

# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

September 21, 2021

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

PRESENT: Council Members/Gary W. Bryant, Geraldine Castle, Ernie Wulf and Linda Seaman. Bob Boyd and Juanita Kepner were not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson, Fire Chief Bryan Midgett and Adalynn, Justin Nading, Travis Rakestraw, Mildred Blackledge, Kathy Pease and Lee Bushong.

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

It was requested to add visitors Bryan Midgett and Justin Nading to the agenda.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to approve the Agenda with the visitor additions.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Bryant, second by Seaman to approve the Municipal Court Report. Motion carried.

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

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

### **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3640** as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 27966.85
Other Funds	<u>208411.72</u>
Total of all funds	\$236378.57

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

**Kathy Pease** was present to discuss payment arrangements to pay on the condemnation expense billing that she received. Pease stated that she could make \$10 monthly payments.

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to allow Pease to make \$10 per month payment and pay extra as she can. Motion carried.

**Fire Chief Midgett** requested permission to purchase four sets of bunker gear for the firefighters at a quoted price of \$10859. Discussion followed.

Motion by Wulf, second by Seaman to allow the purchase of the bunker gear. Motion carried.

**Fire Chief Midgett** informed the council that the tanker truck needs four tires.

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Motion by Wulf, second by Castle to allow the purchase of four new tires for the tanker truck. Motion carried.

**Mayor Bushong** stated that JumpStart needed notified about selling fountain drinks due to the KDHE boil order that was ordered due to KDOT contractors hitting a water main at 10<sup>th</sup> and Maple St.

**Castle** discussed several areas needing looked at: the Elmore Park boat ramp, a handle is off the teeter totter at Elmore Park, potholes on N. 3<sup>rd</sup> and South side of the Community Bible Church on Cherry, the window at the old police station where the chamber stores items and the pool cover not being fastened down. These items will be given to Interim City Supervisor Joey Midgett.

**Wulf** questioned if VIN inspections were being done by the police officers and Police Chief Feagan will put on the Police Department and Chetopa Residents Facebook groups.

**Clerk Crumrine** discussed the suggested transfer of city funds to CD's to earn a higher interest that Debbie Darnell had included in the council packets. Discussion followed.

Motion by Wulf, second by Castle to move the funds to CD's for extra returns. Motion carried.

**Police Chief Feagan** reported that he had put the department monthly activity report on the council table and that there have been no applications for the police department. Discussion was held concerning the work schedules that the three officers are working. During this discussion the residency limitation of 10 miles for all employees other than police officers was also discussed and it was decided that the city would adhere to the 10 miles and make no exceptions.

## **OLD BUSINESS FOLLOW UP**

No action was taken on the Osage Nation Programmatic Agreement, American Rescue Plan, Annual Inspection/Maintenance of city building heating and air system and the prior special assessment listing as Clerk Crumrine is still reviewing these items.

## **LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT**

The library board submitted Bonnie Mozingo's name to fill the vacancy on the library board due to the term limitation of 8 years being met by Brenda Fry, who will need to be off for a year before being eligible to be appointed back on the board.

Mayor Bushong appointed Bonnie Mozingo to the Library Board.

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to approve the appointment. Motion carried.

## **MUNICIPAL COURT EXPENSE**

Mayor Bushong requested a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council and city clerk present for a period of 10 minutes with session ending at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 7:46 p.m.

Returned: 7:56 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 Wulf, second by Castle to pay the court and litigation billing that was presented by Law Office of Shane Adamson. Motion carried. Attorney Adamson thanked the council and stated that the billing would be kept up to date from now on.

## **SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE**

Clerk Crumrine presented Ordinance No. 950 to levy a special assessment for mowing and condemnation expenses occurring in June, July, August and September.

Motion by Castle, second by Bryant to adopt Ordinance No. 950 as presented. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 950/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 JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST 2021 AND CONDEMNATION EXPENSE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS.**

## **ALLEY CLOSURE ORDINANCE**

Clerk Crumrine presented Ordinance No. 951 to close the South half of the North/South alley that was approved at the last council meeting.

Motion by Seaman, second by Bryant to adopt Ordinance No. 951 as presented. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 951/AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH ALLEY IN BLOCK 17, ORIGINAL ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS.**

## **BG CONSULTANTS BILLING # 7**

Billing #7 in the amount of \$3525 from BG Consultants was received.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to approve the payment of billing #7. Motion carried.

## **KDHE REQUEST FOR PAYMENT # 6**

KDHE pay request #6 was presented for the mayor's signature to pay BG Consultants billing #7.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to approve the mayor signing the pay request. Motion carried.

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

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Mayor

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City Clerk