

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

October 5, 2021

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

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson (via Zoom), Officer Cordell Bass, Cindy and Phillip Bass, Lee Bushong, Patty Wilkinson and Bill Moses (at 7:05 p.m.).

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 delete the old business follow up and visitor Bryan Midgett from the agenda.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to approve the agenda with the deletions. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Kepner, second by Seaman to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3641 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$26538.10
Other Funds	<u>51044.34</u>
Total of all funds	\$77582.44

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Mayor Bushong asked that the officer appointment be moved to the front and Police Chief Feagan introduced Cordell Bass and explained that Bass was temporarily hired as a police officer until the council meeting and had started September 27, 2021. Feagan recommended Bass be appointed as a Chetopa police officer.

Mayor Bushong appointed Cordell Bass as a police officer effective to his first day of work, September 27, 2021.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to confirm the appointment. Motion carried.

Bass's parents, Cindy and Phillip Bass were present to witness Clerk Crumrine swearing in Cordell Bass as a Chetopa Police Officer and Chief of Police Feagan reported that a new

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requirement of the law enforcement academy was for him to administer an oath of office to Bass, which he proceeded to do. Police Chief Feagan informed the council that he has requested a delay in Bass attending the 14 week law enforcement academy as Feagan is requiring an eye procedure but hasn't received an official delay request approval. Landon Garrison will not have to travel to the academy to take the Kansas test, as they are allowing testing to be done here and Garrison's is scheduled for October 29, 2021.

Mayor Bushong inquired if the house that burnt on Elm Street had insurance and Clerk Crumrine reported that the insurance company had already been in contact with Debbie Darnell.

Kepler had been approached about starting up the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program in Chetopa and it was reported that Angela Forquer had information regarding the program posted on the Chetopa Resident Facebook page. Council was in agreement that it was a worthwhile program.

Mayor Bushong reported that there seemed to be some confusion on the craft show that was normally held in conjunction with the Pecan Fest. The chamber had declined to organize the Pecan Fest this year due to lack of food for the luncheon and the Arts & Craft organization had also decided not to have the craft show. It was noted that Jenny Thornton has already contacted vendors and is planning on hosting a craft show in the old school gym herself. There is concern that it was being publicized as the Pecan Fest, although the flyers have Jenny's Fall Pecan Festival and just wanted it noted that it is not being sponsored by or affiliated with the chamber and the arts & craft organizations or the city having anything to do with it. Thornton did request that a street be closed for the event. The council would like more information before making a decision on closing a street.

Castle questioned if all the cars in a resident's yard are theirs. Police Chief Feagan will check into this.

Police Chief Feagan had put the September activity report on the table and informed the council that his eye procedure is tentatively scheduled in November and he will have to be off work for seven (7) days. Feagan updated the council on his training of Officer Bass and discussed another shed that had caught fire and burnt in addition to the house on Elm Street.

PUMPKIN PARADE DONATION

It was asked if the city wanted to make a donation towards buying candy to give away at the pumpkin parade. Last year the city donated \$50.

Motion by Wulf, second by Seaman to donate \$50 to the pumpkin parade. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION/APPLICATIONS

A letter of resignation effective October 8, 2021 was read from Nick Dimos as City Helper.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to accept the resignation of Dimos. Motion carried.

A resume had been received by email for the open city supervisor position.

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Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council, legal counsel and clerk present for a period of five (5) minutes with session ending at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 7:33 p.m.

Returned: 7:38 p.m.

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

PROBATIONARY PERIOD

Officer Landon Garrison's 90 day probationary period is up and Police Chief Feagan recommended that Garrison be removed from probation.

Motion by Seaman, second by Kepner to take Officer Garrison off probation. Motion carried.

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

Seal

Mayor

City Clerk