

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

June 1, 2021

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Interim City Supervisor Joey Midgett, Attorney Shane Adamson, John and Sharman Vaughan, Lee Bushong, Carthen Nash, Kathy Pease, Mildred Blackledge, Rick Ensz, Nancy Kepford and Patty Wilkinson.

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 visitors, John and Sharman Vaughan and Kathy Pease, the special election date, applications for police officer and city supervisor and 4th of July special event insurance to the agenda.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried.

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

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

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3633 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 24140.56
Other Funds	<u>186796.11</u>
Total of all funds	\$210936.67

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Rick Ensz with Cooper Malone McClain, Inc. was present to discuss refinancing the water general obligation bond and discussed the forms that were emailed. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bryant, second by Wulf to adopt Resolution 2021-5 and approve signing the addition forms. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-/A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021 OF THE CITY OF CHETOPA.

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Lisa Wood was not present but Clerk Crumrine informed the council that she wishes to have a monthly craft show. It was stated that the area was cleaned up and there was a good crowd even with the rain. The council wished to have Wood at the next council meeting.

Kathy Pease presented a note from Jessica and Samuel Pease on what they intended to do on the condemnation of her house and asked for a 30 day extension to get it torn down. Discuss followed.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to deny an extension for the demolition. Motion carried.

Sharman Vaughan addressed the council on the miscommunication of not knowing the shut off notice was on the back of the billing card and stated that they had their account resolved quickly by getting funds from Lieap but was concerned about others that didn't know. No action was taken from the discussion.

Nancy Kepford was present representing Chetopa Foods and was told to have owners contact the city regarding their payment.

AGENDA ADDITIONS

There were not enough candidates for any position to have a primary election, so the city would have to set a date to hold a special election on the continuation of the existing ½ cent sales tax for another five (5) years and Clerk Crumrine asked when the council wished to have the election. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bryant, second by Kepner to hold the special election the first Tuesday of August which is August 3, 2021. Motion carried.

A quote of \$636 for the special event insurance for the 4th of July was presented.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to purchase the 4th of July special events insurance. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryant, second by Wulf to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council, legal counsel, clerk and police chief present for a period of 20-minutes with the session ending at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 7:54 p.m.

Returned: 8:14 p.m.

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

Mayor Bushong asked about a tree down behind 6th and Plum and Midgett will look at it tomorrow.

Castle discussed ditch by Bobby Boyd with heavy rains eroding the street. This will be looked at.

Wulf discussed the pool needs.

Brown reported that ditches at Lane Rathjen and Mike Jones needed to be dug out.

Seaman discussed Kathy Pease staying at her home even though it had been posted uninhabitable and her being told that she couldn't stay there. An invoice in the amount of \$55,200 from Nash Brush Clearing was presented for payment. Mayor Bushong questioned why it had been given to a council member instead of the city clerk. Discussion followed.

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Motion by Seaman, second by Kepner to approve the payment of the invoice. Motion carried. Bryant voted no.

Seaman stated that the debris cleanup at the Neel and Hafley condemnations that had been started could be finished up by Nash.

Clerk Crumrine reported that the low interest rate loan agreement from the state had been received with the monthly payments noted on the amortization schedule and gave the council as list of the residents that had filed for the city council positions up in January.

Midgett had been in contact with Carson Tree Service about cutting the tree by Adler's that had been approved several months ago. Discussion followed.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to notify Carson that they had 10-days to cut the tree down on Plum. Motion carried.

Discussion turned to cleaning up the remaining debris from the condemnations started on the Neel and Hafley properties and tearing down Kathy Pease house.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to take separate sealed bids to cleanup properties and demolish the Pease house. Motion carried.

Motion by Wulf, second by Brown to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council and legal counsel present for a period of 20-minutes with session ending at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 8:47 p.m.

Returned: 9:07 p.m.

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

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to give all employees with the exception of Rob Darnell and Joey Midgett a 10% pay increase effective June 1st and give the night police officers a \$.50 shift differential. Motion carried.

The Osage Nation Programmatic draft Agreement is being finalized to be sent.

Budget items have been received from the city office, city barn and Police Chief Feagan was asked about any budget items and reported that \$4000 needed to be budgeted for a new police truck.

The recent EMC audit was discussed and it was reported that the fencing between the skate park and basketball court had been removed from the requests. Clerk Crumrine presented the skate park rules that will be sent to Vital Signs for a quote and she is working on the vehicle safety program. Midgett asked what the council wanted around the swings and discussion followed.

Motion by Brown, second by Wulf to purchase PVC pipe to put around the swings in Veterans Park and Elmore Park. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMIT

Posted on Chetopa Residents Facebook page and the city website www.chetopa.org without protest: Robert Boyd Jr. to move a portable 10' x 14' storage shed in at 427 Pecan St., in the City of Chetopa. Building Inspector Wulf had signed off on the application.

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Motion by Brown, second by Castle to approve the Boyd building permit. Motion carried.

Police Chief Feagan asked about purchasing new flags and poles for some of the flags on the bridge and asked when Clerk Crumrine is getting quotes, if a quote to get new signs for the self-pay camping at East River and Veterans parks could also be gotten and it was approved to proceed.

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

Seal

Mayor

City Clerk