the Osage Nation. These will be reviewed further.

Doug and Pam Gray were present to request permission to hold the annual Wayne Furnas Memorial Horse Pull at the East River Park. They asked that the city blade the lane for the pull.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to allow the horse pull at the East River Park.
Motion carried. (Midgett will be notified to blade the lane)

Rick Ensz with Cooper Malone McClain, Inc was present to discuss the potential savings of refinancing the GO Bonds Series 2014-A. Discussion followed.

Motion by Brown, second by Castle to execute paperwork with Cooper Malone McClain.
Motion carried. (The Bond Underwriting Agreement, Underwriter Letter of Intent and Underwriter Disclosures Pursuant to MSRB Rule G-17 were signed by the mayor and clerk.)

Kathy Pease was present to ask for a 30-day extension to get her house that has been condemned torn down. The deadline to have it torn down is June 3, 2021. Discussion followed and the extension was not granted at this time. Mildred Blackledge updated the council on the status of the trailer and upgrades that are being done to provide a place for Pease to move to.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to enter into executive session to discuss data relating to financial affairs of second parties with mayor, council, legal counsel, city clerk, Patricia Woodworth and Cindy Schoenhofer present for a period of 15 minutes with session ending at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 8:01 p.m. Returned: 8:16 p.m.

Mayor Bushong called the meeting back to order and no action was taken from executive session.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to enter into executive session to discuss privileged attorney-client relationship matters with mayor, council, legal counsel and city clerk present for a period of 3 minutes with session ending at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 8:17 p.m. Returned: 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Bushong called the meeting back to order and no action was taken from executive session.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council with the exception of Brown, legal counsel and city clerk present for a period of 10 minutes with session ending at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 8:21 p.m. Returned: 8:31 p.m.

Mayor Bushong called the meeting back to order and the following action was taken from executive session.

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Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to enter back into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council with the exception of Brown, legal counsel, city clerk and police chief present for a period of 5 minutes with session ending at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 8:31 p.m. Returned: 8:36 p.m.

Mayor Bushong called the meeting back to order and no action was taken from executive session.

Corey Brown informed the council of his resignation and wanted to make arrangements to reimburse the city for expenses relating to the K9 that was paid to him and another dog food expense that was paid by the city. These expenses will be deducted from his last paycheck.

Mayor Bushong asked for an update on the Maple St. emergency condemnation and the clean up on the property and it was decided to just make the property secure, wanted to know the status of the tree removal on Plum Street, discussed signs at Elmore Park and reported that the teeter totters at Veterans Park needed repaired immediately because of their condition. Bushong gave an update on the repairs that had been done at the Senior Citizens building and discussed the cracks in the concrete flooring and reported that the gutters needed cleaned out.

Motion by Wulf, second by Castle to put out for bids for installation of laminate flooring for the Senior Citizen's Building. Motion carried.

Kepner reported that she had been contacted by the Alford's regarding the debris next door to their property and asked when it was going to be cleaned up. This will be looked at.

Mayor Bushong asked if there were other options other than special assessments to get reimbursement for condemnation and nuisance/mowing expenses. The ordinances will be reviewed.

Castle discussed the ditch across from Wulf that is causing erosion under the street. This will be looked at.

Seaman reported property at 8th and Pecan that needed mowed.

Clerk Crumrine information regarding the Neosho River Knap-in and the request by Aaron Ellison to rent the whole park at a flat rate, the FEMA letter regarding the 30-day review period to discuss the flood hazard mapping project results, a request to purchase an all in one color printer for her area and use, the EMC audit items still needing done, reported receiving \$13,360.15 from the KMU Safety Group dividend from EMC and reported that the museum locks had been fixed,

Motion by Wulf, second by Seaman to deny renting out the entire park for the Knap-In. Motion carried.

Motion by Castle, second by Brown to allow the purchase of an all in one color printer up to \$300. Motion carried.

Police Chief Feagan reported that the department would be transitioning into 8 hour shifts on May 24 with Rakestraw working 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Chief Feagan working 2:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Billingsly working 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Advertising for a police officer is being done and Chief Feagan reported that Officer Rakestraw is going to be taking more responsibility for code enforcement.

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Interim City Supervisor Midgett reported that Rakestraw can mow after he gets off work from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Paul Trinkle has offered to work on his days off to get parks and mowing caught up.

Police Chief Feagan informed the council that he will not be working EMS until an officer is hired and the shifts are reorganized.

Interim City Supervisor Midgett informed the council that the tarp will be taken off the pool and cleaning will begin this week.

It was discussed about the residency of police officers as questions have been asked concerning where officers can live and be employed with the city. Discussion followed.

Motion by Seaman, second by Brown to require officers to live within a 30-minute response time. Discussion followed and motion was amended by Seaman, seconded by Brown to live within a 45-minute response time for law enforcement officers. Motion carried.

Water Plant Supervisor Tyler asked about raises. Tyler was told that it was on the agenda to be discussed.

OLD BUSINESS FOLLOW UP

Pay raises were discussed and it was asked to provide a listing of years of service and hourly rate of pay for the next meeting.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were posted on the city website and Chetopa Residents Facebook page without protests: John Woodson c/o Bobby Scott to move in a 40' x 8' storage container at 1122 Locust St., and Scott Wright to build a 30' x 42' shop at 920 Hardin St., both in the City of Chetopa. Building Inspection Wulf has reviewed and approved both permits.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to approve the building permits for Woodson and Wright. Motion carried.

2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Memos have been given to all department heads and to the governing body regarding items needing to be included in the 2022 budget and it was asked to have these turned into the city clerk by June 1st.

KDHE PAYMENT REQUEST #2

Clerk Crumrine requested that the Mayer Specialty Services invoice in the amount of \$128220.39 be approved to be added to the KDHE Payment request #2 bringing the total of the request to \$150645.39. This pay request included the BG Consultants invoice of \$22425.00.

Motion by Castle, second by Brown to approve the Mayer invoice and the mayor signing the KDHE Payment request #2. Motion carried.

MUSEUM BOARD APPOINTMENT

The Museum Board recommended that Janet Carter Blackledge be appointed to the museum board and that Robert Boyd remain a "member at large".

Mayor Bushong appointed Janet Carter Blackledge to the Museum Board.

Motion by Seaman, second by Kepner to confirm the appointment. Motion carried.

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

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Mayor

City Clerk