

# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

November 2, 2021

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: 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 (at end of executive session 7:42 p.m.), Attorney Shane Adamson (at end of executive session 7:42 p.m.), Lee Bushong and Rufus Crank.

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

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

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

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

Questions were asked about what vehicles maintenance, tires and other parts were for and Boyd asked if the vehicles were numbers and the clerk reported that they were not.

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

### **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3643** as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$26613.00
Other Funds	<u>34622.22</u>
Total of all funds	\$61235.22

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

**Rufus Crank** discussed a proposal that he had in mind to help raise money and the event was horse racing. Discussion followed.

Motion by Wulf, second by Castle to discontinue discussion about gambling and horse racing. Motion carried.

**Mayor Bushong** requested an executive session.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council and clerk present for 15 minutes with session ending at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 7:27 p.m.

Returned: 7:42 p.m.

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Mayor Bushong called the meeting back to order and no action was taken from executive session. Police Chief Feagan and Attorney Adamson joined meeting after the municipal court proceedings were finished.

**Boyd** reported that there are three big limbs hanging where the tree fell in Elmore Park that was cut up that needed cut down. This will be put on list.

**Mayor Bushong** asked that a letter be typed and send to roofing companies. She had spoken with Anthony Conard about turning in bid to cut trees.

**Castle** noted that there was a stop sign at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Elm that was leaning.

**Wulf** discussed leak by Pam Ballard's resident that still seems to be leaking. The storm siren issue was a county issue as a repeater was not working that affected setting off the Chetopa sirens.

**Clerk Crumrine** presented an invoice from GWorks for the 2022 annual license fee and product support agreement in the amount of \$3099.62 that was an increase of \$164.37 from last year.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to approve the payment of the GWorks invoice.  
Motion carried.

**Clerk Crumrine** presented a request from the Chetopa Museum Board to appoint Robert Boyd to the museum board. Mayor Bushong appointed Robert Boyd to the museum board.

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

**Clerk Crumrine** informed the council that a slight decrease was made in the General Operating mil levy due to the Chetopa assessed valuation decreasing after the budget was prepared.

**Clerk Crumrine** presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter run/meeting pay request for the fire department in the amount of 452.00.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to approve payment of the fire department pay request.  
Motion carried.

**Clerk Crumrine** presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter run pay request from the First Responder Unit in the amount of \$500.

Motion by Kepner, second Castle to approve the pay request to the first responder group.  
Motion carried.

**Mayor Bushong** requested a fire department roster as she was concerned about the number of in town personnel able to respond to fires.

**Debbie Darnell** had given the council information regarding some options that KMEA might have to help after Joey Midgett's last day. It was asked to have Gerry Bieker attend a meeting to discuss this further.

## OLD BUSINESS FOLLOW UP

Brief updates were given on the old business follow up.

## BCBS INSURANCE RENEWAL

There was a 9.09% increase in premiums for Blue Cross Blue Shield and the plan and renewals were reviewed.

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Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to proceed with the renewal with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENT/CITY HELPER**

City Helper interviews were conducted by Mayor Bushong, Boyd and Castle and the following action was taken.

Mayor Bushong appointed Power Nading as City Helper effective 10-26-21 with starting wage \$14.

Motion by Castle, second by Boyd to confirm appointment. Motion carried.

## **RESIGNATION**

A letter of resignation was read from Joey Midgett as Interim City Supervisor.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to accept the resignation. Motion carried.

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

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Mayor

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City Clerk